

"Ond you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

# Welcome Visitors

We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

#### **Prayer Request**

Jason Rowell
Teddy Cauthen
Pete Bridges
Linda Rider
Pat Blumer
Diane Aldridge
Winnie Crumbly
Mandi Cole Nichols Family

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Karlie Cauthen	9
Dianne Aldridge	13
Troy Stapler	17
Korbin Cauthen	21
Lupe Medina	21
Cody Payne	21
Tony Hotalen	26
Cory & Kim Payne	14
Mark & Alison Benefield	29

## A Psalm of Thanksgiving

The book of Psalms is remarkable in so many ways. Many of the psalms come from the heart of a shepherd boy of Bethlehem and give us great insight into the very soul of a man after God's own heart.



By the hand of God, there is much cause for thanksgiving.

One of the psalms repeats a phrase over and over. The psalmist said, "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psa. 107:1, 8, 15, 21,

I AM
the LORD
your God...
You shall have
NO
other gods
before Me.



#### God's Plan of Salvation

- Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17;
   Acts 16:32)
- 2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
- 3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
- 5. Baptism (1Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
- 6. After the above five steps, faithful

#### This Week Leading Worship:

#### Sunday Morning:

Announcements Joe Mallory

Scripture Caden Mallory

Song Leader Harel Otwell

Opening Prayer Tony Hotalen

Table Cory Payne

Camp Mallory

Assisting Korbin Cauthen

Shane Buchanan

Closing Prayer Steve Cole

Sunday Evening:

Announcements Cory Payne

Scripture Camp Mallory

Song Leader Caden Mallory

Opening Prayer/Table Joe Mallory

Closing Prayer Brandon Estvanko

#### **Next Week Leading Worship:**

#### Sunday Morning:

Announcements Kelly Cauthen

Scripture Korbin Cauthen

Song Leader Cory Payne

Opening Prayer Alan Wilkerson

Table Tony Hotalen

Wayne Aldridge

Assisting Steve Cole

Kenny Laminack

Closing Prayer Carlos Payne

Sunday Evening:

Announcements Cory Payne

Scripture Cory Payne

Song Leader Harel Otwell

Opening Prayer/Table Tony Hotalen

Closing Prayer Cory Payne

31). This phrase makes a natural division of five situations in this psalm where men should be filled with thanksgiving.

**Thanksgiving for redemption.** The first section (vss. 1-7) describes the times when God brought Israel from adversity and returned them to the land He promised Abraham's descendants. While it is true the sin of God's people often was the reason they were scattered, the psalm shows just how merciful God is toward His children. Those who were redeemed from the nations could so readily sing this psalm of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for souls which have been refreshed. In this section, the psalmist looks at the souls which have been brought low by the adversity around them. Their hearts are filled with darkness which is the result of ignoring God. They are bound up in affliction. Yet, when they cried out to God, He heard them. Their souls were filled with the blessing He gave to them. Their lives turned into joy because His mercy gave them what had been missing. The psalmist said, "Give thanks to the Lord for His wonderful works."

**Thanksgiving for deliverance to those who were at the gates of death.** This third section (vss. 15-20) parallels thoughts found in the previous section of those who were surrounded by distress. They were so burdened they could not even eat, yet when they cried out to

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the Lord, He heard them and saved them out of all their afflictions. "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness."

Thanksgiving from those who were tossed in the seas. The psalmist turns his attention to those who sailed the seas and found themselves surrounded by tempestuous waves. As the waves lifted them to the heavens and then dropped them in the depths of the troughs, hope could so easily be lost. At their wit's end, they cried out to God, and He heard them, calmed the storms and brought them to safe havens.

Thanksgiving from those who assemble to worship in the company of the elders. The mercy of God is shown in the fruitful seasons where He waters the wilderness and feeds His people. Their crops increase and their herds multiply. He exalts the poor. Oh, that men would give thanks for all He does.

**Thanksgiving from our hearts.** The imagery in this psalm is different from what is around us, but the lesson is so obvious. God help us to give thanksgiving for all He does!

Dan Jenkins