



Colossians 3:17

# Thank You Notes

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## Giving Thanks for God's Word

*In 1 Samuel 12:20-24 Samuel is addressing God's chosen people at Saul's coronation. He tells them how God is their true King, but they asked for a king like the other nations, and God gave them one. He tells them to serve the Lord with all their hearts and to not turn aside and "go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing." Isn't that a goal for each of us? We desire to serve the Lord in the ways He wants us to, and we don't want to pursue meaningless things in life. We want our endeavors to bring Him glory and honor. Let's be conscious of this as we live each day.*

*Samuel continues his speech by expressing to the people, "far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;" Wow! I want to be more of a woman of prayer. I pray daily; and I call names to the Lord. Most of the time I pray for known needs and prayer requests. Let's try an experiment guaranteed to pour blessings into our lives. Let's pray over our contact list on our phones, our friend list on Facebook, our email addresses and our church directories. We may not know a specific need in each life, but we can lift each person to the Lord.*

*Then Samuel says, "consider what great things He has done for you." When we may veer from what is God's best for us, reread this prophet's advice and give thanks for His goodness.*

**Let's finish the year strong! Invitations for Giving Thanks Ministries include:**

Wed. Aug. 23, 2017, Speak in Chapel for the Lower School of Providence Christian Academy, Murfreesboro, TN, 8:00 a.m.

Sat. Nov. 18, 2017, Speak for Ladies Christmas Traditions Dinner, Sunnyside Baptist Church, Newnan, GA, 6 p.m.

Opportunities to display Giving Thanks Ministries information and offer book signings:

Fayetteville Marketplace, Aug. 19; Sept. 23; Oct. 28

Pretty in Pink, Cancer Awareness Event, Oct. 21, Jodeco Rd United Methodist Church, Stockbridge, GA

Christmas Marketplace, Fayetteville First United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, GA, Nov. 4.

## Giving Thanks for Family

Easter is such a wonderful time of celebration! Jesus' resurrection marks a change in the entire worldview of the God of the universe. Each year we marvel at God's great love for us. Along with those deep thoughts, we also make Easter a great day for family pictures before or after church, then messaging them to other family members as a way of "being together" and thanking Jesus.



The eighteen of us were "together" through pictures Easter 2017. We were actually with Caroline, Scott and the boys. Donald, Heather and family are thriving in Murfreesboro, TN. Trey attends Middle Tennessee State University; Grace is a senior at Providence Christian Academy, where she is involved in student government and plays basketball. Zach and Max attend PCA also and play on basketball teams. Donald and Heather teach there, and Donald is preaching at Burt's Baptist Church.

Scott teaches and coaches at Whitewater High School in Fayetteville, while Caroline coordinates the reading curriculum and program of Fayette County Schools. Brennen has entered high school and is kicking for the football team as well as continuing his soccer. Justin is in middle school and is playing football for the Brooks Bears. He plays basketball and baseball in their seasons.

Joseph, Lisa and family live in Charlotte, NC. Joseph works at Quicken Loans and is serving as interim student pastor at Next Level Church. Lisa cares for two little ones in her home in addition to Elliana, who turned one in June. Walker is in Middle School and enjoys playing the bass clarinet. Fletcher enjoys soccer and Cooper enjoys football and baseball. Piano lessons are on the docket for them.

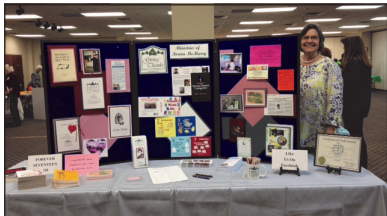


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## *Giving Thanks Ministries Report*



Fayetteville First Baptist held a Super Bowl of Missions where I told others about Giving Thanks Ministries. I also led the children of Kids on Missions at FFBC in learning and discussing what missionaries do and how we support them.



Christian Women's Connection kept me busy in Feb. Ladies in Cartersville, Blairsville and North Gwinnett invited me to share my testimony with them.



I shared about missions and God's love with the people of the Flint River Baptist Association on Valentines Day.

Getting to speak at my home church, First Baptist of Robersonville, NC, and to the ladies of the South Roanoke Association for women's emphasis were special occasions.

Being with and speaking to the folks at JOY group of De-Votie Baptist Church, Griffin, GA, is a pleasure!

Don and I enjoy serving together. We were privileged to lead Rothwell Street Baptist Church in a Revival and Renewal Weekend. What a joy to serve with Carol and Devin Bell.

The wonderful ladies of Friendship Baptist Church, where Don is now serving as interim pastor, held a Tea Party in April. They invited me to speak on the Fabric of Friendship. We had a joyful time.

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