

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Think on These Things

Thanksgiving Day is upon us. Hard to believe that this year is 6 weeks from being over! I know that personally this year has been one of ups and downs, trials and triumphs and I know that many of you have had (and are maybe still having) "one of those days" that has turned into "one of those years". Yet, we are told numerous times in Scripture to give thanks, with Philippians 4:6 saying, *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"*. *"In everything...with thanksgiving"* is the key phrase here. Good times, hard times, good health, poor health, no problems, many problems, well, you get the picture; God wants us to thank Him regardless of the circumstances. In fact, verse 7 of Philippians 4 makes a promise to us who faithfully obey verse 6: *"and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* The circumstance may not change, but God gives a peace that transcends all understanding in the midst of our circumstances. That is just one more thing our loving Heavenly Father does for His children.

Many of you are probably familiar with the song sung by Don Moen, "Give Thanks":

"Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One;
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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks..."

What you may not know is that this song was written "in 1978 by a young seminary graduate named Henry Smith who was struggling to find work and coming to terms with a degenerative eye condition that would eventually leave him legally blind. Despite those hardships, Henry found hope in 2 Corinthians 8:9 and penned 'Give Thanks,' one of the most beloved songs of our time."

I don't know what you're going through right now, but God does. Turn it over to Him and "give thanks".

Something to think about as we go through our week.

Love, prayers, and blessings,
Trace

**CHURCHWIDE
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
TODAY @ 12:15 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS,
THERE WILL BE NO
EVENING ACTIVITIES
TONIGHT OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

November Birthdays

11/01	Greg Couch	11/27	Kerry Wegienka
11/12	Will Wyzykowski	11/29	Joeddi Smith
11/15	Sandra Golden	11/29	Chris Wyke
11/16	Lynn Hammond		

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (NOV 19)

Sunday School.....9:30a
 Worship.....10:45a
 Children's Church
 Thanksgiving Luncheon.....12:15p

MONDAY (NOV 20)

Small Group Bible Study Christmas Party...6:30p



November Focus: Sandra Simpson

**PARENTS
NIGHT
OUT**

FRIDAY, DEC. 1
5:30 - 8:00
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

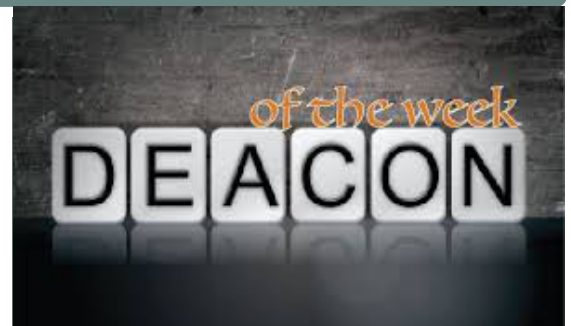
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Nov	19	Jerry Parkerson
Nov	26	Jacob Thomas
Dec	03	Steve Thomas