

# *Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ*

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**Sunday AM Services Streaming @ 9:30AM** ([Click for link](#))

**Sunday Evening Message "Bringers-Pt.2 "@ 6:00PM** ([click for link](#))

**Wednesday Bible Zoom Study: "*Ezekiel*" w/ Steve Robertson @ 6:30PM.**

- Please observe good distancing inside the building & sit only in designated pews.
- **Masks Are Mandatory.**
- If You Feel That You Are At High Risk Or Are Feeling ill, Please Stay Home.

## ***WE BELIEVE WE MUST...***

**HEAR-** *the Word of God (Romans 10:17)*

**BELIEVE-** *that Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16)*

**REPENT-** *of our sins (Acts 2:38)*

**CONFESS-** *Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37)*

**BAPTISM (Immersed)-** *in water for the remission of sins & to be added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)*

**LIVE FAITHFULLY-** *by the teachings of the Bible (Luke 9:23).*

# Leave Your Message After the Tone...

By [Allen Jones](#) in [Weekly Encouragement](#)  
May 4, 2021

*“Hi, this is  
Greg.*

*Leave your  
name,  
number,*

*and message after the tone. I will  
return your phone call.”*

A distant cousin of mine passed away on Monday, March 8th. Our grandfathers were brothers. I had never met Greg, but I had talked, emailed, and texted with him so much for the past 12 months, I felt like I knew him. He was a wealth of information in relation to our family history. He grew up in Indiana but had been to Barren County many, many times. We connected last year when I learned of the passing of his mother. I called his cell phone this week in hopes of speaking with his wife, Alice, to see how she was doing (I assume the cell phone still had service). After ringing several times, Greg’s voicemail greeting began. While I knew he passed away almost two months ago, I still was moved by the sound of his voice. I began to think about not only how much we had communicated, the plans we had this year to get together, but also the “*briefness*” of life!



It is not news to anyone that we all have a limited number of sunsets. [Hebrews 9:27](#) says, “*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement...*” James tells us in chapter four, verses 13-14, “*Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.*”

The information we have should ensure we have a “*transformation of dedication*” to Jesus Christ.

Realizing no one knows how much time each has should get our attention and focus on what’s most important. What’s most important is the hope we have in Jesus Christ. When we are obedient and submit our life to Christ, we can be sure and confident of our eternal home ([Hebrews 6:19](#)). We can rest upon the promises of God ([Hebrews 6:13-18](#)), and know our hope is laid up in Heaven ([Colossians 1:5, 27](#)).

Losing someone (especially unexpectedly) should fuel us to know Christ and share Him with others. May we do both while we have time.



## **SERVING TODAY**

**Song Leader:** Bro Lee Christensen

**Announcements:** Bro Mike Walsh

**Opening Prayer:** Bro William White

**Communion:** Bro Ron Clevenger

**Sermon:** Bro Mark Seim

**Closing Prayer:** Bro Russell Weems

## **Worship Order**

**Call to Worship** (*Himno*)

**Announcements**

**Opening Prayer** (*Oracion*)

**Hymn** (*Himno*)

**Lord's Supper** (*Santa Cena*)

**Hymn** (*Himno*)

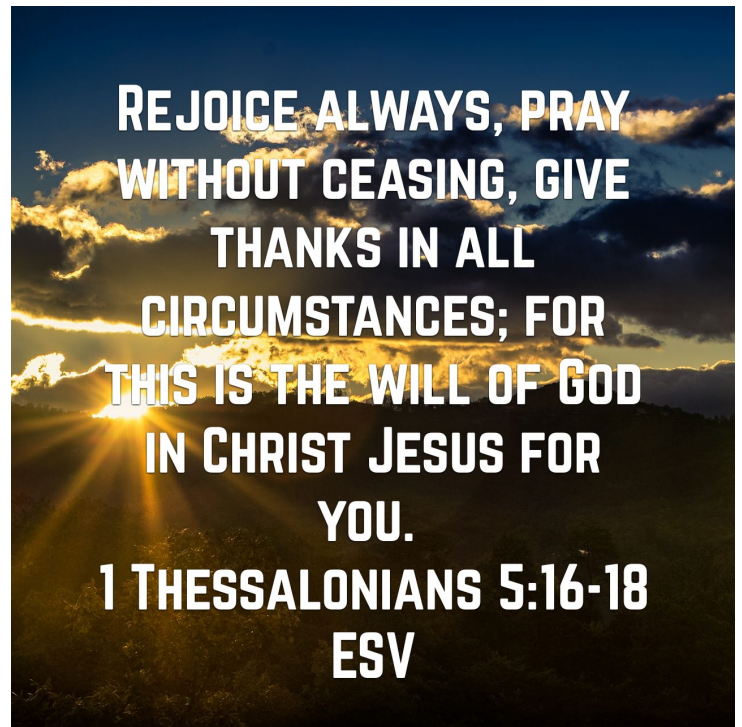
**Reading-** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**Sermon-**...*IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS*

**Invitational Hymn** (*Himno*)

**Closing Hymn** (*Himno*)

**Closing Prayer** (*Oracion*)



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**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18  
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## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

- **FYI...**We are looking to startup our Sunday Morning Bible class in the beginning of June. Class will start @ 0930 and end @1010; Worship services will start at 1030. We will announce our topic of study and the exact date that we plan to begin.
- Next Men's prayer meeting May 27th.
- Food Bank is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.
- Also there is a portable clothing rack in the kitchen area in which you can bring in clothing you wish to share.



## ***IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS*** **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

## **Philippians 4:4**

### **Final Exhortations**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

## **Luke 18:1**

### **The Parable of the Persistent Widow**

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

## **Ephesians 5:20**

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# **GOD' WILL FOR US...IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**INTRODUCTION...** In our previous lesson, we learned that we are to **rejoice always** and **pray without ceasing** and if we return to the 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 text, we learn that this is also God' will for us. We are to give thanks in everything, give thanks to all circumstances. This morning we will look at why it is necessary to continually give thanks.

## **I. The Need to Give Thanks**

### **(A) Ingratitude Displeases God**

(1) 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Romans 1:18-21

### **(B) We Should Have the Attitude of Gratitude**

(1) Col 1:12-14, 2:7

(2) Col 3:12-15, 4:2

(3) 1 Timothy 2:1

### **(C) Thankfulness Is Always Key**

(1) Phil 4:6-7

(2) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## **II. How to Be Thankful in Everything**

### **(A) All Things Work for Good**

(1) Romans 8:28, 1 John 5:3

(2) 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, Romans 5:3-5

(3) Matthew 5:10-12, James 1:2-3

### **(B) We Should Express Thanks in Every Prayer**

(1) Phil 4:6, Daniel 6:10-11

**CONCLUSION.** There is a saying out there that goes like this: "When a person prays without giving thanks, they have clipped the wings of prayer, so that it cannot rise." I believe that all of us desire to get the full benefit of prayer in our lives and the ability to rejoice always. If that's true, we must take the time to thank God in everything **for** everything. Why? So that God can use it for our good. If we succeed at this, we will not only do what is God' will for us, but will become "more than conquerors" (Rom 8:35-39) through the love of God and the love of Christ.

## **THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK**

- Conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good!!!
- Ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders.
- Happiness is an inside job. Don't assign anyone else that much power of your life.
- Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others.
- Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.
- If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is to be present in the present...Gratefully!!

## **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Hebrews 4:16



### **Hello Everyone,**

Jane is safely in Kansas with her siblings and enjoying the time. Thanks be to God Andy's son (Andres) had a successful surgery and is at home recovering. We pray that Elizabeth continues to improve after her surgery. It appears that that restrictions have eased up due to those being vaccinated, but I hope that all will continue to be careful. Wednesday night ZOOM Bible class facilitated by Steve Robertson is an informative one as Steve has studied diligently to help understand Ezekiel.

### **Congratulations to our new brother in Christ**

We rejoice in the baptism of *Michael Hammer* last Lord's Day. Let us all make him feel welcome and help him along his journey with the Lord.



# *Keep in Your Prayers*



## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

### **CONTINUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALTH**

- Andy's son Andres (recovery from surgery)
- Elizabeth Estevez (recovery from surgery)
- Robin Battaglia (
- Melida Arbaiza (fell at home)
- Debbie Robertson (back issues)

### **FRIENDS and RELATIVES**

- Mark & Jane's granddaughter (Athena) her cast was removed.
- Ron's mother & son Seth
- Bill's friend Bruce is still being monitored for his health.
- MJ's friend Pat
- Mark & Jane's friend Pat
- Mark & Jane; (S-I-L) Freddy's co-worker
- Aimie's sister first pregnancy, her friend Tazz who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

### **CONTINUAL CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS**

- Toms River Church of Christ
- Cape May Courthouse Church of Christ
- D.R.- Ministry (Growth)
- Zambia (Continued Relief)
- El Salvador Church of Christ

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