



*We love sharing the truth of God's Word!*

**July 11, 2021**

## GAINING GRATITUDE

Neville Buchanan

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV) — 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Psalm 118:24 (ESV) — 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One of the best mindfulness exercises an individual can do is to add an attitude of daily gratitude. It is obvious that we are the most ungrateful generation in recent history. Many are wanting a big chunk of their “pie” – without any forethought of payment or cost. I clearly recall a broken soul crying: “I just want mine; I just want mine; I just want mine”.

“I just want mine” seems to be the mantra of our time. Unfortunately, nothing is free – except empty promises. So, how do we get back to reality? My journey back was through education. The year I turned 25 I only had a few college hours. It was time for a serious talk with self. “Neville”, I said, “it is time for you to pay the piper”. So, I went back to school – this time with the realization that I had to make it work.

I accepted that no one owed me a living – or anything, for that matter. I also had to realize that everyone, except my Heavenly Father, would let me down. So, instead of wasting time with “poor me” self-talk, I had to learn to be grateful.

Friend, what possessions are you grateful for? Are you grateful for the state you live in? Are you grateful for your vocation? Are you grateful for your daily food, house, car, computer/tablet/phone, etc.

Who are the people in your life you are most grateful for? Who are the family that love you? Who are the friends who “get you”? Who is the significant person that lets you know you are not alone? Are you grateful for the church elders you serve under? Are you grateful for committees/boards you serve on?

What blessings came your way in the last week? The gifts you have received. The people you worship with. The forgiveness from God.

We are a blest people. What a privilege to drive down the road and see signs that say, “workers needed”. We are blest to walk into stores laden with products.

And so, along with Ezra, we turn in thankful praise to our God: Ezra 3:11 (ESV) ... For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever...



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2021 VISION

“SEEK THE LORD”



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,  
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study

Sunday 11am Worship

Sun. 6pm Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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## DISCIPLING OUR YOUTH

Robert Murphy

Satan has always had a particularly insidious perseveration on the younger members of the church. If he can instill ungodly thoughts, habits, and attitudes in them at an early age, he can usually make them his disciples for life. We ought to be even more zealous at discipling our youth and training them in the way of the Lord. After reflecting on my time in youth group as a member and leader, here are three ways we can truly engage with our youth so that they can grow up in the best possible environment that enables them to fight off Satan's schemes.

**Be involved in their lives.** We cannot make an impact on the lives of our church's youth if we do not develop meaningful relationships with them. We need to find ways to engage with them outside of services. This may mean going to their ball games, concerts, or

performances. It could mean inviting their family over to your house to get to know the family more. The more they are around you, the more they will see Christ in your example and words.

**Teach them the Bible and theology.** Bible classes and sermons need to engage with the Bible. While topical classes on more "relevant" things are at times appropriate, we must teach them to look to the Bible as the source of spiritual truth.

**Pray for them.** Every Christian needs to pray for the youth. We have hardly any idea what types of temptations they are facing, not just from their peers, but also from the media, their teachers, or even their families. We need to pray for the Lord to help guide them through this difficult and important time in their lives on a path of salvation. Even if we fail to do the first two things, if we pray, God will help them where we failed.

## REMAINING FAITHFUL

Brad Herald

We are all encouraged by a leader who stirs us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task he has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. He knows the future, and His plans for us are for good and are full of hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Jeremiah was called by God to be a prophet to Judah, and he lived and prophesied during the reigns of the last five kings of Judah. This was a chaotic time politically, morally, and spiritually for God's people. Jeremiah faithfully confronted the leaders and the people with their sin, and he prophesied both

their captivity into Babylon and their eventual return from exile.

As a congregation, as long as God provides our agenda and goes with us as we fulfill His mission, we can have unlimited hope and boundless assurance in Him. This does not mean that we will be spared from disappointment, failure, and/or suffering, but we can be confident that God will see us through to His conclusion.

Jeremiah prophesied for 40 years, but he never saw his people heed his words and turn from their sin. Yet Jeremiah remained faithful, and years of obedience had made him strong and courageous. May we be able to stand through difficult times with the faith and obedience as Jeremiah did.





# News, Notes & Announcements...

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for August 1st-4th! The theme this year is:  
*CHAMPION: Empowered by Jesus.*

- We need many volunteers from teachers, assistants, snack helpers, skit participants, and craft preparations.
- Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- Please begin praying for this effort now and start inviting your contacts from the community!
- If you have any questions please see Jenny Guin, Cassi Wilhite, Candice Bennington, or Cori Fuller.

## BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the counter in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

## SUNDAY AM SERMON:

*SHAPED TO SHINE WHEN I KNOW, PSALM 119:73-80*

1. KNOWING MY O \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:73-74
2. KNOWING MY P \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:75-78
3. KNOWING MY P \_\_\_\_\_, PSALM 119:79-80

## CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00  
 Over/Under: +\$8,128.80  
 June 13, 2021-\$3,988.00  
 June 27, 2021-\$5,767.00

YTD AVG - \$5,116.05  
 June 20, 2021-\$5,263.00  
 July 04, 2021-\$6,187.00

## Upcoming Events

September 10-11  
 September 24-25

Ladies' Retreat at Potter's  
 Men's Retreat at Potter's

## YTD AVG Attendance

105



# Summit's Prayer List

**Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!**

- Don Vickers- Cardio therapy  
 Evelyn Smith (Sheryl Herald's mom)- Had 2 small strokes, in rehab for a couple of days  
 Garren Bell (Nancy Carnes' grandson) Fell and broke 2 vertebrae  
 Gayle Krummen (Denise Henson's aunt)- Upcoming open-heart surgery  
 Thelma Rachford- Remains very weak; medication was adjusted  
Cancer  
 • **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer; needs surgery  
 • **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable  
 • **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable  
 • **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation for 4-6 months  
 • **Jamie** (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence  
 • **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Radiation for brain tumor  
 • **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Completed chemo; struggling emotionally  
 • **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence  
Long-term Needs  
 • **Dan McNeese**- Pray for a full recovery from the effects of COVID  
 • **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Recovering from an addiction  
 • **Dennis Ratliff** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease  
 • **Harold Painter**- Pray for a full recovery from his heart attack

- **Joey Adams**- Needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Ken Bailey** (Paul & Morgan's dad) Pray that radiation will stop trigeminal neuralgia pain
- **Ken Smith** (Sheryl Herald's brother) Recovering from a stroke
- **Kerri Herald**- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- **Raye Arroyos** (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke is going well
- **Spencer Harlow**- Pray for the medication to be effective at shrinking his tumor so the removal surgery can be completed safely

- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

## Shut-In Members

- **Clara Downard**
- **Dana Fuller**
- **Peggy Holt**
- **Shirley Holt**

## Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission  
 Neville Buchanan-counseling work  
 For our country and our leaders  
 For our members to grow in the Word  
 Our Community's lost souls  
 Summit's planning efforts for the future

