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Giving Thanks in All Circumstances

By Michael Grigsby

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

When is it easiest to be thankful? When things are going well, right? While it may be easier to praise God when you're happiest and most comfortable, it is just as important, if not more important, to thank Him in the midst of trials.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul tells the church at Thessalonica to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This can be hard, especially when things aren't going well. So why do we have to give thanks? Why can't we give in to cynicism and thanklessness? Because God calls us to a life of continual thankfulness. It is God's will that we give thanks.

This is not to say we need to smile all the time. Sometimes life is hard, and we should mourn or be upset, but in those moments God asks us to thank Him anyway. The trials in our lives are not pointless. God has a purpose for everything, even the bad. We might not see the good, but God sees the whole picture, and we can take hope in knowing our suffering is not in vain but part of God's greater purpose.

Furthermore, Paul says in *Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* No matter how we feel at any given moment, we still control what we say and do, and we should use this opportunity to point our lives back to God. A defining characteristic of a Christian is how he or she responds to trials. By finding the good in the bad and giving thanks despite negative circumstances, Christians set themselves apart from the rest of the world while lifting their spirits by fixing their eyes on God instead of the world.

So, this Thanksgiving, whether you see the blessing abounding in your life or you are struggling to

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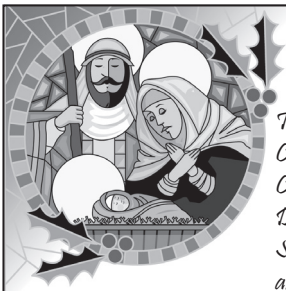
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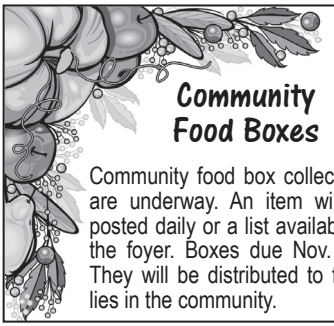
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Note: To call out a prayer need during the week, contact Laberta at 580-886-5225.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Canton Christian Church Choir will be performing a Christmas Cantata on Saturday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20th at 10:25 a.m. during regular worship service. More info to come soon.



Community Food Boxes

Community food box collections are underway. An item will be posted daily or a list available in the foyer. Boxes due Nov. 1-3. They will be distributed to families in the community.

CWF Taking Donations

The Christian Womens Fellowship are taking donations for their annual Christmas fruit and bread plates. If anyone would like to make a donation, please see Bobbie Westfahl or any CWF member.

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find anything to be thankful for, turn to God, the one who blesses you with grace and salvation daily and who longs for you to praise Him in the midst of your suffering, trusting in Him and His perfect purpose for your life now and forevermore.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Elvin Kendrick	3 Shelly Bates Reeta Martin	4	5 Kim Nelson Kacey Owens	6 ***Randy & Jennifer Haigler***	7 Oletha Acre Dillon Chaloupek
8 Charles Blood	9 Bryce King	10 Reid Haigler Mark Haigler	11 Abigal McDonald ***Jim & Lanna Chaloupek***	12	13 Bode Bond Hannah Hoffman	14 Frances Bates Mitchell Sparks Baustin Prather Justin Taylor
15 Roger Owens	16 Sienna Bates	17	18 Freddie Seifried	19 Harry Wile	20 Matthew Swartwood	21 Joseph Blaylock ***Billy & Sandy Murray***
22 ***Jessie & Vicki Follis***	23	24 Dennis Acre	25	26 Chris Lance ***Happy Thanksgiving!*** 	27 Sandy Gilchrist	28 Earl Dean Hoskins Carmeta Smith ***David & Jeannie Howard***
29 Brandi Haigler	30 John Boettler					

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Monday
6-7:00 p.m.

CWF Meetings
2nd Tuesday
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

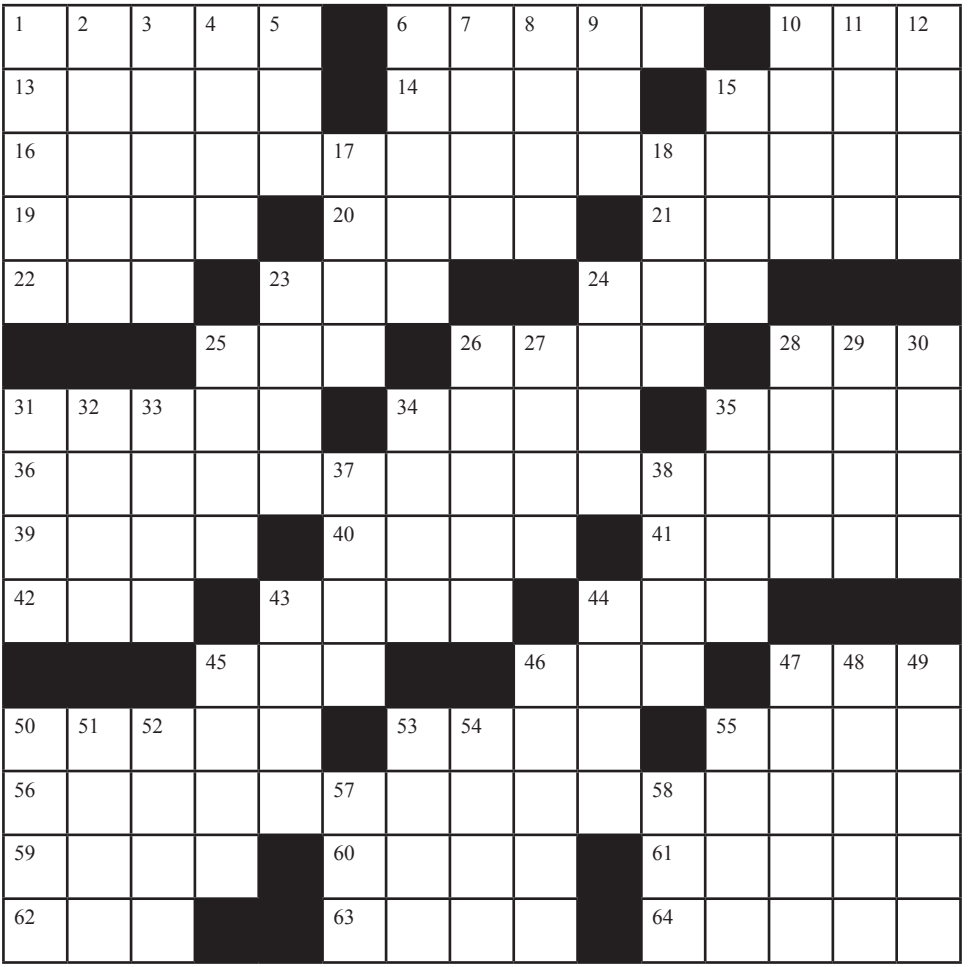
Jr/Sr High Youth
Wednesday @ 6 p.m.
Elementary Youth
Sunday @ 5 p.m.

Becky Garriott - November
Evin Swartwood - December



NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added.
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GOD'S GREATEST GIFT



ACROSS
1 "To die in the ___" (1 Corinthians 4:9)
6 "Even as ___ obeyed Abraham" (1 Peter 3:6)
10 Highland topper, for short
13 Anklebone
14 "For he had ___" (Acts 18:18)
15 "And they returned ___ again" (Acts 21:6)
16 Start of a **VERSE** of gratitude to the Lord (2 Corinthians 9:15) (4 words)
19 "That they may ___ whole month" (Numbers 11:21) (2 words)
20 "Enlarge the place of thy ___" (Isaiah 54:2)
21 "Let us ___" (Exodus 14:12)
22 "Honest" politician of old
23 Part 2 of the **VERSE**
24 "How ___ art thou?" (Genesis 47:8)
25 It may show you the way to go
26 "And of such as ___ cattle" (Genesis 4:20)
28 Part 3 of the **VERSE**
31 "Eat nothing containing ___" (Exodus 13:3)
34 "Sheba and ___ shall offer gifts" (Psalm 72:10)
35 "And Peter said, ___ am not" (Luke 22:58) (2 words)
36 Part 4 and end of the **VERSE** (2 words)
39 Does Yard work
40 Actress Hayworth
41 Ancient Greek city
42 Enzyme ending
43 "And Jesus went ___ him" (Mark 5:24)
44 "And the ___ saw the angel of the LORD" (Numbers 22:23)
45 "Like a crane ___ swallow" (Isaiah 38:14) (2 words)
46 Agent (abbr.)
47 Day-care denizen
50 "To sharpen every man his ___" (1 Samuel 13:20)
53 Scarlet's home
55 "And said, ___, it, O Lord" (Jeremiah 11:5) (2 words)

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56 Start of the **GIFT** in 2 Corinthians 9:15 (John 3:16) (3 words)
59 "The daughter of ___ the Hittite" (Genesis 26:34)
60 "The high hills ___ refuge for the wild goats" (Psalm 104:18) (2 words)
61 "And in three days I will ___ it up" (John 2:19)
62 End of the **GIFT**
63 'I will ___ you with filth" (Nahum 3:6)
64 "___ the friends by name" (3 John 1:14)

DOWN

1 Where the queen often is around 4:00 p.m. (2 words)
2 The faithful harlot (Joshua 2:1-24)
3 Buoy up
4 "The son of ___ young man" (Exodus 33:11) (2 words)
5 "Ye know not what ye ___" (Mark 10:38)
6 Cavalry sword
7 "From the plain of ___" (Amos 1:5)
8 "Shoot your arrows and ___ them" (Psalm 144:6)
9 Grain spikelet
10 "___ by day and night" (Exodus 13:21) (2 words)
11 Josiah's father (2 Chronicles 33:25)
12 "In the first year of Darius the ___" (Daniel 11:1)
15 "___ not they peace" (Psalm 109:1)
17 Greek portico
18 "The ___ of the bricks" (Exodus 5:8)
23 "Children, their ___ is the sword" (Job 27:14)
24 Famous DC office
25 "The cruel venom of ___" (Deuteronomy 32:33)
26 "The ___ in the desert" (Jeremiah 17:6)
27 "___, Father" (Galatians 4:6)
28 Secretary of State undr Pres. Reagan
29 The scoop, for short
30 "The great prostitute, who ___ on many waters" (Revelation 17:1)
31 City on the Colorado
32 Son of Seth (Genesis 5:6)
33 "___ forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12) (2 words)
34 Short, light drama
35 Department heads (abbr.)
37 La Scala highlight
38 "In the land of Nod, on the ___ of Eden" (Genesis 4:16)
43 Architect of London's Saint Paul's Cathedral
44 Captured king of the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:8)
45 "In any tree, ___ the ground" (Deuteronomy 22:6) (2 words)
46 "And ___ their wit's end" (Psalm 107:27) (2 words)
47 "We've come ___ you up" (Judges 15:12) (2 words)
48 More than chubby
49 Belief
50 "___ the right one for me" (Judges 14:3)
51 Hawaiian port
52 "On them, ___ us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15) (2 words)
53 Hiram's kingdom (2 Samuel 5:11)
54 Seth was his stead (Genesis 4:25)
55 "And I will give him the morning ___" (Revelation 2:28)
57 "Gourds his ___ full" (2 Kings 4:39)
58 Kin to *com* and *edu*

ANSWERS (Across)
1 Arena
6 Sarah
10 Tam
13 Talus
14 Avow
15 Home
16 Thanksbeuntogod
19 Eata
20 Tent
21 Alone
22 Abe
23 For
24 Old
25 AAA
26 Have
28 His
31 Yeast
34 Seba
35 Mani
36 Unspeakablegift
39 Mows
40 Rita
41 Argos
42 Ase
43 With
44 Ass
45 Ora
46 Agt
47 Tot
50 Share
53 Tara
55 Sobe
56 Hisonlybegotten
59 Elon
60 Area
61 Raise
62 Son
63 Pelt
64 Greet

ANSWERS (Down)
1 Attea
2 Rahab
3 Elate
4 Nuna
5 Ask
6 Saber
7 Aveh
8 Rout
9 Awn
10 Togo
11 Amon
12 Mede
15 Hold
17 Stoa
18 Tale
23 Fate
24 Oval
25 Asps
26 Heath
27 Abba
28 Haig
29 Info
30 Sits
31 Yuma
32 Enos
33 Aswe
34 Skit
35 Mgrs
37 Aria
38 East
43 Wren
44 Agag
45 Oron
46 Areat
47 Totie
48 Obese
49 Tenet
50 Shes
51 Hilo
52 Ason
53 Tyre
54 Abel
55 Star
57 Lap