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# FIRSTNEWS



## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS AS WE PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY



With this being our November newsletter and Thanksgiving being on November 27th, we need to be reminded that we are to be a thankful people. Thanksgiving Day is a yearly reminder that we all have reasons to be thankful. It was in 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a Day of Thanksgiving. This was to be a day of religious observance, set aside as a day of prayer and praise. I would like to share four reflections to help prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving Day with some Scriptural reflections.

First, in all circumstances, God commands us to be a thankful people. I Thessalonians 5:18 tell us, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." The command is not to give thanks because of all of the circumstances, as sometimes the circumstances are good and sometimes, they are bad. But we are to give thanks in all circumstances, meaning that with the good or the bad, God can use all things for our spiritual development.

Second, know that thanksgiving to God is an important part of a life of worship. Psalm 100:4, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." If we are going to worship the Lord, thanksgiving is a pivotal component of that worship. We offer to God our worship with thanksgiving.

Third, our words and deeds should reveal that we are a thankful people. 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." Our words are what we say and our deeds are what we do and both our words and our deeds should express our gratitude to God.

Fourth, we are to give thanks to the Lord because He is good and His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever." God's good character and His enduring love is reason to give thanks to the Lord.

Sorina and I are thankful for each of you and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! Blessings, Pastor Kenny

## BIRTHDAYS:

- 7 RUSS SHEFFIELD
- 8 DIGGEE COTTON
- 9 JANET PURSELL
- 11 DEBBIE DEAN
- 11 JAMES STOVER
- 15 BARBARA DELORA
- 17 LAREA KING
- 17 HANK DEES
- 20 RUTH POLLOCK
- 21 AUDINE EHRGOTT
- 21 ELSE FRANK
- 24 BOBBY MINARD
- 25 DOROTHY BENSELL

## ANNIVERSARYS:

- 2 DAVE & DEBORAH HEPLER
- 22 CHRISTOPHER & BARBARA BRUNNER
- 26 EDDIE & CINDY MCGUIRE