

DAYSPRING CHRISTIAN CENTER

THE VOICE

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Thankfulness

By Ashley Smith

The excitement of the holiday season is here and although there is a pervasive message of joy, many are overwhelmed with depression and discontent. Also, what should be a season of revitalized gratitude is often characterized by narcissism and selfish desires; a shameful display of how easily we overlook God's blessings. Paul tells us, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1Thess 5:16-18); however, we fail to adequately express our appreciation to God, even in this season of Thanksgiving. We should continually thank God for:

Our Salvation

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Cor9:15). Jesus was crucified in order to atone for our sins, and because of this sacrifice we have the opportunity to receive God's gift of salvation and spend an eternity in heaven with Him (John 3:16). Thank God everyday for the gift of your salvation.

His blessings

Rich or poor, healthy or sick, ungratefulness sometimes festers in our hearts. We give superficial thanks to God, while deep in our hearts we are discontent; however, the blessings of God are innumerable and we should thank Him daily for both keeping us sheltered, clothed and fed (1 Tim 6:6-8) but also for filling our weary hearts with hope and giving us peace (Isaiah 26: 3).

His continued presence in our lives

"Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me." (Psalm 51:11). The presence of God in our lives eludes most people. It can be hard to grasp the reality of an unseen Holy Spirit; however, the presence of God in our lives, is a gift and helps us to function in the spirit of truth, convicts us of our sin, provides comfort and strength, and intercedes with God on our behalf.

Life's trials

Apostle Paul demonstrates true thanksgiving in a time of great adversity. While imprisoned in Rome, Paul did not complain of his hardship or express hopelessness. Contrarily he reveals his contentment (Phil 4:11-12). We should thank God and be joyful even during hardships, knowing that the testing of our faith during trials will produce patience (James 1:2-3).

Thanksgiving to God should be a distinguishable characteristic of an obedient child of God. I challenge you to use this season to rekindle your God-centered gratefulness and persist in an attitude of gratitude throughout the holidays and beyond.

Mark Your Calendar

***Saturday, 11.15.14 @ 3pm**
W.O.W. (Women of the Word)
Ministry Fellowship

***Tuesday, 11.18.14 @ 7:00pm**
International Thanksgiving Potluck

***Sunday, 12.07.14 @ 1:30pm**
Church Financial Report Meeting

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **False.** We are to be content with whatever we have, rather it is much or the little.
2. bless, all, praise, my.
3. **True.** Apostle Paul instructs to give thanks in EVERYTHING, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus".
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DaySpring Ministry Team Leaders

Hi DaySpring. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says the church is ONE body with MANY parts. The same is true with DaySpring, and we want to spotlight and thank all the members who serve in our church....

Elders and/or Deacons in Training:

Ki Hughes, Rafael Fajardo, Geovanny Maritnez, David Daniel– Assist Pastor Charles with shepherding and leading the church.

Ministry Director: *Ki Hughes*- oversees all leadership teams by providing administrative and planning support and other concerns. Also, an Elder in Training

Church Administrator/Treasurer: *Kesha Griffin*- oversees all the administrative responsibilities for the church, including all church expenses, supplies/equipment, the accurate spending and accounting for all church funds, and creating and ensuring adherence to church budget.

Membership Services: *Director- Tinaya Hughes; Team Member - Nicole Hicks* - support and care for all members requests, concerns and issues. Arrange occasions such as weddings, baby dedications, baptisms, support families during bereavement, and organize new members class. Also visit the sick and shut in, and hospitalized.

H.U.G. (Hospitality, Ushers & Greeters) Team: *Director -Cecilia Smith; Team Members- Janola Martinez, Fou Nu'u, Faye Maretic, Aries McCain, Jhordin Davis, Ta Jae Butler* – Greet and provide hospitality to visitors and members, provide meals for all church services/events, prepare the church for service, and serves attendees during church service.

Counseling Team: *Director Ki Hughes, Team Member-Linda Griffin* – Help counsel visitors who desire to accept Jesus Christ and/or who desire to join our church .

Media Team: *Director- David Daniel ; Team Member & Helpers- Daisone Hughes, Rafael Fajardo, Geovanny Martinez, Charles Copeland* – oversee all audio/visual needs for church services, events, and website. Including church set-up and oversight of all media equipment.

Finance Team: *Director - Cynthia Wimbish & Team Members – Shantika (Shan) Wilson, Tinaya Hughes* – oversees all the monies in the church. Responsible for accurately counting and accounting for all tithes/offering for all services, events, and/or fundraisers.

Praise Dance Team: *Director - Ashley Smith & Dance members Tinaya Hughes, Aries McCain, Fou Nu'u* – minister through dance to members and visitors.

W.O.W. Ministry Team : *Director – Kesha Griffin & Team Members, Tanya Bryant & Shantika (Shan) Wilson*– oversees all fellowships, outings and lessons for the women's ministry.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING SOON!!!

DAYSRING MOBILE CHURCH APP

> **TUESDAY, 11/18 @ 7pm...** Our annual International Thanksgiving Potluck is here!! To sign-up to bring a dish, please see Fou Nu'u or Faye Maretic.

Scripture Memory Verse

"Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am" Philippians 4:11 NASB

BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers found under the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page 1.

1. **True of False.** According to Philippians 4:11, Apostle Paul teaches us we should NOT be content with what we have, but always want more?
2. **Fill in the Blank.** "I will _____ the Lord at _____ times; His _____ shall continually be in _____ mouth." (Psalms 34:1 NASB)
3. **True of False.** According to 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Christians should give thanks in all circumstances, even in time of suffering, pain, etc.

CHURCH SERVICES: Sundays 11am | Bible Class- Tuesdays 7pm

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