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What Are You Thankful For?

Last week Dan challenged our church to “write the front page of the bulletin” by listing at least 50 things you’re thankful for. Here is a list of some of those responses from various members. We’ve tried to include some of the most unique expressions of thanks, along with a composite of some of the more typical ones. If you haven’t written your list, maybe you can relate to and thank God for some of these same things!

1. I am thankful for my faithful spouse.
2. I am thankful for my children and grandchildren.
3. I am thankful for faithful & devoted spouses for my children.
4. I am thankful that I know my departed loved one is in the arms of Jesus.
5. I am thankful for this church, our shepherds and ministers, office staff, and my Christian family and friends.
6. I am thankful for my God, Savior, and the Bible.
7. I am thankful for my freedom to worship as I please.
8. I am thankful for Christian camp for children.
9. I am thankful that I can serve here at Pitman Road.
10. I am thankful for the beauty of God’s Creation.
11. I am thankful for God’s gift of pets.
12. I am thankful for our wonderful human body.
13. I am thankful to be able to come and go as I please.
14. I am thankful to be able to care for a handicapped person.
15. I am thankful that we have been able to see our earth from outer space.
16. I am thankful for tough times.
17. I am thankful that I have been able to break the cycle of abuse in my family.
18. I am thankful for being afforded the opportunity to go to college by parents who didn’t have a high school diploma.
19. I am thankful for my spiritual heritage.
20. I am thankful for digging in the dirt and for gardening.
21. I am thankful for those who serve the poor by being the hands and feet of Jesus.
22. I am thankful for chickens and eggs.
23. I am thankful for God’s handwriting in the clouds.
24. I am thankful for the changing seasons.
25. I am thankful that God has given me another chance at life.
26. I am thankful for babies’ laughter.
27. I am thankful for kitchen appliances.
28. I am thankful that I hear the voice of God in the ocean waves.
29. I am thankful to God for giving me the ability and knowledge to be able to succeed in my profession for 40 years.
30. I am thankful for Men’s Monday Night Bible study, where I have learned so much.
31. I am thankful for God’s ability to heal mind, body, and soul.
32. I am thankful for fellowship and intimacy with others.
33. I am thankful for the ability to travel to other places.
34. I am thankful for our various ministries such as the Quilting Ministry and the Barnabas Ministry.
35. I am thankful for being involved in mission work, preaching the gospel and saving the lost.
36. I am thankful that, following the loss of my spouse, I was blessed to have found a second, loving, faithful spouse.
37. I am thankful to have had a few great people who believed in me at an early age and mentored me in the church, business, marriage, and parenting.
38. I am thankful for having fresh fruit at any time of year.
39. I am thankful for hospice care nurses and doctors.
40. I am thankful for young couples who follow God’s plan for sexual purity.
41. I am thankful for our interstate highway system.
42. I am thankful for a good book.
43. I am thankful for a blazing fire in the fireplace.
44. I am thankful for the sunshine.
45. I am thankful to be the recipient of a good hug, a listening ear, a compassionate heart, and sound counsel.
46. I am thankful for the ability to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes for children around the world.
47. I am thankful for the scriptural teaching here.
48. I am thankful for abundant food.
49. I am thankful for power tools.
50. I am thankful for soft blankets.

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

"Eucharist"

That's what my Roman Catholic friends call communion. They call it the Eucharist. Did you know that the Greek word "eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving"? So when Jesus commissioned the communion service... "he took bread, **gave thanks** and broke it, and gave it to them." (Luke 22:19) Luke writes Jesus gave "**eucharisteo**." In the original Greek language, "he gave thanks" reads "**eucharisteo**." In fact, the communion service is actually a time for the giving of thanks...thanks for Jesus' life, for His death, His resurrection, and for our oneness with Him. We are members of His body. As you take the bread and fruit of the vine this Sunday...give thanks for His body, and also for our Christian body, the church!

Sunday after Sunday at our church we gather for thanksgiving/**eucharisteo**. We give thanks for the greatest gift of all time – Jesus! **Non-eucharisteo**, ingratitude, led to the fall—the sin in the garden. **Non-eucharisteo** initiated the fall. Adam and Eve were unhappy with what they had. Rather than being thankful for what God had given them they wanted what God had not given them. All of that ingratitude ultimately led to the original sin! It was a sin of ingratitude.

I will "never fully experience the fullness of my salvation until I express the fullness of my thanks every day, and **eucharisteo** is elemental to living the saved life." (p. 40) –**One Thousand Gifts**

So, how are you coming along with your list of God's gifts to you? It requires a certain kind of discipline ... counting God's gifts. Celebrate every gift...every gift by name. Name your gift! Claim it. Celebrate God's greatest gift, and all of His gifts along the way. "I want to slow down and taste life, give thanks, and see God" (p. 77).

Still learning to count my gifts, **Dan the Grateful Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

It takes a lot of courage to search for hope when you know the journey through grief to healing is going to be painful.

A Few Moments with Merle

Hope for the Holidays

Grief is the natural process after one experiences loss – loss of a job, a home, a dream, or a loved one.

Two weeks ago a record number of 16 (15 adults and 1 adolescent) came to our building on Saturday, Nov. 5 in search for hope. And they found it – **Hope for the Holidays**. It came as a result of Debby and me sharing tips and strategies we have learned from our own personal loss of our first spouse after 35 and 23 years of marriage, respectively.

We asked "Whose death prompted you to attend the grief seminar?" Eight said a parent. Five said a spouse. Four said a sibling, followed by 3 for a friend, 2 for a nephew, 1 for a child, and a 1 for a grandfather.

It takes a lot of courage to search for hope when you know the journey through grief to healing is going to be painful. But you go (to the seminar) and you find hope. And you are blessed. Afterwards, you are a blessing to others. The Bible says that God comforts you so you can comfort others (II Cor. 1:3-4). Someone who attended this year's **Hope for the Holidays** told me last week, "I am glad I attended then grief seminar that you and Debby presented. I didn't know I would need it twice in such a short span of time."

Perhaps your loss was too recent for you to attend our **Hope for the Holidays** grief seminar this year. Your grief was too fresh and raw. The Lord willing, Debby and I will present it again about this time next year. I hope you can join us.

-Merle (Glynn) Durham



If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church, or find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Values, then please join us at our next Starting Point meeting. Starting Point is an informational meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Pitman Road church. Provides a great opportunity to ask questions, and discover ways in which you can move into our church in a deeper way. We also will provide lunch & childcare. You can sign up to attend Starting Point in the lobby at our Welcome Center. **Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 4th, at 11:45 am in room B-1. Hope to see you there!**



IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

- There will be no Wednesday night meal or meeting on Thanksgiving "Eve," Wednesday, November 23rd.
- The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.
- Our Wednesday "Midweek" on November 30 will be treated as a "Fourth Wednesday." There will be activities for children, classes and meetings for adults and teens.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Pitman Road Church of Christ
American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, December 9th, 2:30 - 7:30 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

Sign up sheet will be available at the Welcome Center, or contact Hope Hooley.



**American
Red Cross**

NEXT Saturday!



Two Weeks from Today!



Join us for a very special Refuge as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with songs of the season! Sunday, December 4th at 5:00-7:30 pm. Note the earlier start time. Please bring your favorite festive holiday snack, appetizer, finger food, or dessert to share on this special occasion!

You are invited to an Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish,
 Our Lady Queen of Peace
 Roman Catholic Church

161 Pitman Avenue
 Pitman, NJ 08071



Adopt-a-Family

Embark Ministry-Serving Our

Community: The Eleanor Corbett House

in Glassboro provide shelter for single women and women with children. The holiday season can be quite lonely – especially for the kids. They have a program called **Adopt a Family** designed to help meet the needs of these families during the holiday season. **Embark Ministry adopted two families and we are asking our members of our congregation to purchase one gift from the families "wish list" or give a monetary donation.** Visit our table after church today for more information and to choose your wish list item. Please bring your wrapped gift by Sunday December 11th. Leave all gifts in the designated area in the Family Promise room, D1.



This is the time of the year that we are asked to give a lot, so thank you for your generosity and making this Christmas a joyous one for families in great need. "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17

Leza Davis, Carla Clements -Embark Branch Coordinators

Ministering to the Needy in Trenton

Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

Saturday, December 10th • 10 am-2 pm
Sign-up at the Information Center!

If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meal, note "Trenton Meal" on your check and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Want to help keep homeless and needy people warm this winter? Here is your opportunity! **We will be taking blankets to Trenton when we serve Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton on Saturday, December 10th.** You can bring new or clean and slightly used blankets to the building between now and December 10th. Barbara Robinson and Larry Kellum are coordinating this effort; if you have questions, please contact one of them. Please drop your new or slightly used, clean blankets in the box in then lobby labeled **"WINTER BLANKETS."**



Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

5:30 pm Meal
7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	124
Worship	211
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	66
Contribution	\$8,319.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$208,240.00
Contribution YTD	\$183,138.00
Budget Deficit	(\$25,102.00)

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Elder on Call for November & December: Dwight Thompson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Diana Hutchinson
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham & Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	TBA
Greeters: Back Entrance	Garth and Diana Hutchinson
Information Center	Dawnna Hale
Ushers	Adam Cerquoni & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Larry Kellum, Jr.

LIFE Group

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-981-9755
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	856-589-1500
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	856-589-1500
Family of Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton	TBA: Call for info.	609-561-8532
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA: Call for info.	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Lazar's at 6pm	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
College	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Young Professionals	Call or text for time & location	347-922-2248
Young Married	Call or text for time & location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: No meal this week.

Cooks:

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Praise God that we are able to help brighten Thanksgiving for 50 family, ensuring they enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner.

Prayers Requested:

Emily Penn, coworker of Tina Broyles, cancer.

Glynn Durham, recovering from another round of chemo. CT scan shows no further progression of cancer since the last scans. Praise God!

Paul Stanford has begun his wintertime travels. He asks that you keep him in your prayers.

Jayne Schofield is finally scheduled for an epidural on December 30th to relieve lumbar pain.

Vernell Fuller, Robin Brier's mother, recovering from pneumonia which was complicated by a blood clot in her lung. Vernell requests our prayers.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to **Gloria Meyerson** and family after another loss. Gloria's brother **Antonio Gonzalez** passed unexpectedly. Funeral services were held in Vineland this past Tuesday. Please keep Gloria and her family in your prayers. It has only been several weeks since her mother passed away after a long illness. Cards can be sent to Gloria's address in then church directory.

Thank You!



Thanks to all who filled gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send out 60 boxes for children around the world. A BIG THANK YOU to **Tina Broyles** for coordinating the effort again!

Thank you to all who contributed funds to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry! Thanks to your generosity, our fund has been replenished!

Annual Cookie Exchange!

SUNDAY, December 4th at 1:00 PM

At the home of Donna Lazar,
214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill 856-223-1699

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages, (6 cookies per pack.)



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