

Church News Network

**KINGDOM CITIZENS STRENGTHENING MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT BY
CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JEHOVAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 2023

41st Pastoral Anniversary

Honoring

*Pastor Marion H. Newton and
Family*

Thought: Kingdom Citizens must understand that God is pleased by our appreciation of the blessings He bestows every day. We must never take our blessings for granted and must constantly cultivate a mindset of Thanksgiving.

WORDS/PHRASES: Grateful Attitude, Blessings, Thanksgiv-
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November 5 – Giving Thanks in the Midst of the Storm (Acts 27:33-38)

November 12 – Giving Thanks When the World Is Against You (Daniel 6:10-13)

November 19 – Gratitude for Healing: Where Are the Nine? (Luke 17:11-17)

November 26 - Giving Thanks for All my Blessings (I Chronicles 29:11-14)

Hymn - We Gather Together



Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30am

Messenger

Dr. Maria Newton-Tabon



Brotherhood Ministry Meeting

Monday, November 6 @ 7:00 pm on ZOOM

ID: 8037754032

PW: 8035

Please join us and invite a friend!

Pre-Thanksgiving Worship Service

With Westminster & Holy Comforter

Sunday, November 19, 2023

5:00 pm

Service will be held at JMBC



GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts founder, Juliette Gordon Low died from breast cancer. At our meeting, we talked about breast cancer and ways to reduce the risk. They wanted to share for you to be P.I.N.K. to reduce your risk:

P - Practice what you know (eat healthy, be active, don't smoke or drink)

I - Investigate the information (know fact from fiction)

N - Know what's normal

K - Knowledge is power



VETERANS DAY PARADE



SUMTER COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS ANNUAL

VETERANS DAY PARADE

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

141 NORTH MAIN ST.
SUMTER, SC 29150

PARADE

STARTS AT 10 AM
FROM THE CORNER OF
MAIN AND BARTLETTE
DOWN MAIN STREET.

CEREMONY

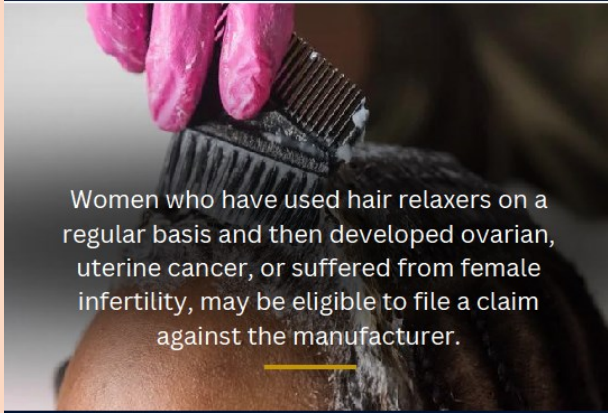
BEGINS AT 11 AM
ON THE FRONT LAWN
OF THE COURTHOUSE
141 N. MAIN STREET.

VENDORS

**WILL BE HOSTED ON THE
BACK LAWN OF THE
COURTHOUSE**

Hair Relaxer Lawsuit

DIAGNOSED WITH OVARIAN
OR UTERINE CANCER?



Women who have used hair relaxers on a regular basis and then developed ovarian, uterine cancer, or suffered from female infertility, may be eligible to file a claim against the manufacturer.

CALL: (866) HELP-YOU
(866) 435-7968 OR VISIT:
helphairrelaxer.com





IT'S BACK!

HOMECOMING PARADE BIGGER AND BETTER

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

10 a.m. North Main Street

WANT YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED?

Contact Dean Juana Davis-Freeman at jdavis@morris.edu for an application.
Involvement is free!



Greetings:

Morris College is gearing up for our new and improved Homecoming Weekend beginning Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023. We would love for you to be part of this grand event!

Our Inaugural Homecoming Parade will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 10:00 am, with the lineup beginning at 9:00 am at the intersection of S. Harvin and Bartlette Streets. The parade will travel North on Harvin St. to Calhoun St., make a left turn (West) onto Calhoun St., and travel to N. Main St. The procession will then take a right turn (North) onto N. Main St. and travel to Phillips St. where a right turn (East) will be made, and the parade route will end. **No floats or units will be allowed to enter the campus.**

If you are interested in renting a float for the parade, below is the link for three (3) companies you may contact that specialize in float designs:

<https://southeasternfloats.com/category/floats/>

<https://paradefloats-byallen.com/index.html>

<https://www.kirbyparadefloats.com/>

If you are interested in having a unit in the parade, please complete the attached Homecoming Parade Entry Form and return it to Dr. Juana L. Freeman at jdavis@morris.edu, or fax it to (803) 774-0130.

Let us all make this weekend a *Hornet Style* success!!

Thank you,

Morris College Homecoming Committee
MC Hornet Strong

JMBC BOWLING LEAGUE

If you are interested in joining, please contact Marina Akers-Epps or the church office for more information. Bowling night is every Wednesday 6:30pm at Gamecock Lanes.

Team Rosters

Name	Pins	Gms	Ave	HDCP
1 - Beauties & The Beast Lane 4 HDCP=256 Ave=374				
La'Asia Akens	840	6	140	72
Cheryl Weeks	1245	9	138	73
Marion Newton	1160	12	96	111
3 - Non-Stoppers Lane 7 HDCP=315 Ave=309				
Loretta Logan	1139	12	94	113
Sue Collins	1213	12	101	107
James Sinkler	1368	12	114	95
5 - Strike Force Lane 9 HDCP=198 Ave=439				
Shirley Brown	844	9	93	114
Debra Wilson	2074	12	172	43
Anthony Wilson	1572	9	174	41
7 - The Incredibowls Lane 3 HDCP=170 Ave=470				
Lloyd Akers	1943	12	161	53
Donald Wilds	1318	12	109	99
Marina Akers-Epps	1808	9	200	18

Name	Pins	Gms	Ave	HDCP
2 - Come Get Some Lane 10 HDCP=289 Ave=337				
Thelma Brunson	984	12	82	124
Josephine Herriott	952	12	79	126
Gene Jenkins	2118	12	176	39
4 - Keep Moving Lane 5 HDCP=158 Ave=483				
Sarah Nelson	1777	12	148	64
SHAROLETTE	692	6	115	94
VACANT	0	0	220	0
6 - Tenacious Divine Lane 6 HDCP=352 Ave=267				
Andre Dwyer	289	6	48	154
Natalie Sarvis	711	9	79	126
Thelma Isaac	1265	9	140	72
8 - Spoon Strikers Lane 8 HDCP=287 Ave=340				
Darryl Witherspoon	1128	9	125	85
Denise Witherspoon	1082	12	90	117
Danny Witherspoon	1508	12	125	85

Temporary Substitutes

GIVING THANKS IN EVERYTHING

Dr. John MacArthur

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the Apostle Paul writes, “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Paul simply says very directly: No exceptions, no excuses, nothing is outside this parameter—in *everything* give thanks. No matter the situation, we are to find a reason to thank God.

Gratitude Is Normal

How does this thankfulness happen? Second Corinthians 4:15 says, “All things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.” Paul is explaining that as people receive the grace of God in salvation, it leads to abounding thanksgiving. The pattern of every Christian’s life should be that we endlessly give God thanks.

When a person becomes a Christian, there is something different about the inner man. Built into that newness is a heart of thanksgiving that cries out in gratitude to God. It’s hard to find someone more thankful than a brand-new Christian. Thanksgiving becomes the fruit of the work of the Spirit within us. But how quickly Christians can become unthankful!

A thankless attitude is abnormal for a Christian. It cuts across the grain of the new life, the new nature, the new person. Because we can so easily fall to the sin of ingratitude, the New Testament repeatedly calls us to thankfulness.

Holy Spirit-Inspired Thanksgiving

When the early church gathered, their purpose was to give thanks. It was a part and parcel of their worship. Someone had a psalm, someone had a prayer, someone had a word from the Lord, and a lot of people had an opportunity to say thanks. When we have fellowship with believers in smaller groups, it is good to have a time of giving thanks.

In Ephesians 5:18, Paul cautions us to be filled with the Spirit. And what will happen? “Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Joy, rejoicing, prayer and praise will happen. In verse 20, he says, “Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

According to Paul, a Spirit-filled believer is a thankful believer, a joyful believer, a praying believer. If you are filled with the Spirit, thanks will gush out of you for everything.

A lot of people can carry out religious functions, but if you want to know whether you are truly filled with the Holy Spirit, ask yourself, “Do I rejoice always? Do I constantly pray? Am I increasingly thankful?” Because that is the spring from within. It will lead to a right attitude in all your duties, responsibilities and ministries. If you’re not a joyful, prayerful, thankful person, you’re struggling with the flesh. When the Spirit controls you, those things fall into place.

You may be thinking, *Do I have to drum these up myself?* No. It is not only God’s will to will it; it is God’s will to work it. Philippians 2:13 explains, “It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” God wills it and He works it by His Holy Spirit.

That’s why I say, if you’re filled with the Spirit, you’ll speak to yourself in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. That’s rejoicing. And you’ll offer that to the Lord, because that’s prayer. You’ll give thanks because it’s the essence of the outflow from the inward spiritual control. It is routine because we should be filled with the Spirit as a matter of the course of life.

Why Aren’t We Grateful?

Now we look at ourselves and say, “I wish that were true. I wish I went around all the time singing songs of praise and offering prayers to the Lord, thanking Him for everything, but I don’t.” What is it that corrupts those inner springs so that we’re not always joyful, prayerful and thankful? Here are seven attitudes that form in the innermost parts of our hearts and hinder thanksgiving.

First is doubt. We doubt God’s character. We’re not sure that His Word can be trusted. If we doubt God’s truthfulness and character, we’ll have trouble being thankful because we’re not sure that He will keep His promise to make all things work for our good. Or we trust that He has good intentions, but we doubt He has the power to deal with our issues.

Second is selfishness. This is the attitude that says, “I am not content with the way God is working out my life. It’s not what I desire.” If God doesn’t come in and fit the picture perfectly, then a person’s self-will begins to run roughshod over the plan of God, and a thankless spirit results.

The third hindrance is the love of the world. This is someone whose vision is filled with pleasure, prominence and possessions. Do you know the hymn that says, “Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”? That is the heart of the Christian’s vision. We say to God, “It’s You I see. It’s You I long for.” As long as that is our vision, we will see God’s blessing pour into our lives.

Fourth, a critical spirit will steal our thankfulness. A critical spirit criticizes everything that isn’t exactly the way it ought to be. It rises from an enlarged ego that says, “I deserve better than this.” It says “I’ve been hurt,” or “I’ve been wounded by someone, and I’m going to take the pain and let it run through the rest of my life.”

The fifth hindrance is impatience. Some of us don’t give thanks simply because God doesn’t move on our schedule. We don’t say, “Thank you, Lord. I can see Your hand at work. The process is slow, but I see it.” We are like the child who throws a tantrum and says, “I want it! I want it now!” We should learn to thank God for the process. We should not try to rush what is happening perfectly on time in God’s economy.

Sixth is something I think a lot of people sense in the church today. You could call it apathy or lethargy. I use the word coldness, and I think about the lukewarm heart of the Laodiceans or the Ephesians in Revelation. There is a lack of love for Christ. We lack passion in worship. We neglect the Bible and prayer. We waste time on the trivia of life, and it leaves us empty and spiritually indifferent. Consequently, our hearts have no gratitude.

Finally, there is rebellion. We feel that our lot in life isn’t what we wanted so we purposely withhold thanks because we’re just flat out unthankful. We say, “I’m mad and I’m unthankful and I know it. And I’m going to stay unthankful!”

If any of these seven attitudes invades our hearts, we have gross sin. We are defying the command of God to give thanks in everything. We’re defying the instruction of the New Testament that we ought to be always thankful for our salvation, for the unending blessings of God.

But, as I said before, we can’t drum up an attitude of thankfulness on our own. That is why God works to will and to do of His own good pleasure in us. He’s working to make us thankful through the power of the Spirit of God. If we’re filled with the Spirit, He produces a grateful heart. And what happens when we’re grateful? God is glorified, we are blessed, the church is built up and the lost are reached. We can have a tremendous impact on the world if we will only practice thanksgiving.