



Colossians 3:17

Thank You Notes

The Newsletter of Giving Thanks Ministries

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Giving Thanks for Promises at Christmas

We spent a lot of the Fall of 2018 listening to and reading about elections for local, state and national positions in governments. If you were like I was, you grew tired of all the advertisements on television, radio, telephone and through the mail. Candidates seemed to expound upon the most horrible characteristics of their opponents. We thought the rhetoric would end in November, but to our dismay, it carries on. Here in Georgia runoff elections and a lawsuit against the governor linger. Other states are also experiencing voter dissatisfaction.

Government has a great relationship with Christmas. Isaiah 9:6-7 reads "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of His government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." Because of God's promises, we must not become distraught over happenings in government. God is still in control. We know the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords whose reign will be forever!

The birth of our Savior and King is certainly an event to remember over and over. The picture we pose in the nativity scene brings to mind the peace and stillness Christ brings to the hearts of those who trust Him. Now, before Christ's return to establish His peaceful, forever Kingdom, each of us can allow Him to reign over our lives, to bring us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

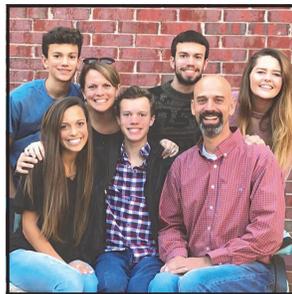
Let's rest in God's promises that the Bethlehem Baby, Christ of the Cross and Returning King offers us.



Giving Thanks For Family



Don just finished a 14-month interim at DeVotie Baptist Church, Griffin, GA. We surely love those sweet people and are so glad they have found a wonderful pastor to shepherd them.

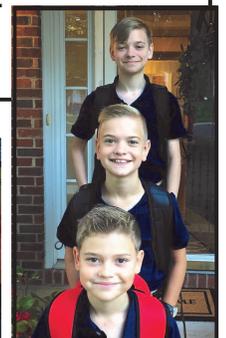


Donald, Heather, Trey, his girlfriend Tiffany, Grace, Zach and Max were blessed by being able to celebrate Thanksgiving together. Trey attends Middle Tennessee State, Grace is at Union University, Zach and Max enjoy playing basketball at Providence Christian Academy, where Donald and Heather teach.

Scott and Caroline continue in education and coaching. They run Brennen and Justin to school and church activities, football, soccer and basketball. Brennen was selected to second team all region for his punting this fall. The game was special when Donald, Zach and Max were able to attend.



The Joseph McMurry family in Charlotte surely roots for the Panthers! They are extremely busy with work, school, church, real estate, piano, soccer, basketball, middle school band and parenting. Walker, Fletcher and Cooper like their new school, Queen's Grant Community School. Ellie very much enjoys her preschool at their church.





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Giving Thanks Ministries Report



The Joy Group at First Baptist Centralia, MO, smiled and laughed when I showed them pictures of our children when we lived there in the eighties compared to them now.



While at the Georgia Baptist Convention in Warner Robbins, I talked with several women about the possibility of speaking to their ladies' groups.



Pam Gordon was such an "angel" to act out the part of Whosoever when we presented Happily Ever After as a drama during our Ladies SPA Day at First Baptist Centralia, MO. The picture at left gives evidence of lots of fun, food and fellowship for the day.



Have you seen a Little Free Library? The organization is now over 75K strong. Giving Thanks Ministries has donated Count With Me and Happily Ever After to Little Libraries in our area, finding another way to tell people about Jesus.

Please like our Giving Thanks Ministries page on Facebook.



2019

New events are always exciting!

Jan 11—Friday Friend at Providence Christian Academy, Murfreesboro, TN, to read Count With Me to Pre-K students.

Jan 11—Story Time at PCA for the community of Murfreesboro, TN, reading Count With Me to preschoolers.

Jan 28-29—Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conference, Central Baptist Church, Warner Robbins, GA.

Feb 13—Marietta Christian Women's Connection at Copeland's Restaurant 11a.m. to 1p.m.

We pray that you will have a glorious Christmas and a truly blessed 2019. I am so thankful for a Living, Loving Savior who offers joy and peace in spite of circumstances! Please continue to remember Giving Thanks Ministries in your prayers. You can encourage us by providing our books for people to know about Jesus, ordering salvation bracelets and inviting me or Don and me to speak. Be assured I pray of our email list and out postal address list.