

In Everything Give Thanks

Twenty-twenty five has been an eventful year for us. Like many people we've suffered car accidents, surgeries, family deaths and relational trauma. But we've also enjoyed wonderful answers to prayer and excellent opportunities to see God at work. With the national holiday coming up, it is appropriate to pause and give thanks.

The Apostle Paul admonished the church in Thessalonica, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thes. 5:16-18 KJV) It seems strange to our modern thinking that we should give thanks for even the bad or difficult things. We think, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" But even the difficult circumstances fall within the realm of God's care. This means He is still in control and that He is still with us and that He can still rescue and bless us.

Many of our professor friends face these same life challenges. Helping them navigate them, helping them see God's perspective and praying with them through trials is also part of our ministry. It is not appropriate for us to share details, but one couple finds the effects of their son's sports injury a continual frustration. Another has a family member who seems not entirely in touch with reality. And then, the work load. Many of our friends have taken on new responsibilities and find themselves more busy than they would like.

We're grateful for the opportunity to stand alongside our friends in prayer and encouragement. Your partnership keeps us on campus and connected to faculty who influence students. We appreciate you.



FALL RETREAT

John gave a stirring challenge to the 80 some students at the Indy Metro Cru fall retreat. Students from Butler, Wabash, IU-Indy, and Purdue came together for a weekend away to spend with the Lord. John's challenge was to

come help reach Belgium. We're asking these young people to join us as short-term missionaries. They have the talent and the faith and surely God is calling some of them to go. Please pray with us that the Lord will raise up a team for the 2026-2027 school year.

IN MEMORIUM: Lee Clark Eakes

Jenny gave a lovely eulogy at her mother's memorial service on October 29. Having passed at the age of 99 on September 29, she was much loved and cherished by all who knew her. The attendance was small but many spoke of her kindness. We are sad but satisfied. Her's was a life well lived.

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