Sermon Notes: The Power of a Thankful Heart

Point One: Thanksgiving Is a Command (1Thessalonians 5:18; Acts 16:25-26; Psalm 67:5-7, 50:23)

Point Two: Let Thanksgiving Become Thanks Living (Psalm 116:17)

Point Three: Thanksgiving Is a Testimony (Philippians 4:6-7; Psalm 100:4, 105:1-2; Colossians 3:17)

The Messenger

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The Lord's Day, November 23, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting: Eric Wiwczroski
Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Philippians 4:6-7)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Dan Strope
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Power of a Thankful Heart)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon
Nursery: Megan Johnson (Sub: Hanna Redden)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Tammy Burris

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Welcome

Thank you for being with us today. May you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

Briar Day has been diagnosed with hand, foot, and mouth disease.
Sarah Day is requesting prayers of encouragement.
John Denzio is recuperating from back surgery.
GayLee Sutton has wet macular degeneration. She is to have an injection to help with the bleeding retina and will be participating in a clinical trial for the next two years.
Wanda Weaver has traveled to be with her mom during the Thanksgiving holiday. She is also requesting prayers for her extensive dental work that is scheduled for December 4th.
Eddie Culin, Wiwczaroski's friend, has been undergoing treatment for rectal cancer, and we are pleased to share that his latest scan shows a 50% reduction in the tumor size. He is now scheduled for surgery on December 19th.
Nancy Duncan, Rodney Dowell's sister has a serious infection and is in urgent need of a kidney transplant.
Greg and Heather Schmidt, cousins of Amy Wiwczaroski, are facing their own medical challenges. Heather has breast cancer and will be starting chemo treatments soon. Greg is recovering double hernia surgery.

Long Term Concerns

Gavin Brooks (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Juanita Brunnemer** (shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, cancer), **Cindy Davis** (surgery scheduled for Dec 9th), **Karen Deford** (injections in her hip due to arthritis), **Frank Denzio** (John's brother, kidney & liver issues), **Tonya Dowell** (several health issues, undergoing tests), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's, & mourning the loss of her husband), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in, shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass & kidney transplant list), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Pam Lasiter** (Lougene's daughter, ongoing health issues), **Sharon Lasiter** (hospice), **Lynn** (aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Parkinson's, testing upcoming), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother, palsy), **Megan Setser** (Wanda's neighbor, recovering from brain tumor surgery), **Benny & Gayle Stephens** (Benny – oxygen, Gayle - cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (Regina Anderson's mom, shut-in), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer & recovering from pneumonia), **Wanda Weaver** (kidney disease & lupus), **Heather Wiwczaroski** (Eric's sister-in-law, recovering from spine surgery), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's).

Upcoming Events

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
25th Justin Stanton
27th Megan Johnson
28th Flora Littleton
29th Noah Logsdon

Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, November 25, we will be having a special Thanksgiving service here at the building at 7pm. We invite and encourage everyone to participate in our time of singing, devotional, and expressing our thanks to the Lord. This will replace our Wednesday night Bible study this week.

Youth Activity

There is an all-youth Christmas Pajama Party with a movie, crafts, and plenty of fun planned for Friday, December 5th, here at the building from 6-9pm. For more information, please see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

Sisters' Holiday Pitch-in Brunch

Saturday, December 13th from 10am-12pm.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Involvement Board in the foyer. For more info, please see Cindy Strope.

Address Update

Della Turnbill has moved to 132 Arabian Ct.; New Whiteland, IN 46184. All other info is the same.

Cleaning Crew
November 24-29 (Team 1)

Finance Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $1,677.00
To date, we are $4,500.00 short of our YTD Budget

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (19); Worship (59); PM Bible Study (11)
Wednesday (12)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, November 23	Romans 1-3
Monday, November 24	Romans 4-7
Tuesday, November 25	Romans 8-10
Wednesday, November 26	Romans 11-14
Thursday, November 27	Romans 15-16
Friday, November 28	1Corinthians 1-4
Saturday, November 29	1Corinthians 5-8

Faith Applied: Where Scripture Meets Everyday Life

"Expressing Gratitude"

As you prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, I want to encourage you to pause and reflect on the incredible power of gratitude. In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, expressing thankfulness can transform not only our lives, but also the lives of those around us.

Scripture encourages us to *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1Thessalonians 5:18). Gratitude is not just a feeling we experience during easy times. It is a practice we can cultivate, no matter our circumstances. When we choose to focus on our blessings, even in difficult situations, we open our hearts to God's peace and presence.

Let me share a few simple ways we can express our gratitude.

1) In Prayer: Take time each day to thank God for His love, faithfulness, and provision.
2) Through Words: Share words of appreciation with family, friends, and fellow church members. A simple "thank you" can make a world of difference.
3) In Action: Show your gratitude by serving others—whether it's volunteering, lending a listening ear, or offering a helping hand.

As a church family, let's encourage one another to express gratitude daily. Consider sharing moments of thankfulness during our gatherings or by reaching out to someone with a note or call. By doing so, we build each other up and reflect God's love into the world.

This Tuesday, we will be gathering here at 7pm for an hour of expressing our gratitude to our Lord through singing, scripture reading, devotional message, prayer, and expressing the sincere thoughts of our hearts. I want to encourage everyone to be here and participate in this time of thanksgiving and worship.

May our hearts be filled with thankfulness, not only during this Thanksgiving holiday, but every day, and may we inspire one another to live lives marked by gratitude. Let us remember that every good thing comes from above, and with grateful hearts, let's continue to serve and uplift our community.