

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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For Today: What do I have to be thankful for?

I love Thanksgiving. I love the fall weather, cinnamon and pumpkin spice, cozy sweaters, fires crackling in the wood stove, watching Charlie Brown Thanksgiving, the Thanksgiving Day Parade, and turkey dinner. I love eating the leftovers.

Yet, it seems to get passed over every year. More and more Christmas ads come out before Halloween, and some already are putting up their decorations. Although Christmas is wonderful to celebrate, let's not forget the importance of stopping to celebrate all the many gifts we've already been given.

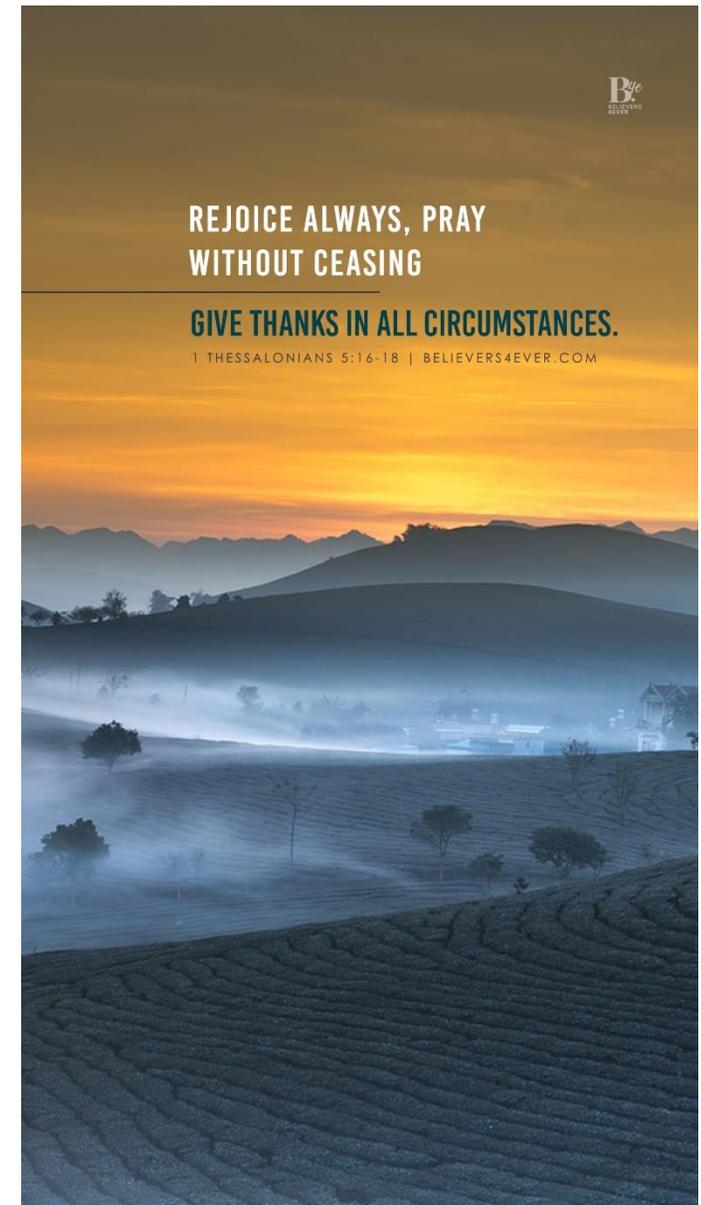
However, maybe you're someone who hopes the holidays pass by quickly. Maybe the holidays remind you of some intense pain and loss. Maybe you can't bear the thought of being in the same room as your family because it always results in a fight. Or maybe you're all alone this year. Maybe you just are struggling to simply get through each day. You may be asking yourself, "What do I possibly have to be thankful for?"

You're not the only one. How can I really be thankful for what I have when I don't get to see my own family? Or when my grandfather is no longer here to say grace at Thanksgiving dinner? What about all the depressing news we see on TV? How can I be thankful when there's so much pain and hatred going on? How can I possibly live out the command to, "give thanks in all circumstances"? (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Jesus is our perfect example of how to be thankful in all circumstances. On the night before his death, he sat down to have a meal with his disciples (Luke 22:19). He was fully aware that he was about to be betrayed and brutally murdered. He knew that his body would be a sacrifice for all sinners. In essence, Jesus was giving thanks for the circumstances by which his body (symbolized by the bread) would be brutally broken, and for the glory the Father would receive by the redeeming work to be accomplished through the cross. He felt thankful to the Father for this, despite his present circumstances and the horrific pain he was about to experience.

Jesus's eyes were fixed on his future joy, which is why he was able to give thanks to His Father despite having to endure the cross. He was able to take his eyes off his present circumstances and gain a greater view of the Father's will. He understood that his present trouble was achieving a purpose far greater than what could be presently seen. So, what does this mean for us? Do you know that because we are heirs with Christ, the joy set before him is the same joy set before us? (Romans 8:17) Don't let yourself be fooled into thinking that thankfulness will just happen to you overnight. This is a process for which we need the Holy Spirit's help. Wherever you will be on this Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take a deep breath, and to fix your eyes on the promises of God and the joy set before us.

We Give Thanks to the Lord!



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Sabbath, November 21, 2020



Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Wally Remitz

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m. Wally Remitz

Hymn of the Month, "Let All Things Now Living" Hymn 560

Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m. Wally Remitz

God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Hymn 221

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7 (see below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering Local Church Budget

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

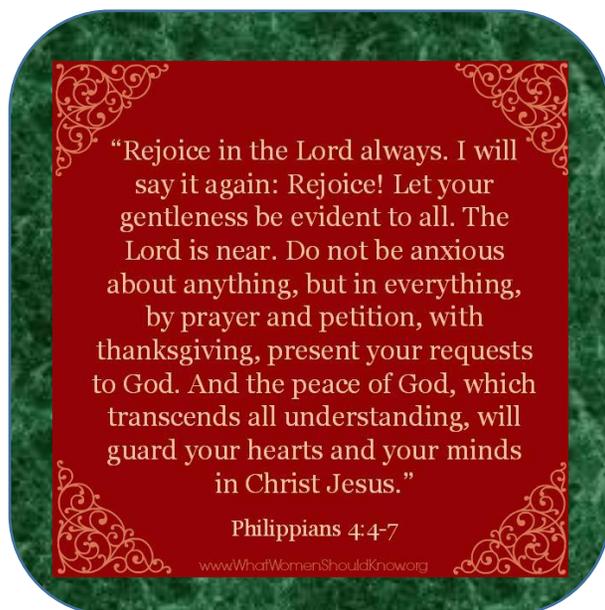
Children's Story Pastor Denny Evans

Special Music Manfred and Sheri Bauer

Sermon: **Rejoice in the Lord** Pastor Denny Evans

Closing Hymn, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Hymn 461

Benediction



Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing.

Upcoming Speakers: Sabbath, November 28, TBA
Sabbath, December 5, Wally Remitz
Sabbath, December 12, Pastor Jason Worf

Announcements

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays from 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is studying Ephesians.

Prayer Requests: Call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526.



Food Bank Holiday Help: Please consider contributing items to fill the Christmas boxes for those in need. Monetary donations also are welcome. Make out donations to Clark Fork Food Bank. Drop off on Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Food Bank, or Hays Chevron or the Library any time.



Sabbath Open House Worship Service, December 12 from 11 a.m.: A special event for our church and community. Christian fellowship, a special message, and a Q&A with Pastor Jason Worf.

Christmas in Clark Fork, December 12, from 3 p.m.: Music, poetry, stories, and Christmas cheer at our church. All are welcome to join this annual community outreach event.



Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 3:59 p.m.; next Friday night: 3:54 p.m.