



# Nuggets of Treasure

# Gratitude



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Many in our society lack gratitude. Ungrateful people are usually negative, complain, and are never satisfied. We live in a society where people are selfish and greedy as believers, we need to be careful. We can be influenced by that negative world. Every day is filled with good and bad. Too often, we focus on the bad. We converse about the bad. When we continually communicate about the bad, we magnify it. Magnify means to make larger. God wants us to focus on the good. There is something good in everything. When we are grateful things seem better as our focus has changed.

Grateful and thanks is an expression of gratitude. Gratitude is thankfulness for favors or benefits received. When we are thankful, we are showing or expressing appreciation or gratitude. Thanksgiving is an act of giving thanks. Thanks, is an expression of gratitude, a grateful acknowledgment of something received by or done for one. As believers, we need to take time to be grateful and give thanks to the Lord God. Often believers do not perceive things to be thankful for instead murmur, complain, and are negative.

We say we are not like the children of Israel coming out of Egypt, but are we any different? They were not satisfied; they were

not grateful for the things God was doing for them. They were not grateful for the miracle of the manna but instead complained about it. Complaining opens the door for the enemy. We will never run out of things to complain about. Everyone has something to complain about. The word of God in Philippians states that do all things without grumbling, faultfinding, and complaining. I Corinthians speaks about exploiting (abuse, take advantage of) God's goodness. How do we do that? We do it by complaining. We are walking in the flesh when we complain.

A key to our successful spiritual life is gratefulness or thankfulness! We need to have an attitude change! What does the Word of God say about thankfulness? Psalm 100:4 (KJV) "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.". Every day, we should start the day being grateful for the things God has done for us or has provided. This should be a lifestyle. We should have Thanksgiving 365 days a year. Then we need to praise Him for who He is. It is a celebration!

Just stop a minute and think about what you could thank God for. We might say I don't have

anything to thank God about. I have circumstances, and situations in my life. We all have circumstances, and we are never going to get away from them, but we can change our attitude toward them. We need to realize we are in God's hands. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV) "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"

Thank the Lord, I am saved and going to heaven, for this new day, mercy, and I am alive. Thank you, Lord, for the Holy Spirit, for grace, strength, and wisdom. Thank you, Lord, for my family, for food, a place to live, for provision. Thank you, Lord, for the work you are doing in my life, for the Word of God. You can always find something to thank God for, to be grateful for. We decided to go to the play with your children at the park, but it rains. We still can be thankful and play indoor games. Thank you, Lord, for the rain we must have needed the rain. We get stuck in traffic and keep us from being where we thought we should be. Be thankful! We can take the time to pray instead of complaining. We can meditate on the Word of God. We thank you, Lord, for giving us this extra time to spend with you.

Ephesians 5:20 (KJV) "Giving thanks always for all things unto

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## **Birthday Blessings**

11/16 Mary Larsen

### **Upcoming Events 2024**

November 1 All Saints' Day

November 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 5 Election Day

November 11 Veteran's Day

November 28 Thanksgiving Day

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas

December 31 New Year's Eve

"When thinking about life, remember this: No amount of guilt can solve the past, and no amount of anxiety will change the future."—Ruth Graham

"The truths that I know best I have learned on my knees. I never know a thing well, till it is burned into my heart by prayer."—John Bunyan

"No condemnation awaits our honesty of heart -- no punishment. We have only to repent and confess our sins to have them forgiven and cleansed; if we will love the truth, we will be delivered from sin and self-deception. Indeed, the nectar of truth is in two things and two things only: to know the heart of God in Christ and our own hearts in Christ's light."—Francis Frangipane

"When we resist the pain life brings us, all of our energy goes into resistance, and we have none left for the pursuit of our purpose. It is the better part of wisdom to let pain do its work and shape us as it will. We will be wiser, deeper, and more productive in the long run. There is a great promise in the New Testament that says God comes to us to comfort us so we can turn around and comfort those who are hurting with the comfort we have received from Him (see 2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Make yourself available to God and to those who suffer. A large part of our own healing comes when we reach out with compassion to others."—Zig Ziglar



### **Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart**

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

### **VOLUNTEER**



**Oasis Food Center Update**

**October 2024** (as of 10/30/24)  
 Families: 1,330  
 New Families: 80  
 Total People: 5,216

**Year to Date 2024** (as of 10/30/24)  
 Families: 13,659  
 New Families: 827  
 Total People: 53,492

**Year to Date 2023**  
 Families: 15,676  
 New Families: 855  
 Total People: 60,772

**Church Offices**

The Administrative Office is not located at the church building.

Ministry Office is at the church by appointment only:  
 13th & Fillmore, Caldwell, ID  
 Phone 208-459-6000  
 FAX 208-459-6600

FALL LEAVES MAZE



NOVEMBER

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Heritage  
Election  
Snow  
Daylight  
Feast

Pumpkin  
November  
Family  
Turkey  
Traditions

Indians  
Voter  
Voyage  
Colonists

Thanksgiving  
Veteran  
Settlers  
Maize



Bring Your Friends and Join the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning 10:30 am





## RECIPE CORNER

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God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; “When we are thankful, we will have peace and joy. Colossians 3:17 (KJV) “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” There are so many scriptures about giving thanks, they are a reminder that we need to be thankful. Meditate a minute, and then begin to thank God. If you haven’t done this for a while, it might seem hard, but just ask the Holy Spirit to help you find things to be thankful for. Then begin to make this a habit! Daily be grateful. Each time a situation arises find something to be thankful for. Each time someone doesn’t treat you right, find something to be thankful for. When something good happens, thank the Lord. I think we forget to thank God when acts supernaturally on our behalf.

## The Best Sweet Potato Casserole

### Ingredients

#### Filling:

- 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted, plus more for buttering the baking dish
- 3 to 4 large sweet potatoes (about 1 3/4 pounds), peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 large eggs

#### Topping:

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans



### Directions

For the sweet potatoes: Add 1 3/4 pounds peeled and cubed sweet potatoes to a large pot of salted water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then lower the heat to a simmer and cook until the potatoes are very tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and cool. Mash the sweet potatoes.

For the filling: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 2-quart baking dish.

Whisk together the butter, mashed sweet potatoes, milk, brown sugar, vanilla, salt and eggs in a large bowl. Transfer to the prepared baking dish.

For the topping: Combine the flour, brown sugar, butter and salt in a medium bowl until moist and the mixture clumps together. Stir in the pecans. Sprinkle the mixture over the top of the sweet potatoes in an even layer. Bake until mostly set in the center and golden on top, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.



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Life is filled with a blend of people the very wealthy, the middle class, and the very poor. We can encounter poverty and brokenness every day in our economy. When we encounter those who are hurting somehow, does it stop us in our tracks, or are we too busy with our own lives to consider others? Does seeing the needs of others spark us to a life of service? Are we genuinely concerned for those who are less fortunate? Do we truly understand what it means to walk with the Lord? People have not only physical needs but often have emotional needs. They need compassion and love. They need someone to give them hope.

Matthew 25:34- 40 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one

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of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Do we see those who are less fortunate than Jesus? When we help others less fortunate, we do it unto the Lord. In profound yet simple words, Jesus tells His disciples that they will encounter Him in their service to the broken and hurting—the hungry, the imprisoned, the sick, and the naked. Think about that. The moment a blanket, clothing, or food is passed to a homeless person in Christ’s name, is like we have given to Jesus Himself! Wow, does that change our perspective? When we take the time, for those who are hurting, rendering love and compassion, we are loving the Lord.

If we could understand this truth and grasp it, it would change our view of opportunities to serve and help others. When we see the stranded motorist with the flat tire, the single parent who needs assistance, are we willing to help because we are doing it unto Jesus? Service to others is no longer a duty to be checked off our spiritual list; it is an opportunity to touch others and minister to Jesus, our Savior. C. Phillips wrote, “Love causes us to have no bars and no exclusions when we see someone hurting.” There are people all around us needing to be helped; all we have to do is stop, reach out to others, and

serve in Jesus' name. Our age or abilities do not limit our service to others; we all can serve and help others.

We need to be compassionate to the helpless and hurt. Compassion towards others comes from our love for Christ, not to receive God’s favor. People are significant to the Lord, and we need to use every opportunity to serve others; there are needs all around us. The Lord sees all that we do. This portion of scripture in Matthew indicates that we will be called to account for our service to others. Listen to the Holy Spirit, as He brings people across our path, and be open and willing to assist them in the manner the Holy Spirit guides.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	4	5 Election Day	6 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	7  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	8	9
10 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	14  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	15	16
17 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	18	19	20 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	21  Feed the Needy 4 pm- 6 pm	22	23
24 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth  6:30pm Music Prac- tice 7pm Evening Service	25	26	27 Feed the Needy 12 pm- 2:00 pm  7pm Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving	29	30