



Colossians 3:17

Thank You Notes

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A Christmas Carol for Giving Thanks Ministries

This may be your first Christmas letter of 2011! It is coming early because Don is retiring at the end of December and we are moving to Fayetteville, Georgia, to be near Caroline and her family and closer to our sons and their families. December will pass so quickly I am afraid I could not get a newsletter out to you. I want to keep you informed of the events and opportunities of Giving Thanks Ministries.

Giving Thanks Past—Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make His deeds known among the people. I Chronicles 16:8 NKJV

Preparing to move causes a myriad of emotions to whirl in me. Gratefulness for our past can never be expressed fully. Thinking of the over 14 years we ministered in Carlisle, Ohio, lets me recall strong relationships, many salvations and raising our children. In Centralia, Missouri, God bless FBC greatly and gave us more special friends. God placed us in Fairborn where we learned to love lots of sweet people. The last 18 years God geographically expanded our ministry to the entire Miami Valley. Since 2001 Giving Thanks Ministries has provided a way to love people all over Ohio, in many states and a few foreign countries. I can never praise the Lord enough for all the deeds



He has done. Some events this year were unusual. At a women's event at FBC Union City, we were visited by a polar bear who told jokes and gave me gifts. Speaking in Morning Worship occurs seldom for me. Everybody's Tabernacle gave me the opportunity.



Giving Thanks Present—This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Events scheduled in the remaining months of 2011 include the Ohio Baptist Convention, Maple Heights Baptist Church, Southbrook Community Church and Friendship BC, Harveysburg. I have said I would like a Giving Thanks Ministries cruise. GTM directors recently met at Lee and Cathy Young's home at Lakengren. Here is the closest we'll come to a GTM cruise.

We have bought a home near Caroline and her family.



Our new address is :

100 Emerald Lake Drive, Fayetteville, GA 30215 Please make note of that! We don't want to lose contact with you. We hope you will visit us!

Giving Thanks Future—For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

None of us knows what the future may bring, but our hope is found in Christ. Changing locations is a bit scary for me. How will we find a new church, make new friends and be involved in ministry? Praise the Lord we know He holds our tomorrows. Excitement wells up when I think of being closer to our children and grandchildren. I have visions of sharing with them more school activities, sports events, birthday parties and holidays. God will provide ministry opportunities for us. Don took the training to be a transitional pastor. He has lots to give! I so far have two speaking engagements for 2012. If you are near Ohio, circle March 3 on your new calendar and attend the Southeast Ohio Women's Retreat at FBC Athens, Ohio. The theme "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" will draw you closer to Him. Contact jeandifilippo@yahoo.com or 740-541-3397.

For my more western friends, keep October 13 open to come to Lockwood Park Baptist Church in Mexico, Missouri, for a day of "Growing in the Truth of God's Word."

God is God of the past, present and future! May He grant you a joyous Christmas and a blessed year in 2012!



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And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
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Brennen and Justin liked the tree at Mimi and PawPaw's.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Fletcher, Walker, and Cooper enjoyed Mimi and PawPaw's front porch swing.



Look at those smiles!! Zach, Trey, Max, and Grace look like happy young ones!



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