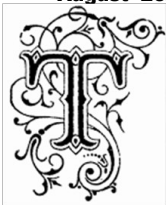


Talk



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come once again—those spectacular colors of fall! that even though we know precisely what is going to our trees and shrubs we are continually surprised and e beauty of it all?

The Bible tells us we are made in God's image. Does that mean that somehow God has a face, arms, hand, legs and feet like we do? Or, does it mean that God has emotions like we do? Does he like music? Does he think things are funny? Does he cry when we disappoint him or when we get hurt or tell a lie? If we are made in his image does that mean that God laughs, for example? Or when we look at the fall foliage and our jaws drop in awe does God smile and say to himself, "see? Told you so!"



those things will have to ve do know when we feel many of us have prayed a e with tears and unspoken y well we had been in the s were soothed.

~~no, not our imagination.~~ No, not something we just made up. No. . .definitely God sends his Holy Spirit to hold us and comfort us. Not our imagination! It is real! Just like the beautiful trees changing from the vibrance and warmth of summer green to the exciting golds, reds, and browns of fall. It is here in front of our eyes! How does anyone with eyes that see deny that there is a God?

~Pt

Above all
give
thanks!



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Remember to bring your newly purchased socks
last through November 26th. Put them in the box at the front of the auditorium.

We are also collecting money for the Angel Tree Program
wrapping the gifts ourselves we are just raising money and so
the children will purchase the gifts.



We have added to our list of "pinch hit" preachers. Virgil Anderson brought the sermon
for us last Sunday and did a wonderful job talking about faith and how nothing is too hard
for God. Good job, Virgil! And thanks to all the men who preach for us. Your faith
shows, and it's a wonderful thing.

Please keep these folks in your prayers this month: Tim Smith whose mother passed away
on October 19th. Joe Mason for continued good health. Jeannene and Derwood for
continued good health. The Caver and Elizabeth West families who are confined at
home due to health. Marylean Warren to remain healthy enough to attend church. Mary
Parks had knee surgery this past week. Tom Hawkins who had a spill in the bathroom and



the Love of God in everything.

~~ Thomas Merton

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.

~~ Maya

Angelou

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directly and through God indirectly. Our parents taught us as toddlers to say 'thank you' when someone gave us a compliment or a piece of candy. We did not know what it meant, but we did it because our parents told us to. Hopefully, they knew about 'thank you' because God taught them to be thankful. Nevertheless, as we grew we learned how to be really thankful and why. We learned it through our association and communication with God. Our conversions were the beginning of that life long commitment to walk in God's ways.

But what if you'd never learned it. What if just before the events that brought you to the beginning stages of your conversion something happened and you didn't follow through? On your way to church that Sunday you had a car accident that completely derailed you. Or, the Saturday night before you went out drinking with friends and woke up Sunday with a hangover and decided to forego church. Or, the one person you counted on let you down so you decided the 'saved' life wasn't for you.

Who would you be? What would you be? What kind of life would you have created for yourself, and how would you have handled the trials you have been through in your life?

I have thought about this. I think I might be a divorced, bitter, sad woman who did not understand real love. I'd probably have been a smoker too with, by this stage in life, the obligatory smoker's cough.

But you see, *thank God*, he cradled me in his great hands and guided me to a church when I left home and to a man who would love me—warts and all—for my whole life. God led me to a man who would teach me and learn with me all the wonderful things about God, his word, his ways, and his people.

Now, how do I say 'thank you' for a whole life lived in God's loving shadow? No, my life has not been 'bumpless.' There have been bumps in the road, but God gave me the Holy Spirit, a partner, and a church family to help me through.

When I think about how I might have turned out I thank God for the life he's given me to live. I will live my thank you with every breath I take, with every beat of my heart and with all my soul *forever*.

“THANKS SO MUCH!”

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Well, it's just something we rattle off when the situation calls for it, isn't it? We don't think too much about it. We just want to be polite and let the person know their effort was appreciated. If we are trying to be really warm and appreciative we add the “so much” at the end.

Where did we learn thanksgiving in the first place? Of course, through our parents directly and through God indirectly. Our parents taught us as toddlers to say ‘thank you’ when someone gave us a compliment or a piece of candy. We did not know what it meant, but we did it because our parents told us to. Hopefully, they knew about ‘thank you’ because God taught them to be thankful. Nevertheless, as we grew we learned how to be really thankful and why. We learned it through our association and communication with God. Our conversions were the beginning of that life long commitment to walk in God's ways.

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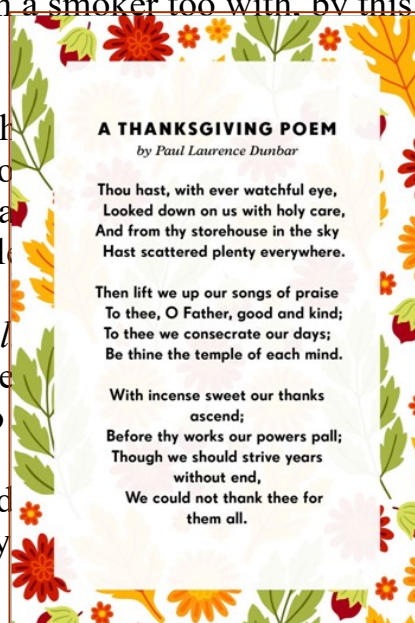
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Now, how do I know ‘thank you’ is a good thing? Well, my life has not been a failure. I have the Holy Spirit, a peace that passes all understanding.

When I think about my life, I realize I am blessed to live. I will live and with all my heart, I will thank God for everything.



me to a church where I can worship God with my whole life. Wonderful things.

Shadow? No, my God gave me the light.

He's given me the best of my heart.

I can't help it. I saw this in my file and decided to print it again. Thanks, Ella, you're still teaching us!

November 2023

F.Y.I.

Healthspot...

powerful human mindsets and it can be taught and nurtured. Hope is the belief or the expectation that the future can be better and that we have the capacity to pursue that future. People with hope have fewer chronic health problems, are less likely to be depressed, have stronger social support, and tend to live longer.

Give yourself permission to be hopeful. Create excitement and ambition sort of creating a 'self-fulfilling prophecy.

Set one meaningful goal. Make sure you think about and plan out a way to meet your goal. It should be something you *want* to do.

Brainstorm solutions. Sit down with pen and paper to write down what you want to happen.

Call your support team. Get enough sleep, eat healthy, and exercise with a person.

Seek out success stories. Read about folks who have achieved what you want, and what their path entailed.

Tap into your imagination. Spend time thinking about what you want, and how you have done it towards this week, and see if you can do it again.

Give yourself time for prayer and enlist the help of others to reach your goal, and don't give up easily.

On Wednesday night we have just launched our new website, which was a very cool guy and a steadfast man of God.

For Kids Only...

Nehemiah 9:5-6

Every word or phrase listed in capitals below is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

"STAND UP and bless the Lord your God FOR EVER and ever: and BLESSED be thy glorious NAME, which is EXALTED above all blessing and PRAISE.

"Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made HEAVEN, the heaven of heavens, with all their HOST, the EARTH, and ALL THINGS that are therein, the SEAS, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."

— Nehemiah 9:5-6

[time.com/6327444/how-to-be-more-hopeful/](https://www.time.com/6327444/how-to-be-more-hopeful/)

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Recipe...

Birthday

Cheesy Corn Casserole

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for baking
1 medium jalapeño chopped, seeded if desired
2 medium cloves, finely chopped
2 15-oz. cans whole kernel corn, drained
8 oz. cream cheese
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup bread crumbs, fresh or dried
1/2 cup roughly chopped tender fresh herbs such as thyme, sage or parsley, green onions or



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Using middle rack of oven preheat to 375°F & butter a 13x9-inch baking dish.

Melt 2 tablespoons unsalted butter in saucepan over medium, heat. Add 1 jalapeño, finely chopped & 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped & cook until fragrant & just starting to soften, about 5 minutes. Add two 15-oz. cans whole kernel corn, drained, 8-oz. shredded cheddar cheese, 3/4 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese. Stir until cheese is melted & corn is well coated—



Pour corn mixture into prepared 13x9-inch baking dish. Top with 1/2 cup bread crumbs (fresh or dried), 1/2 cup finely shredded fresh herbs such as thyme, sage, or parsley. Bake corn casserole until cheese is melted & bread crumbs are a crispy golden brown, about 15 minutes. Garnish with more roughly chopped fresh herbs, green onions or chives, sliced, (if using).

Do ahead: Corn casserole can be prepared up to 3 days ahead of time. Cover casserole dish with a lid or wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate.

<https://www.bonappetit.com/recipe/corn-casserole>

December

Good

News...

5-Agnes Lucas
8-Kip Thornton
9-Mary Parks
10-Elizabeth West
11-Timothy Mitchell
15-Annie Stacey
20-Lillie Dawson

Hope you have the happiest birthday ever and that your special day is awesome from dawn to dusk!

☐Our mission: to love like Jesus, to serve like Jesus and to teach others to do the same☐

I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.

— Henry David Thoreau

Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all.

—William Faulkner