



The Mustard Seed

October 2024

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

From the Pastor's Desk



“Touch Me with Truth that Burns Like Fire”

Guerrillas of Grace

by Ted Loder

Lord,
send the gift of your Spirit
to fill this place and myself
and the world.

Touch me
with truth
that burns like fire,
with beauty
that moves me like the wind;

and set me free, Lord,
free to try new ways of living;
free to forgive myself and others;
free to love and laugh and sing;
free to lay aside my burden of security;
free to join the battle for justice and peace;
free to see and listen and wonder again
at the gracious mystery of things and persons;

free to be,
to give,
to receive,
to rejoice as a child of your Spirit.

And, Lord,
teach me how to dance,
to turn around
and come down where I want to be,
in the arms and heart of your people
and in you,
that I may praise and enjoy you forever.

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**Karen Wimpee
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Back during my youth ministry days in north Florida, I was having lunch with a youth minister of another denomination when a mutual acquaintance approached our table and said, "You fellows really have a lot in common, don't you, despite the fact that one of you is a Methodist and the other a Presbyterian?" Whereupon my friend said, tongue-in-cheek, "Yes. Warner and I have a lot in common. The only difference is I happen to believe in God."

Poet Charles Thompson wrote:

You cannot pray The Lord's Prayer
And even once say "I."
You cannot pray The Lord's Prayer,
And even once say "My."
Nor can you pray The Lord's Prayer
And not pray for another,
For when you ask for daily bread,
You must include, your sister and brother,
For others are included
In each and every plea;
From the beginning to the end of it,
It does not once say 'me.'



The Lord's Prayer reminds us that we are more than individuals belonging to a separate church body; we are a part of a worldwide community bound together by our Christian faith.

~ STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of October 24, 2024

YTD Income: \$41,487
YTD Expenses: \$49,973
YTD Net Income: **(\$8,486)**

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17*

~ PRESBYTERY PRAYER CONCERNS



Below are prayer concerns from the Presbytery of the Mid-South for this month. Please add these to your prayers for the week:

- Week of 11/3: Military Veterans
Oak Street Community
Presbyterian, Union City
- Week of 11/10: First Presbyterian,
Caruthersville, MO
Hunger & Homelessness
- Week of 11/17: Cistern Project/Clear Water
for the World
- Week of 11/24: First Presbyterian, Kennett,
MO

As always, pray for CPC and its members.

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Each year, the Town of Collierville pulls out all the stops to create a magical Christmas season for local families and visitors alike. Here are the important dates and details for the Town's signature events:

- Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, November 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. Collierville Town Square
- Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6 kicks-off at 7 p.m.
- Christmas in Collierville Saturdays on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Don't forget the special music performances and come back in the evening to experience a quarter of a million Christmas lights and horse drawn carriage rides!

On the first four Saturdays, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, families can visit Santa in the Gazebo (10am-2pm) and enjoy special music performances designed to get you in the holiday spirit.

In addition to photo opportunities with Santa, special features include:

November 30:

- ~Photos with Santa, 10-2pm
- ~Opera Memphis Strolling Carolers, 11:30-2pm

December 7:

- ~Photos with Santa, 10-2pm
- ~Model Train Displays in the Depot, 10-2pm
- ~Opera Memphis Strolling Carolers, 11:30-2pm
- ~NEW! Children's Entrepreneur Market, 10-2pm. Support young entrepreneurs (ages 5-17) and shop local! The market will be along N Rowlett Street in front of the Depot Visitors Center.



December 14:

- ~Photos with Santa, 10-2pm
- ~Choir performance by Sycamore Elementary School at 11am
- ~Visions Academy of Performing Arts holiday concert from 12:30-2 p.m.
- ~Contemporary Club Home Tour & Holiday Market, 10-4pm
A community favorite featuring four Collierville homes beautifully decorated for the holidays and Holiday Market and Bake Sale at the Linda Kerley Center (175 W Poplar Ave.). Tickets on sale online and day of event at the Linda Kerley Center.

December 21:

- ~Photos with Santa in the Gazebo, 10-2pm
- ~Model Train Displays, 10-2pm
- ~Performance by Zoe Johnson (Violinist) from 11 a.m. to noon

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You've likely heard the aphorism to "have an attitude of gratitude." I recently learned that within the field of positive psychology, that's exactly what gratitude is—an attitude, an overall mentality and mindset that prioritizes appreciation for the gifts and opportunities life offers. Stepping into a season of thanksgiving (both with and without a capital "T"), when we want to be more grateful, makes this learning all the more helpful. Because there is a difference between gratitude and thankfulness. The difference between these two important emotions comes down to how we use it in our lives. Gratitude is a general appreciation of life, while thankfulness is a response to a particular event or experience.



You know as well as I do that life is not always easy. To cultivate a fully, authentically positive mindset, we must practice both gratitude and thankfulness. Practicing gratitude means accepting things as they are, while also holding onto our appreciation of things that we value and have access to. Thankfulness grows out of this mindset, positioning us to be able to notice and express thanks when things do go right, like saying "thank you" or even writing a thank you note.

Tennessee psychiatrists James and JR Greene explain the broad power of gratitude this way: "You do not need something good to happen to have gratitude, and when bad things happen, your gratitude does not falter. You know that sad things are just a part of life, and you are happy with the life you lead."

So ask yourself whether your thankfulness lives under an umbrella of gratitude—and whether your gratitude gets spoken aloud through words of thankfulness. When you pair these two layers of appreciation, you will be building a spirit of authentic positivity that shines over everything you do.

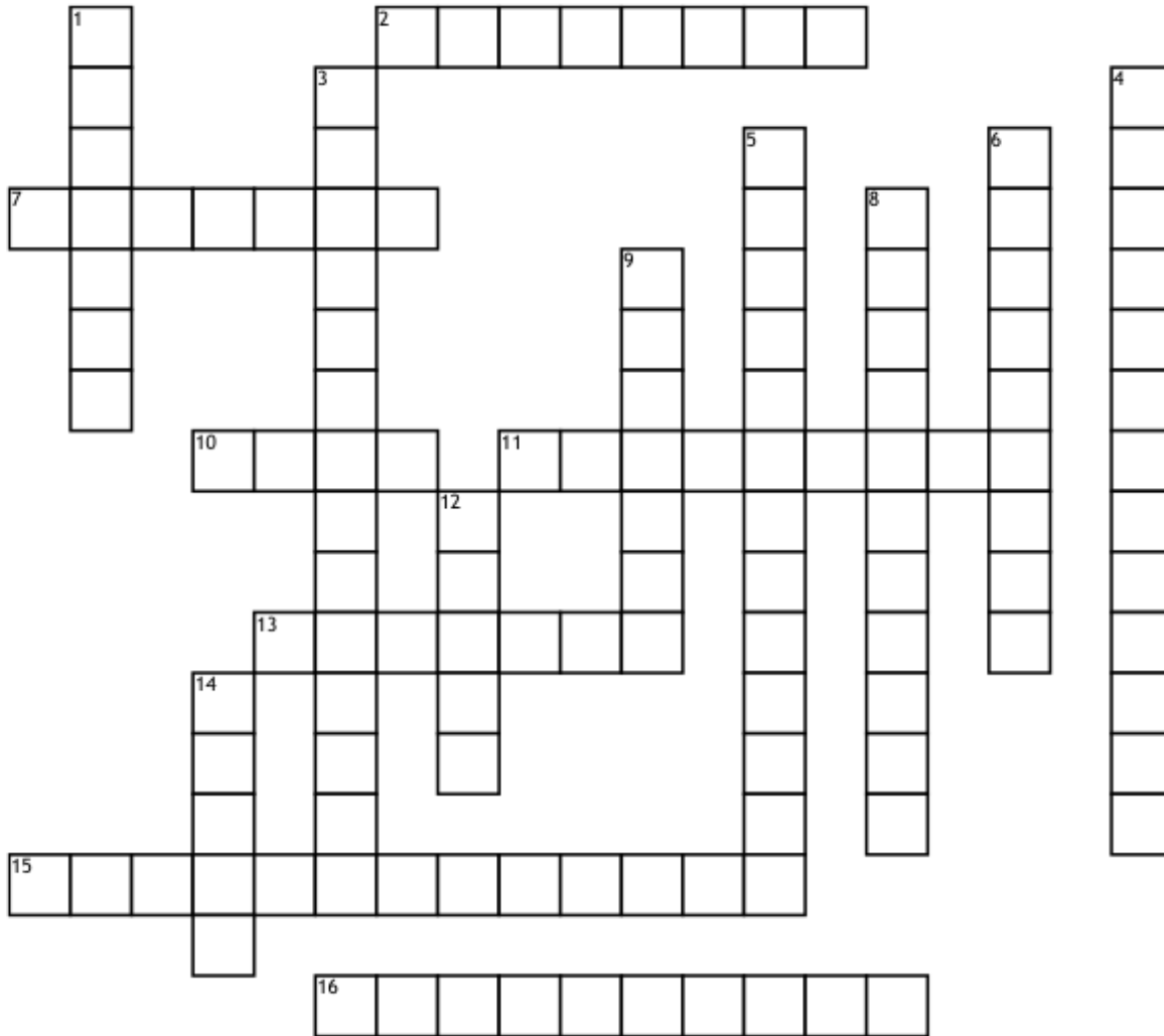
A gratitude practice is actually simple to start. It could be keeping a blank journal where you record a single item each day you are grateful for—something as big as a promotion at work, or as small as the sudden sunshine of a spring afternoon. If the written journal is too much, you can make gratitude the last "task" you do before you go to sleep at night, just a little passing thought that can rest for a moment on something that enriches your life.

Even during trying times, I'm eager to grow my gratitude habit, and that means coming at it from new angles. A consistent goal as I walk my positive path is to be more mindful of the joy and goodness that is all around me, if only I would notice it. Questions that prompt me to look in unexpected places for sources of gratitude are a helpful part of that process.

Here are 4 ways to make gratitude your lifestyle:

- 1) **Write in a Gratitude Journal.** Find something to write about that you are grateful for, whether it was a neighbor who gave you a delicious cake recipe or the woman on the street that saved me from losing a glove.
- 2) **Be Present.** Remind yourself that time is a precious commodity and right now, you have another day to decide how to use it. Inhale and exhale deeply and appreciate that you have breath in your body, that you're alive, that you're here, right now, in this moment.
- 3) **Rethink Obstacles.** Obstacles can arise at any time throughout the day—personal relationships, co-workers, health issues or financial problems. Obstacles can not only make you stronger, but also help you get to know yourself on a deeper level and lead you closer to your purpose.
- 4) **Remember to be wowed.** You're surrounded by beauty. Pay attention to the beautiful landscape you pass on your way to work. Notice the squirrel that runs on the tree or the delicate leaves on the tree. God shows you that even the mundane moments can be wondrous.

A Thankful Church



Across

2. 2 Cor. 9:11 We are enriched so that we can be _____

7. Heb. 12:28 we are receiving a _____ that cannot be shaken

10. Psalm 147:7 _____ to the Lord with thanksgiving

11. Psalm 9:1 I will tell of your _____ deeds

13. 1 Cor. 15:57 He give us the _____ through our Lord Jesus Christ

15. 1 Thes. 5:18 give thanks in all _____

16. Col. 3:17 whatever you do in _____

Down

1. Phil. 4:6-7 Do not be _____ about anything

3. Rev. 4:9 living creatures give _____ and thanks...

4. 2 Cor. 9:15 Thanks be to God for his _____ gift

5. Psalm 7:17 I will give thanks to the Lord because of his _____

6. Psalm 107:8-9 give thanks to the Lord for his _____ love

8. Col.2:6-7 we are to be "_____ with thankfulness."

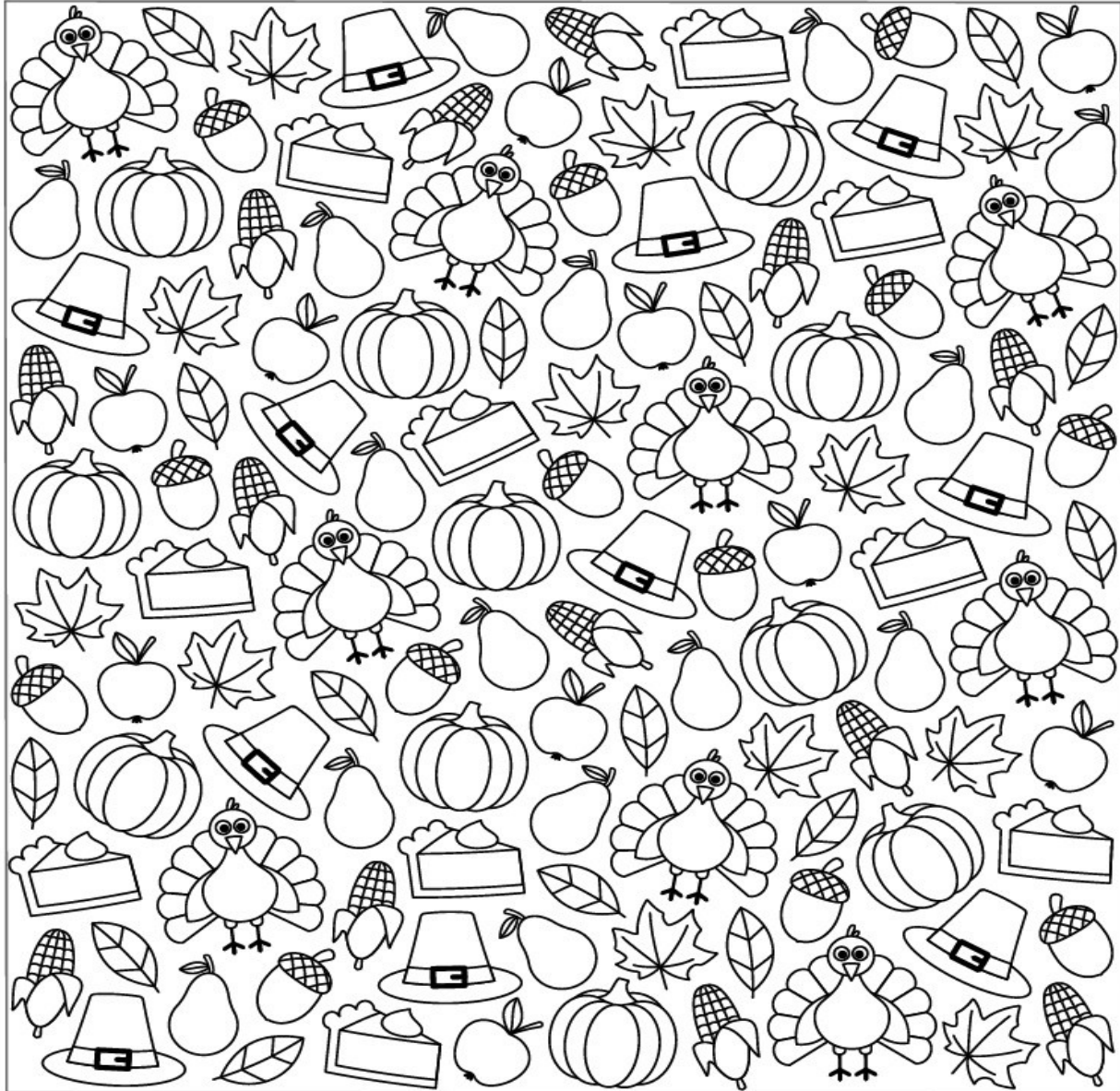
9. Psalm 69:30 ... and shall _____ him with thanksgiving











12. Psalm 100:4 Enter His _____ with thanksgiving

14. Col. 3:15 you were called to _____. And be thankful.

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November 2024

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ELC Congregational Meeting ◆ Worship Service (10:30am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Boy Scouts (7pm) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) 			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ GS Troop 13141 (5:30pm) 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ GS Gathering (12-5pm)
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<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Worship Service (10:30am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Boy Scouts (7pm) 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Glen & Linda Stamps 	<p>30</p>