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Thank You Notes

The Newsletter of Giving Thanks Ministries

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Giving Thanks for Christmas



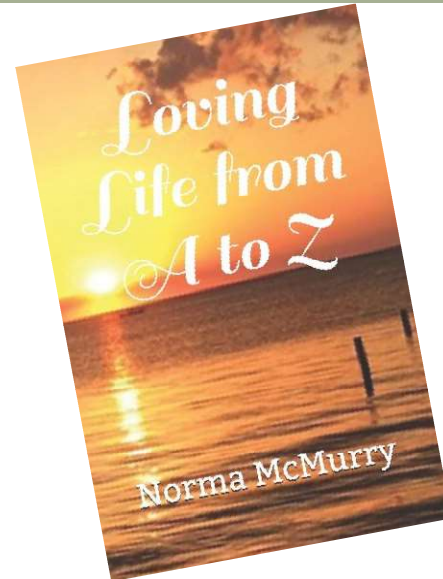
I know I have written before about The Prince of Peace, but I feel it so appropriate in 2020. Let's remind ourselves that the Babe in the Manger came to this troubled world so we, by faith in Him and His grace to us, could live with peace in our hearts that is beyond understanding. Paul wrote to his beloved Philippians, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (4:6-7)

So do not stop praying, asking, or giving thanks during these difficult days. Who would have ever guessed that this calendar year would have brought Covid-19, job losses, business closings, quarantines, endless politics, numerous strong storms, and even Zoom Sunday School classes and online church services? Don's cousin Marilyn had a sweet experience during all of this. While grocery shopping, she was in line with a lady who had small girls with her. Marilyn talked kindly to the little girls, "you can't see that I am smiling at you because of this crazy old mask." The mother swiped her credit card, paying for Marilyn's groceries. Kindness goes a long way.

In John 16 Jesus told his disciples that He had to leave, and that they would have hard times. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come as their Helper. Then He said, "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Remember—the Christmas Baby is the Prince of Peace and loves you beyond measure!

***Wishing you and yours a
Merry and Glorious Christmas!***



A big thank you to those who have gotten your copy of Loving Life from A to Z! However, some of you have forgotten to order yours. Much enjoyment awaits you in the 50 topics. You will smile, wonder, and even learn a thing or two. And it will make a great gift so order several. \$10 each; \$3 postage (I can mail several for only \$4) or it is available on Amazon and Kindle.

We still have copies of our other books also.

Forever Seventeen (Don's football story)

Happily Ever After (Whosoever is Searching)

The Silent Bell (My mother's story)

Count With Me (Preschoolers)

ORDER TODAY!!

We sincerely hope for you a blessed and fruitful 2021! God is working even where and when we cannot see. Some keys to joy are thankfulness and contentment. Let's resolve to practice both. And I hope you will consider offering Giving Thanks Ministries an opportunity to encourage your group.



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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.” Colossians 3:17 NIV

Giving Thanks for Ministry



Book signings in October gave us time to visit friends and family in Missouri. Kinkead Pharmacy provided their store in Centralia. Then

Downtown Book and Toy company in Jefferson City provided a venue for more signing.



Carver Road Senior Citizens fellowshipped together in October. They invited me to speak. I used a topic, My Thoughts on Aging, from *Loving Life from A to Z*. We had a great time!

Don finished a fourteen-month transitional pastor time at Carver Road in November 8. We are excited about their future with Brandon and Emily Footit.



Samuel told his story to the Senior Citizens of Carver Road in November. He had quite a life!



Giving Thanks for Family



Schools started for each in Donald's family. Trey graduates from Middle Tennessee State in December; Graces attends Union University; Zach began Lee University; Max plays basketball at Providence Christian Academy where Heather and Donald teach.



Caroline, Scott, Brennen, and Justin are back in school. Brennen, who is a pre-season all-state team pick, punts and kicks for the Whitewater Wildcats. Justin plays basketball on the freshman team.



This happy, smiling crew of Joseph, Walker, Fletcher, Lisa, Elliana, and Cooper are celebrating a

birthday. The birthday person picks the place. The boys enjoy helping in children's church, youth praise band, and running sound. Joseph enjoys his real estate business, helping clients buy or sell. Lisa manages all the chaos.