



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids

That Rock for Jesus

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name” (Psalm 100:4)

Hi boys and girls. We are getting close to Thanksgiving—my favorite holiday. It is so easy to forget about the blessings we have from God. Especially when our lives may not be going so well, as they are right now because of the virus. When something like this happens it is more important than ever to praise the Lord for His blessings. So here are my top ten blessings:

1. Jesus – I am thankful Jesus loved me so much that he was willing to die on a cross so that I could be saved and live with Him some day.
2. Jan – I am thankful Jan is my wife and friend and helper in ministry. She loves me almost as much as Jesus does. Because of her, my life is enjoyable and I am very happy.
3. Health – I am thankful that I am able to do things like visit sick people, clean my gutters, and walk trails. Many people have a serious illness which keeps them from enjoying a full and happy life.
4. Family – I am thankful for my brother, two sisters, and cousins who I grew up with. They support and encourage with their love and prayers.
5. Church – I am thankful for my church because it is where I worship the Lord. It is also how I make a living for myself and Jan. I am fortunate to have such a great place to work and worship.
6. Friends – I am thankful for my friends. Most of them are saved, but some friends do not know Jesus yet, but I still love them. In times of trouble, I have friends who are there to help me.
7. Country – I am thankful that I live in a country where I enjoy great freedom. In many countries you can be put in prison, or even put to death, for telling others about Jesus.
8. Fall – I am thankful for fall. It is my favorite season. I love to see the leaves change color and feel the cool air that comes after summer. It reminds me of how awesome God is as Creator.
9. Football – I am thankful for football. It is my favorite sport. I really enjoy watching a football game on T.V. and going to games in person.
10. Food – I am thankful for the food we have for Thanksgiving meal. I always look forward to eating turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole, and pumpkin pie.

These are just a few things I am thankful for—there are so many more. Perhaps you are thankful for some of the same things that are on my list. I bet your family would love to hear what you are thankful for this holiday. Why don't you make a list of your top ten and share it with them. Have a great Thanksgiving and remember Jesus loves you and so do I.

Pastor Larry

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

It is time to finish collecting our items for the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. The boxes are available at church along with a listing of things to pack. Try to work on them this year so we can make sure that children around the world have something for Christmas. They need to be delivered to the church by November 8.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING:

In the month of November, we celebrate one of my favorite holidays. It is a time that we should all slow down and celebrate with our families all of the wonderful things that we have been blessed with this year. Now I know you are thinking "what a year", with quarantine, virtual school, fewer vacations and trips, and less sports activities. How in the world did we make it to November? Let's look at Deuteronomy 8:10, "You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

Reminds me of a Children's sermon called "**Everybody but Turkeys Give Thanks.**"

A pastor was talking to a group of boys and girls on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. He was talking to them about being thankful for good food, homes, families, and all their other blessings. He asked them the following question. "Who should be thankful to God this week?"

A girl raised her hand. The pastor gave her the microphone, and she said, loudly, "Everybody but the turkeys!"

Everybody laughed. But the little girl was exactly right! Everybody, except for the turkeys, should be thankful to God for many blessings. The lesson for us is be thankful for the blessings of living in this great land.

Hundreds of years ago, Moses reminded the Jewish people to be thankful. They were ready to go into the land God had promised them. Moses told the people that God would provide for all their needs. He said, "You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

Those words are a reminder to us. Thanksgiving week we will eat until we are full. When we do, let's not forget that God blesses us with food. Let's all give thanks, sincere thanks, true thanks to God for all our blessings.

You can join us for in-person Sunday School at 9:15 A.M. on Sundays or look online for the Facebook posts for Children's Church and GAs.

Nov. Sunday School Schedule:

- 11/1: Jesus is Crucified
- 11/8: Jesus' Resurrection
- 11/15: The Emmaus Disciples
- 11/22: Jesus Appeared to the Disciples
- 11/29: Jesus Returned to Heaven

Children's Church Schedule:

- November 1: Thankful to God
- November 8: Thankful for Others
- November 15: Thankful for Service
- November 22: Thanksgiving Feast
- November 29: Beginning the Miracle of Christmas

*A Christmas Packet will be mailed out to you at the end of November.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of November, we will be meeting Roy and Cassandra Garza who live in Twentynine Palms, California. They are Church Planters who pastor our military (Marines) in California by planting Pillar Churches near Marine Corps bases.

This month:

Week 1: you will learn about the baptism of Jesus and how He pursues a relationship with you.

Week 2: you will learn about God's pursuit of the men and women who serve in our military.

Week 3: you will learn how Pillar Church shares God's love with Marines.

Week 4: you will learn how you can collect books to share God's love with military children.

Our Bible Verse for the month is from Matthew 3:16 – “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened. Jesus saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove.”

Watch the FBCC Facebook page for postings on Wednesday nights for GA's. Work along in your GA World book each week as we share. Make sure you look at the MK kids that are having birthdays for the month. Say a prayer for them and their families.



Ages 2 years—8th Grade

Sundays 4:00-5:00

*Masks required for ages 10 and up
while moving about.*

Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

This month, Mission Friends looks at Roy and Cassandra Garza. The Garzas work to create new churches. Pray for them and other missionaries in California.

***“I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of
God that brings salvation to everyone that believes.”
Romans 1:16***