



Colossians 3:17

Thank You Notes

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Giving Thanks for Jesus

A favorite Christmas verse is Isaiah 9:6:

*"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."*

I want to consider today, "Everlasting". When Jesus came as a Babe in a manger in Bethlehem, He, though a tiny human at that time, was Everlasting. That same Christ was:

*Everlasting in creation. (Genesis 1:26)
Everlasting as the Rock who gave the children of Israel water in the wilderness. (1 Corinthians. 10:4)*

Everlasting as the Son of God in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. (Daniel 3:24-25)

Everlasting as the Word. (John 1:1)

The everlasting attributes of Christ draw us near to Him with love and gratefulness. He gives us:

*Everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)
Everlasting hope. (2 Thessalonians 2:16)
Everlasting mercy. (Psalm 103:17)
Everlasting strength. (Isaiah 26:4)
Everlasting arms to uphold us. (Deuteronomy 33:27)
Everlasting joy. (Isaiah 35:10)
Everlasting kindness. (Isaiah 54:8)
Everlasting light. (Isaiah 60:19-20)
Everlasting life. (John 3:16)*

Because I know that Christ grants all those everlasting qualities, I am compelled to share with those who know only that a baby was born at Christmas, but do not know His purpose. Revelation 14:6 gives a picture of our commission. "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--"

*We pray for you to
enjoy a glorious
Christmas and a
Blessed New Year*

Giving Thanks for Family



Donald continues to preach at Burt Baptist Church and he and Heather teach at Providence Christian academy in Murfreesboro, TN, where Zach is a senior and Max is a sophomore. Trey is a senior at Middle Tennessee State and works two jobs; Grace is a sophomore at Union University. Basketball season is in full swing for Max. Zach played golf and works at Baskin-Robbins.

We spent a few days at the beach in Florida with them this past summer.

Caroline coordinates the Language Arts curriculum for the Fayette County, GA, Schools. Scott teaches and coaches football and soccer at Whitewater High School.

Brennen, a junior at Whitewater punts for the football team and plays soccer for the school and on a traveling club team. Justin is an eighth-grader, enjoys basketball and his friends. Don and I vacationed with them at a lake in the summer. Tubing is not my forte!

Joseph entered the field of real estate and thoroughly enjoys helping people find their dream home. He has been honored as a Top Performer agent. He is also a teaching pastor at Next Level Church in Matthews, NC. Lisa enjoys her work in administration at Next Level. They are AVID Panthers fans. Walker attends Butler High School and plays bass clarinet in the band. Fletcher, seventh grade, plays soccer for the Charlotte Eagles.

Cooper is a basketball man and keeps his team enthused. Ellie attends preschool, loving her teachers and friends.

Don and I have been busy this fall. We traveled to Texas Labor Day to visit my cousin Russ and his children and grandchildren. Seeing them was a treat. September 16 Don began serving Carver Road Baptist Church, Griffin, GA, as Transitional Pastor. The people are a great group! We are enjoying ministering with them and of course, Don loves preaching! I was privileged in October to go to Homecoming at Robersonville First Baptist Church where I grew up. It was a great day, and I got to be with cousins Brent and Jenifer there. We have been able to travel to watch Zach in a play, Max run cross country, Walker in band, Fletcher play soccer, Cooper play basketball, and Ellie in gymnastics. Here in Fayetteville we watch Brennen in football and soccer and Justin sing in chorus and play basketball.





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Giving Thanks Ministries Report



Reading Count With Me to preschoolers at Providence Christian Academy is a delight! They comment and ask questions, and they know their Bible stories.

This fall we have been able to set up a display about Giving Thanks Ministries at First Baptist Church Robersonville for Homecoming, at Woolsey Baptist Church for the Flint River Baptist Associational Meeting and at New Hope Baptist Church for the Georgia Baptist State Convention..



Christian Women's Connection groups allow me to share my testimony to encourage them to live with joy and purpose. The Marrietta group (left) and the Chattanooga group (right) both heard Fabric of Friendship, a unique way to talk about friends in our lives and about our Best Friend, Jesus.



How's this for a selfie at Christian Women's Connection training? The theme was Sweeter Together. I was trying to show the festive decorations. I enjoyed the fellowship and gained some tips for speaking.



I found more Little Free Libraries in which to place Count With Me and Happily Ever After. The one on the left is near Fayetteville while the one on the right I found in Texas. Please find one near you. It is another avenue to spread the gospel.

Thank you for your support of any kind to Giving Thanks Ministries! Your comments, notes, prayers, invitations, money and buying our products all give encouragement for us to keep on keeping on. We give Him praise ! We still have free For Your Journey brochures to help those going through cancer. And we still have books to sell!
Our pray that God will gain glory from this 2019-2020 Schedule:
Dec. 3 Riverview Reunion Franklin, OH
Dec. 7 Pairs and Spares Christmas Party, Carver Rd, share The Silent Bell
Dec. 16 Harrell-Overton Group of FFBC, share Missions
Feb. 19 Speak Christian Women's Connection Loudon, TN
Feb. 20 Speak Christian Women's Connection Crossville, TN
TBD Women's Tea Friendship Baptist Church, Milner, GA

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