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Let's Really Give Thanks



Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph.5:20

The Bible declares that we are to give thanks for all things and in all circumstances. To do so is an acknowledgement that God is in control. You understand that your life is in his hands and you are fully trusting in him. When life is good and the circumstances of your life are working according to plans it's easy to be thankful. But life is hard and often our circumstances are not what we planned,

There is only one thing that God wants of us, and that is our unconditional surrender. Have we come to the place where God can withdraw His blessings and it does not affect our trust in Him? God wants us to trust Him so completely that its

not His blessings we seek, but its Him.

To thank God for all things and for all circumstances, both the good and the bad, is to understand and to have confidence that God is with us in all thing and all circumstances. It is not our lot in life to always understand what God is up too or what His plan is, but according to Romans 8 it is always for our good and for the process of making us like Jesus. God is trustworthy and neither things or circumstances can alter this truth of Him.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day there seems to be a lot of uncertainty all around us. Things look bleak and we wonder

what the days ahead will bring. The economy is sputtering, the job market is slim, and the future looks anything but bright. So let me remind you of the words of the prophet Habakuk who wrote; "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

So give thanks today, because thanksgiving is a declaration of trust.

Pastor Ricky



Operation Christmas Box

Our church is participating with the South Fork Baptist Association and North American Missionaries in collecting 600 shoe box gifts.

These gifts will be given to children who are in need in Red Springs, N.C., New York City –Graffiti, West Virginia and Kentucky. These gifts are vital ministry tools for our NAMB Missionaries. They are able to use these gifts to reach out to entire families with whom they've not had contact.

- Buy a gift for a child and choose the age and gender from a list provided. Place gift in shoe box. (See list and instruction on bulletin board or Danny Martin for more information.
- Winter coats and clothes for children and adults are greatly needed. New and used (in good condition).
- Buy candy for the project for including in the shoe boxes.
- Give a donation to cover purchase of candy and transportation costs of getting these delivered to the mission sites and distributing to the families in need.
- Make your check payable to South Fork Baptist Association.
- Last day to deliver to Association Office is Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

Black November (A Turkey's view of thanksgiving)

When I was a young turkey, new to the coop,
My big brother Mike took me out on the stoop,



Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow,
And he told me there was something that I had to know;

His look and his tone I will always remember,
When he told me of the horrors of black November;

Come about August, now listen to me,
Each day you'll get six meals instead of just three,

“And soon you'll be thick, where once you were thin,
And you'll grow a big rubbery thing under your chin;

And the one morning, when you're warm in your bed,
In'll burst the farmer's wife, and hack off your head;

“Then she'll pluck out all your feathers so you're bald'n pink,
And scoop out all your insides and leave ya lyin' in the sink;

“And then comes the worst part” he said not bluffing,
“She'll spread your cheeks and pack your rear with stuffing.”

Well, the rest of his words were too grim to repeat,
I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,

And decided on the spot that to avoid being cooked,
I'd have to lay low and remain overlooked;

I began a new diet of nuts and granola,
High-roughage salads juice and diet cola;

And as they ate pastries, chocolates and crepes,
I stayed in my room doing Jane Fonda tapes;

I maintained my weight of two pounds and a half
And tried not to notice when the bigger birds laughed;

But 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,
As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to death;

And sure enough when Black November rolled around,
I was the last turkey left in the entire compound;



So now I'm a pet in the farmer's wife's lap;
I haven't a worry, so I eat and I nap;

She held me today, while sewing and humming,
And smiled at me and said “Christmas is Coming...”



Special Recognition



You Are Invited
 Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 11:00 AM
 To a special recognition service
 honoring

Helen Rhyne Blackburn

for her service as pianist to River
 View Baptist Church for 72+ years

After the service a church-wide
 luncheon will follow

The church is also preparing a Harvest Table
 for Helen on this Sunday

For Thee, Lord

I'm thankful, Lord, for many things,
 But this Thanksgiving Day
 I'm dedicating to the praise
 Of Thee, I pray!

Aside from blessing temporal,
 Apart from gifts so kind,
 I'm thankful for the Giver more
 Than all the gifts combined!

I'm thankful Lord, for who Thou art,
 For Thy great love divine
 That stooped one day at Calvary's Cross
 And Saved a soul like Mine!

I'm grateful for the years gone by
 In which with guiding Hand
 Thou hast with utmost wisdom led
 All by a perfect plan!
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 Apart from gifts so kind,
 I'm thankful for the Giver more
 Than all the gifts combined!

—Georgia B. Adams, Oreana, Ill.



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We're on the Web!

www.riverviewbaptistchurchonline.org

We are a conservative Baptist church committed to serving God and the needs of you and your family. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, at Riverview View Baptist Church you will find a supportive community with a wealth of opportunities for personal growth.

We aspire to strengthen each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ-at every point in their life, and encourage personal and spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study and active service in our church and community.

We invite you to come and worship with us and allow God to work in and through your life by leading where He would have you to serve.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Evening Worship 6:PM

Wednesday Evening @ 6:30 PM

Awana Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry

Adult Prayer & Bible Study

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