



Thank You Notes

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Giving Thanks for His Word

As I grow older, I notice that I have trouble remembering. I can forget why I came into a room, and have to retrace my steps to remember why I am there. © We need to remind ourselves often

of some basics in Scripture that we should never forget.

- ✠Remember that Jesus paid your sin debt and provided salvation. “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12
- ✠Remember that the church is the bride of Christ, therefore you need to be a part of it. “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,” Ephesians 5:25
- ✠Remember the Bible is the guidebook for your life. Read it, study it, and obey it. “Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105
- ✠Remember that talking to God is a great privilege, and a necessity. “Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 “Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.” Psalm 55:17
- ✠Remember that no matter what this life brings to you, God cares about you and loves you. “casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7
- ✠Remember that this world is not your final home, that Heaven awaits you when your journey here ends. “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Philippians 1:21 “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,” Philippians 3:20
- ✠Remember your purpose and why you were created. “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” Revelation 4:11 KJV

Giving Thanks for Family

2024 has been an eventful year for the McMurrays. Don is pastoring Cornerstone Baptist Church in Barnesville, GA.



We have been able to visit his sister and family in Boone, NC. My sweet first cousin Brent Williams passed away so I was able to visit with my cousin Russ and his children. We celebrated my big 80 birthday in February. Pictured at left, from front, are Elliana, Caroline, Don, Norma, Trey, Bri, Max, Scott, Donald, Justin, Joseph, Grace, Heather, Walker, Quinn. We celebrated Justin’s high school graduation. He will attend West Georgia while Brennen kicks the football



for West Virginia State his senior year. Joseph’s family celebrated Fletcher’s 18th birthday and enjoyed a vacation at Biltmore. Pictured: Joseph, Walker, Fletcher, Cooper, Lisa, and Elliana down front.



Donald’s family had another wedding. Zach added Maddie to our family. Pictured are Max, Quinn, Grace, Donald, Maddie, Zach, Heather, Bri, Trey.



Something Different!! Michelle Barksdale, Kindergarten teacher at Moreland Elementary, invited us to show 100-year-old things on the 100th day of school. What a treat!!



Making butter.

A rotary phone.





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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 For Ministry



The year began with a fellowship of the Georgia Baptist Evangelists and spouses. Good food at Buckners and praying for each other propelled us for the year's ministry.



Don spoke at Coach Schmitt's soccer team's Mother Son Dinner at Whitewater High School



Don and I both spoke at the February meeting of the Joy Group at Devotie Baptist Church, Griffin. We love those sweet friends.



How exciting to be with Elaine Foley and the Legacy Group of Fayetteville First Baptist Church. We talked about the legacy of missions at FFBC which included some of their families.

I was able to tell the ladies at Southside Baptist, Griffin about speaking at Chriisan Women's Connection. We were so delighted to be together that I forgot to take any pictures.

Mother-Daughter-Friend Teas are always fun. This team at Northwest Christian Church of Alpharetta provided a wonderful day with lovely decorations, delicious food and inspiration.



Panama City, Florida has a night Christian Women's Connection and a day group. Both are loving ladies. During our night meeting, a sweet lady accepted Christ as her Savior. Thumbs up!!



For the last eight years (except Covid) Friendship Church, Milner, GA, has provided a beautifully decorated fellowship hall for a ladies spring tea. The food is delicious, games are fun, and I get to encourage them to love Jesus.

