



Colossians 3:17

Thank You Notes

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Giving Thanks for "a Nail in a Sure Place"

My mother told me how when she was growing up she hung her two dresses and nightgown on a nail when she wasn't wearing one of them. When Don hangs a picture for me, he wants to find a stud in the wall so the nail will be in a sure place. I want the picture in the middle of the wall.

In Isaiah 22 we find that God had spared the city of Jerusalem from devastation by King Sennacherib of Assyria, but instead of thanking God and honoring Him, the people celebrated as if they were the victors themselves. God took action by removing their leader Shebna and establishing Eliakim, a faithful servant of His. Verses 21-23 tell us "...I will commit thy government into his hand;...And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder;...And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house."

Wow! Do you see the prophecy of Christ? In verse 25 we see that "the nail in the sure place," Eliakim, was removed, as all men are, but when Christ came "and the government shall be upon his shoulder;"...and "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end..." (Isaiah 9:6-7), the nail is forever sure.

Ezra also prophesied of the surety of Christ when he wrote. Ezra was ashamed of how God's people had forsaken God, but he knew of God's grace. "...for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place,..."

Every one of us can hang our faith on the sure nail of Jesus Christ. No weight of sin is too heavy for Him to bear. Colossians 2:13-14 tells us that we were dead in our sins, but Christ forgave them all, "nailing it to his cross;..."

I've decided to symbolize this beautiful picture of forgiveness and security in Christ by hammering a nail into a board on our fence. Want to join me by finding your spot to place a reminder of your "Nail in a Sure Place.?"



Giving Thanks for Family and Friends

I hear more from you readers that you like to learn about our family than about any other part of the newsletter. We like to hear about your families too so don't forget to give us news. You have had births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and wonderful events. Sickness and deaths have come your way also. Be assured that when we know of your situations, Don and I pray for you and your families. "We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you." Col. 1:3

Don is interim pastor now at First Baptist Church Haralson, GA. This wonderful group is searching for a pastor while "Don the Baptist" prepares the way for the one to come.



Donald and Heather's four, Trey, Grace, Zach and Max, are busy with academics, sports, and music at Providence Christian Academy in Murfreesboro, TN. Trey is a SENIOR, thus giving us our first grandchild graduation to attend next May.

Caroline and Sott's, Brennen plays seventh-grade football and select soccer. Justin plays for the Brooks Bears 4th grade football team. We live in the same town so we get to see them. Both boys tell us they are enjoying school and doing well in their studies. They visited Hershey, PA, during the summer.



Joseph and Lisa's three, Walker, Fletcher and Cooper, started at Shiloh Christian School this year. They have moved to Rogers, AR, where their dad is Minister to Students at Cross Church, Pinnacle Hills. They play soccer and video games. A new experience is getting to ride the school bus.



Reminders

If you haven't yet liked Giving Thanks Ministries page on Facebook, please do so.

A few new devotions appear on the web site. I am writing some articles labeled A to Z. Check them out.

Only two boxes of Count With Me (book for preschoolers) remain. If you need any, or Happily Ever After (evangelism), The Silent Bell (my mother's story), or Forever 17 (Don's football story), order them soon.



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“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.”
 Colossians 3:17 NIV

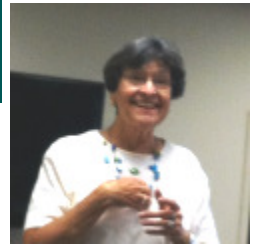
Giving Thanks Ministries Report



Girls in Action are some of my favorite people! I was honored to talk to them about their journey in missions. Can you find me in the middle of this cute bunch?

I must publish a newsletter more often!! I haven't let you know that:

1. *I joined the Conference of Georgia Baptist Evangelists. The web site for us is www.cogbe.org*
2. *Don and I attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Columbus, OH in June. While there I talked to several women about events. And while we were in Ohio, the Board of Directors for GTM met. We had a sweet time of fellowship and business.*
3. *Our brochure “For Your Journey,” encouraging those going through cancer, is updated and reprinted. Ask for as many copies as you want to distribute.*



It seems I always have my hands in the air! The residents of St. George and I shared our favorite Bible verses and what they mean in our daily walk.



Bethel Baptist Church of Milner, GA, enjoyed their day of retreat with the theme “No Greater Love.”



Nothing is prettier than a tea for Woman's Missionary Union ladies. I had the privilege of setting up a display for GTM at the Fayetteville First Baptist Church Women's Tea.

What a joy to host two groups of Baptist Women in our home and be able to provide a program on missional living, using my mother as an example, displaying many of her things.

Future Events

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO:

Sharing September 13 with the Girls in Action of Fayetteville First Baptist how each one of them is on mission for Christ.
Spending time with Tomi Simmons and the ladies of Fordsville Baptist Church, KY, October 16, discussing the legacies of those who came before us and the legacies we are leaving for those coming behind us. Oh, that the Lord will find us faithful!
Meeting attendees at the Georgia Baptist Evangelists booth at the Georgia Baptist Convention November 9-10.
Traveling to Ohio April 16, 2016, to be with the ladies at the Southwest Regional Retreat in Waynesville as we talk about encouraging one another.