

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:15 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

Prelude – Marilyn Penner

Worship in Song – Pastor Victor Engbrecht/Marilyn Penner
MH #33 I Will Ever Sing Thy Praises

Call to Worship & Prayer – Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Worship in Song – Pastor Victor Engbrecht/Marilyn Penner
MH #530 Praise Him! Praise Him!
MH #519 Come Ye Thankful People Come

Sharing

Announcements & Prayer – Pastor Victor Engbrecht

Offertory – Marilyn Penner

Scripture Reading – Evelyn Doell
1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 10

Message – Pastor Dean Huber
Five Reasons To Be Thankful When Lives Are Transformed

Worship in Song – Pastor Victor Engbrecht/Marilyn Penner
Count Your Blessings

Prayer & Benediction – Pastor Dean Huber

Postlude – Irene Krahn

“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”

Sound: John Penner **Computer:** Stephanie Beatty

Video: Bill Braun

Sunday October 17, 2021

9:15 am Worship Service: Pastor Victor Engbrecht

10:30 am Men's Sunday School

10:45 am Special Needs Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER

Monday	Church Office is Closed (Thanksgiving Day)
Tuesday	9:30 am Women's Prayer Group 7:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	2:00 pm Bible Study on Revelation (In the Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Ministerial Meeting
Thursday	7:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting

CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERN

Persons With Health Needs

BTHC: Betty Reimer

Church Prayer & Praise

October is Pastor appreciation month, continue to pray for and encourage Pastor Dean and Pastor Victor as they give leadership to our church.

Missionaries of the Week

Preston & Myra Wieler

Expressions of Sympathy

Helen Enns Klassen passed away Saturday, September 25th. A graveside service was held. She was a sister-in-law to Martha & Abe Derksen.

Jake Epp passed away Monday, September 27th. A private family service was held on Saturday, October 9th. He was a brother to Mary Hildebrand and brother-in-law to Mary Epp.

Kevin & Julia Garratt

Kevin & Julia Garratt will be in our church on Friday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm. Having spent 2 years in China, they will be sharing about the two Canadians who have recently been released from prison in China, as well as, about their ministry in Myanmar.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR CHURCH

Sunday School Prayer Request

As of now, we have no Sunday School Superintendent nor teachers. Please make this a matter of prayer as we would like to continue this important ministry for the children in our congregation.

CITY CENTER YOUTH NEWS

Sr. Youth (Grades 9 - 12)
Thursday, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

COMMUNITY AND OTHER EVENTS

Habitat for Humanity

The Winkler/Morden chapter of Habitat for Humanity would covet the churches prayers as they prepare to begin a project in Morden. For the committees as they plan, the construction trades and volunteers, for safety, and the family that will move into the home.

Central Station Community Centre

There are many volunteer opportunities at Central Station (hosting, serving/preparing food, child minders, help sort clothing for the Shine & Share community clothing store, etc.). If interested, contact the volunteer coordinator, Julie at 204-325-0257 or email at volunteer@winklercentralstation.ca.

Birthdays This Week

Erna Thiessen	10	Anne Marie Friesen	12
Gordon F. Suderman	10	Jake Hildebrandt	12
Elizabeth Dyck	10	David Dyck	13
Mackenzie Martens	11	Anne Fehr	15
Eileen Engbrecht	11		

Anniversaries This Week

Abe C. & Olga Friesen	October 15, 1961	60 Years
Ted & Thu Peters	October 15, 1994	27 Years
Myron & Barb Derksen	October 16, 1993	28 Years

****If we have missed your birthday or anniversary,
please notify the church office. ****

Scripture for This Week:

- 1 Timothy 2:1 – 8
- Psalm 65
- Job 38:19 – 41
- Hebrews 5:11 – 6:12
- Hebrews 6:13 – 7:14
- Amos 1:1 – 15
- Amos 2:1 - 16

Coming Events

October 19, 2021

Drive Thru Missions Supper

October 22, 2021

Kevin & Julia Garratt

Quotes for the Week

Grumbling and gratitude are, for the child of God, in conflict. Be grateful and you won't grumble. Grumble and you won't be grateful.

Billy Graham, Storm Warning (Nashville: Thoma Nelson 2010), 110

This year, as the harvest draws near its close and the year approaches its end, awesome perils again remain to be faced. Yet we have, as in the past, ample **reason to be thankful** for the abundance of our blessings. We are grateful for the blessings of faith and health and strength and for the imperishable spiritual gifts of love and hope.

Federer, W. J. (2001). Great Quotations: A Collection of Passages, Phrases, and Quotations Influencing Early and Modern World History Referenced according to their Sources in Literature, Memoirs, Letters, Governmental Documents, Speeches, Charters, Court Decisions and Constitutions. St. Louis, MO: AmeriSearch.

Here are two things Paul says we should be thankful for:
that God leads us in triumph in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14)
and that we have victory through Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Triumph and victory are good **reasons to be thankful to God**. I believe gratitude is a catalyst that puts into motion attitudes and actions that lead to victory in other areas of the spiritual life. I don't believe we can be fruitful if we are ungrateful.

Jeremiah, D. (2005). Captured by Grace: No One is Beyond the Reach of a Loving God (Study Guide) (p. 117). San Diego, CA: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Pastoral Staff: Dean Huber, Victor Engbrecht

Administrative Secretary: Susan Klassen

Custodians: Edwin Siemens, Hank Klassen

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 10, 2021

Five Reasons To Be Thankful When Lives Are Transformed

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

By Pastor Dean G. Huber

Ray Hawkins says, "When someone continually talks about how happy they are, I tend to doubt them; but when they talk about how _____ they are, I know they have found _____."

I. That They Are _____ in Salvation (vs. 2-3)

Nothing can give us more happiness, _____, and thankfulness than when people come to _____ in Christ and grow in their relationship with God. In Paul's letters, he penned to the various churches, he expresses thankfulness, except to the church in Galatia. His heart overflows with _____ for these Thessalonian believers. This is because when a person meets Jesus and walks with him, they have everything. They have Jesus to walk with them each day and have eternal life. Everything else in this world is _____. Eternal life is forever. Can you think of anything better?

In verse 3, Paul lists three qualities or traits that stand out in these believers.

First, their *work produced by* _____. They were not working from the flesh or in their strength. Instead, faith prompted them to do their work for the Lord.

Second, *their labor was prompted by Christ's* _____. Let me ask you a question. When people serve or help you, are you more _____ that they are doing it out of love rather than as a duty or for money?

Third, they had *endurance inspired by* _____ in Christ to keep on going when the load became _____. Once again, they trusted Christ in their difficulties.

II. That God Has _____ Them (v.4)

It is not by _____ or accident that the Thessalonians heard the Gospel and responded to the invitation. It is because they were God's _____. Paul was a Jew and a Pharisee. Paul came a long way from his roots and background, believing that only the Jewish people were God's people. Here we find out that God loved the _____ as well.

**III. That The Gospel Came in The _____ of the Holy Spirit
(v.5)**

When Paul preached the Gospel, he did not come as a _____ preaching his own opinions and philosophy. Instead, the Gospel came in the _____ of the Holy Spirit. The proof that the message was divinely orchestrated was that it came with deep conviction that brought repentance and _____ change.

We learn an essential truth here, and that is when we share the Gospel, we present the message in it's _____ with the power of the Holy Spirit. He will convict and bring the person to repentance. So, we only need to be ready to _____ the Gospel.

IV. That They became _____ of Them and a Model to Others (vs.6-8)

Notice that these new believers first imitated the ones who presented the Gospel to them and then the Lord. Although spiritual parents make a good example, the most _____ person's life to follow is the Son of God. He is our example. Jesus is _____ in every way, and that is where our eyes need to be _____.

However, in the same way, Paul and his team became models to the Thessalonians, now the Thessalonians were becoming models to _____ in Macedonia and Achaia. Macedonia was a province where the Thessalonian church was located, while Achaia was about 100 km south of Thessalonica.

V. That They Turned From Idols to God and _____ Their Attention on Jesus' Return (vs.9-10)

The Thessalonians became an _____ church as they proclaimed the Gospel in the next province of Macedonia. Now the Macedonians were telling Paul and his team how the Thessalonians spoke of their conversion to Christ. They turned from idols to the true and living God. Their focus was on Christ and His _____.

That is where our focus needs to be. If we focus on Christ's return, we need to tell others how they can have a _____ with Jesus.

Randy Alcorn goes on to say, "In all the books that I read that have been written by godly men and women who have overcome great obstacles, there are two things and even three things that they did.

1. They had a _____ relationship with God through reading the Word and prayer.
2. They believe that God is all sovereign and that there are no _____ or chances in His economy. God is interested in every detail of their life.
3. Many kept _____ of their blessings and encouragements by writing them down. They literally counted their blessings on paper. This _____ them be thankful, and it will help you too if you do it."

Alcorn, Randy C., (2015). Happiness. Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

How can we be grateful? It's very simple, but it will take a bit of effort.

Begin to _____ down your blessings daily if possible. They won't come to you all at once, but write it down every time you _____ of a way that the Lord has blessed you. List them all, small and significant. And then _____ them often. You will quickly find out you have more to be thankful for than you could ever imagine. I encourage you to do this and start _____ .



Christmas Gifts of Hope

Oct. 17, 2021 - Nov. 14, 2021

You can pack a shoebox or donate items as per the Sundays below.

Sunday, October 17	Toothbrush/Comb
Sunday, October 24	Soap/Washcloth
Sunday, October 31	Socks
Sunday, November 7	Crayons/Pencil Crayons
Sunday, November 14	Pencils/Pens
Sunday, November 21	Small toy for a boy or girl e.g. Ball, slinky, match box toy, small stuffy, necklace, beads, jump rope, etc.

PLACE THE DONATED ITEMS IN THE WOODEN CHEST IN THE FOYER.

Monetary donations are also being accepted for this project and can be dropped off at the church office. To receive a tax receipt, please make your cheque payable to Samaritans Purse Canada.

Count Your Blessings

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Th. 5:18
Blessed be... God... who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings... in Christ. Eph. 1:3

1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - tossed, When you are dis -
2. Are you ev - er bur - dened with a load of care? Does the cross seem
3. When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has
4. So, a - mid the con - flict wheth - er great or small, Do not be dis -

cour - aged, think - ing all is lost, Count your man - y bless - ings, name them
heav - y you are called to bear? Count your man - y bless - ings, eve - ry
prom - ised you His wealth un - told; Count your man - y bless - ings—mon - ey
cour - aged, God is o - ver all; Count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels

one by one, And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.
doubt will fly, And you will keep sing - ing as the days go by.
can - not buy Your re - ward in heav - en, nor your home on high.
will at - tend, Help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

Refrain

Count your bless - ings, name them one by one, Count your
Count your man - y bless - ings, Count your man - y

bless - ings, see what God hath done! Count your bless - ings,
bless - ings, Count your man - y bless - ings,

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