



“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” *Psalm 1:3*



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# The Rivers

## The Thought of the Month: “Give Thanks”

### “GIVE THANKS” ( 1Thess. 5:18)

The Bible says, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thess. 5:18). To give thanks is to acknowledge or express one’s gratitude in praise, commending the worth of, approval or admiration with thanksgiving.

### Who do we give thanks to?

We give thanks to God, our Father. “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;” (Eph.5:20). He is Omnipotent (all powerful), no problem is too hard for Him to solve. He is Omniscient (all knowing), He knows our past, present and future life events. He is Omnipresent (always present, everywhere at the

same time). He is the Good Shepherd, the God of all Comfort who comforts us in all our tribulations. He is the Great I Am, the Rock of our Salvation, the Only God and so much more Hallelujah!!

### What do we give thanks for?

We give thanks for God’s Love in sending His Son Jesus to die for our sins and raising Him from the dead for our justification. We give thanks for eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ! We give thanks for all things great or small, for the good and not so good, for the trials and the tribulations. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” (Rom. 8:28).

### When do we give thanks?

We should give thanks at all times. “It is a good

thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High.” (Psalm 92:1). “I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Psalm 34:1).

### How do we give thanks?

We give thanks in word and in deed. “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.” (Col. 3:17)

### Why do we give thanks?

It is the will of God. (1Thess. 5:18) He is good. (Psalm 107:1,2) It is a good thing. (Psalm 92:1) He alone is worthy! (Rev. 4:11)

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Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pains we bear, all because we do not carry, everything to God in

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*“Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His Person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

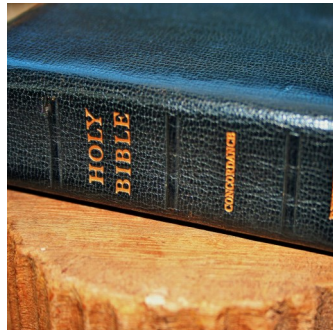
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## Special Prayer

- Pastor Robert Drake II
- and Family
- Missionaries at ROW
- Haiti Mission
- Pastor David Mugalu
- Uganda Mission
- Nigeria Mission
- Camille Carroll
- Sis. Orelia Collins
- Sis Linda Fields and Family
- Sis. Alexia Hicker-son
- Sis. Kimela Johnson
- Zelda Morris
- Sis. Gwen Strong
- Sis. Alice Sullivan
- Sis. Annie Wells

*“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Heb 4:16*

## Encourage My Soul: “Trust God’s Word”



“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (Isaiah 5:20,21).

Our culture promotes so many things that are perverse and con-

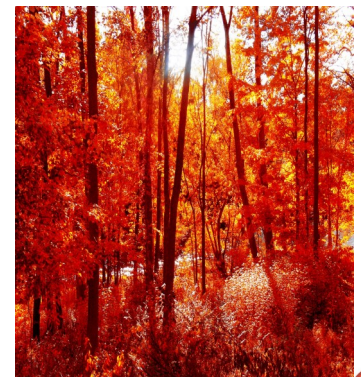
trary to God’s Will: men with men, women with women, children defying parents, students disrespecting teachers and much more.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (II Timothy 3:16). The Word of God is the source of truth, it declares what is good and right in the sight of God. Child of God, trust in Jesus, God’s Son, “Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.” (1 Peter 5:7.) He not only cares for us, but He knows us, so well that He knew we would need to reference and be reminded of

what He says. So He gave us the Holy Bible.

Sinner, believe on Jesus. Repent! Ask Jesus, God’s only Son, into your heart. You will finally be at ease, knowing that you have trusted in the One who will lead and guide you through these perilous days, and you will be prepared for His return. Amen.

**Sis. Laura Sanchez**



## Happy Birthday Saints!!!

- ◆ Rev. Wallace Hines 01
- ◆ Patricia Jones 02
- ◆ Julio Sanchez 03
- ◆ Nabrishia Binkley 05
- ◆ Roman Johnson 07
- ◆ Nykethia Gipson 16
- ◆ Barbara Goss 19



- ◆ Joshua Parker 21
- ◆ Marden Smith 23
- ◆ Robert Drake III 25
- ◆ Linda Gipson 25
- ◆ Linda Fields 26
- ◆ Ashley Drake 29



## “And Be Ye Thankful”

**“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” Col. 3:15**

By God’s Grace, we are here, together, nearing the end of another year. God kept us through the drought of summer and faithfully provided refreshment to our souls by His Word.

As the holiday season is fast approaching, let’s be diligent to give

God’s peace the rule of our hearts. While the world is caught up in the pursuit of the “perfect holiday”, running around hurried, worried, overspending and exhausted, let us **be thankful**. As you give and receive gifts, “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee,

nor forsake thee.” (**Heb. 13:5**).

We can’t be thankful and discontent at the same time. May we be **full of thanks** for God’s salvation, His Presence and His work in our lives. The Lord has given us to each other, and we have the privilege and opportunity to love and serve one another. May we be **full of thanks** for one another.

**Sis. Bessie Carroll**



*“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread.”*

*Psalm 37:25*

Happy  
Thanksgiving







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**Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11, 2023**



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