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Sermon – Thanksgiving in June

Scripture – Romans 16:1-16

Main Message – After a challenging year, its still very good and wise to be thankful.

Yes, it is time again to remind everyone about a great a vital component for successful living as a Christian. It is my annual time to express “thanks” to all of you which reminds you to be thankful towards one another.

My wife and I appreciate the tremendous blessing and confidence that you have placed on us as a pastoral team. This small church has influenced and changed lives here locally as well as many other places. Your donations have supported the Border Buddies ministry and helped feed, clothe and build schools all in the name of Christ.

Being thankful for your very presence here in any and every capacity is to be understood a bit by **Proverbs 27:17**. At the very core of our faith is the reminder that we need each other to strengthen us in times of weakness and encourage us to continue and keep up a good, joyful and courageous face in times of trouble. If you are willing to reflect upon this last 15 months, you can realize how important relying upon one another helps us and does not hinder us. Social distancing has done far more harm to churches than to many other things.

So, I am proud of the elders decision early on in the Pandemic to look to Godly influence to decide to move to an online format and close church even before it was mandated. I am even more proud of the elders that decided to open back up even before it was allowed. Why? Because Jesus Christ is our Lord and we take our marching orders from Him. We can only serve well if we act upon our faith. Thank all of you in the congregation who came back when we opened up. Its not much of a church if we aren't together.

Thanks for the investment in our ability to reach those who are far away or unable to come to church for whatever reason. People have been able to make a connection to others at through these trying times.

Thanks to the music team who make it happen each week.

Thanks that we have a bulletin that reminds me what to do

Thanks to those who have invested time in Bible Study, prayer, Sunday School

Thanks be to God that our Food Pantry met the needs of the most needy throughout this time.

Thanks that the church is in Good Repair, lights,heat is on and the grounds are well groomed

Thanks for not asking for air conditioning.

Thanks that the snow is cleared from driveways and steps.

Thanks for you continued faith in what we do serves almighty God.

Thanks for your friendship and fellowship. Your conversations that give me food for thought.

We are humbled by the trust you have placed in us.

Thanks be to God for all of you. Thank you for your sacrifices. **HEBREWS 13:15**

Everyone needs to hear a Thank you from time to time. Some need that encouragement more often than others, some less so, but in all cases what we do as Christians in worshipping and serving God is much needed in this world.

Hear my wife's and my own gratitude for what you have done. Let me finish by reminding you what the most important blessing you will hear that far outweighs my feeble attempt at recognizing all of you which one day you will hear from Jesus himself.

Read Mathew 25:21