



Colossians 3:17

Thank You Notes

The Newsletter of Giving Thanks Ministries

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Giving Thanks for God's Word and Promises

Two-word phrases packed with meaning fascinate me. Examples include "But God" and "In Christ." Hebrews 10:19-25 explains that because Christ has provided through the shedding of His blood a new way for us to approach Him, we can boldly and confidently come to Him as our High Priest. The writer of Hebrews uses the two-word phrase "Let us." He gives us three imperatives.

Let us:

- Draw near. (vs. 22) We have been made new and clean. We can put our trust in Him.
- Hold fast. (vs. 23) Our hope is secure because the One who promises is faithful. We can hold on to our profession of faith without wavering.
- Stir up one another to love and good works. (vs. 24). This leads into verse 25 that tells us in order to encourage each other to serve and live for Christ, we should attend church. We need each other! Sometimes just two words can impact us greatly!



Have you found a Little Free Library in your area? I found another one near Fayetteville and Giving Thanks Ministries donated Count With Me and Happily Ever After. Order these books to donate near you for a unique way to tell people about Jesus.

What a privilege

to host a table at the Southern Baptist Convention's Minister's Wives Luncheon in Birmingham June 11. Over 1,000 women enjoyed food, fellowship, prayer and encouragement. Several Ohio friends plus new friends sat with me.



Monthly at the Senior Center in Fayetteville the storytelling group I joined gives a program. Preparing for National Cow Day, I was surprised to find how many times cows are mentioned in the Bible. Have fun looking up that! For Left-handers month, I found several Scriptures about special left-handers, though the position on the right hand shows power.

Giving Thanks For Family



Christmas was the time we eighteen McMurrys got together. Each year those ten grandchildren grow and thrive. For the 2019-20 school year, they range from a senior in college to three-year-old preschool. Each is "fearfully and wonderfully made" and our hearts' desire is that they love, follow and serve the Lord.

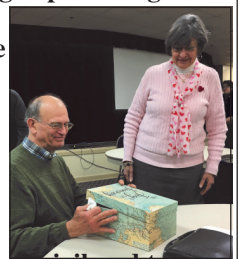
Our three children continue in their jobs. Heather teaches; Donald teaches and preaches; Caroline is with the Fayette County Board of Education; Scott teaches and coaches; Lisa is administrative assistant at Next Level Church; Joseph sells real estate and preaches. They are all busy with family activities too!!

The second Sunday of February 1969 Don began preaching at Riverview Baptist Church, Franklin, Ohio.

The second Sunday of February 2019 our home church, Fayetteville First Baptist, and many of you, helped us celebrate fifty years in ministry.

We presented Don with a box of numerous letters, cards and emails. The WMU of the church honored him with a cake at the church's fellowship for missions.

Don preached as a supply periodically and was privileged to preach for Sharpsburg Baptist Church two months when their pastor Wallace McAbee underwent cancer surgery.



What's ahead for 2019!!

Sept. 11—North Metro Women's Club, Brookfield Country Club, Roswell, GA, presenting "Fabric of Friendship," 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sept. 18—Chattanooga Christian Women's Connection, The Tea Cottage, Chattanooga, TN, presenting "Fabric of Friendship," 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 10-12—Georgia Baptist Evangelist Booth at the Georgia Baptist Convention, New Hope Baptist Church, Fayetteville,, GA.

Date TBD—Providence Christian Academy, Murfreesboro, TN, reading Count With Me to Pre-K students.



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Giving Thanks Ministries Report



International Missions was the topic at DeVotie Baptist Church, Griffin, GA, last December when the "Lottie Moon" dress seemed appropriate.



So honored to read Count With Me to preschoolers at Providence Christian Academy, Murfreesboro, TN, and give them a copy.



"Spring Cleaning" was the topic at Friendship Baptist, Milner, GA, for their ladies Spring Tea. We learned that our lives and hearts need a little dusting and scrubbing.

"Showers of Blessings" was the order for the day at DeVotie Baptist Church, Griffin, GA. We turned our umbrellas upside down to catch God's many blessings.

What a pleasant surprise to see Ohio pastors at our Giving Thanks Ministries booth at the Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conference.



Please like our Giving Thanks Ministries page on Facebook.

Four Christian Women Connection groups invited me to share my journey with their members and visitors. The groups are dear ladies who desire for their friends and neighbors to know Jesus. With one group I shared "Fabric of Friendship;" with the other three I shared "Does Your Life's Journey Have Purpose."



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 Marietta, GA



Sylacauga After 5
 Sylacauga, AL



Grayson Valley CWC
 Birmingham, AL



Shelby County CWC
 Hoover, AL

Once again, thank you for your kind words, encouragement, sweet notes, prayers, buying and giving books and even financial support for Giving Thanks Ministries. Your acts of kindness lift me to keep on keeping on. I am truly blessed.