

St. Paul's Epistle

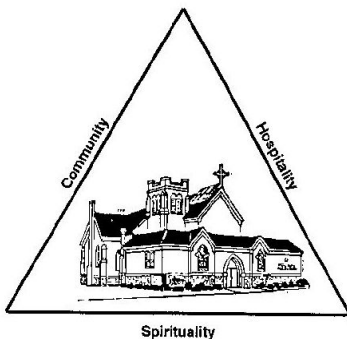
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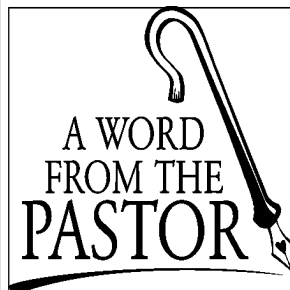
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November is a time when we give thanks for everything God has given us. I want to thank everyone who has brought over meals, sent cards of encouragement and prayed for my family over the last few weeks. Marla's dad continues to show improvement and we hope in the next few weeks he will return to his home at Primrose.

I am also thankful for all who have pledged to the operating budget of the church for 2019. It is not very exciting to give money for the simple things like utility bills, building maintenance and salaries, but it is your faithfulness that keeps the doors of the church open week in and week out. If you have not submitted a pledge card, there is still time. Pick one up at church (window ledge in the sanctuary) and drop it off in the offering plate or the office.

Thank you to everyone who said yes to serving the church on one of the many committees that keep us moving forward as a church. Your service will make the ministries that get all the attention possible.

Finally, a few things to look forward to in the days and months ahead. Christmas shoe boxes are in full swing. Get a box, fill it up and change a child's life. The final date for collection is the 18th of November. A few simple gifts, your prayers and a small box can change a child's life. Also coming soon is a work trip to Camp Wesley, if we can get it set up, to complete the cabin that still needs a little St Paul's love to fill it up with kids next summer. Even if you have no trade skills, come join us and we will teach you what you need to know. Be looking for the hat and mitten tree, serving at Our Daily Bread and filling the food pantry boxes with everything to make someone else's November as thankful as ours.

See you in the mission field.

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

God doesn't call
the qualified;
He qualifies the called.

**All Saints Sunday
November 4**

Bring a white candle in a holder to place on the altar in memory of loved ones.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 4**
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour, and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

November 4

Coins for Communion to benefit The Lima Rescue Mission

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Newsletter deadline:
the **16th**
of each month

Christian Symbol

Sun of Righteousness



The sun is often used as a symbol for Christ, especially during church-year seasons that use prophetic imagery and focus on Jesus' second coming. Malachi 4:2 — "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (ESV) — is echoed in the Christmas hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing":

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

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Seniors Day Out
Tuesday,
November 20
12 Noon
Everyone Welcome!

THANKSGIVING DAY
November 22
Office Closed

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Christ the King Sunday
November 25

King of kings and Lord of lords



In the Bible, no one is called "Lord of lords" but God and Christ. Although a couple of Old Testament earthly kings (Artaxerxes and Nebuchadnezzar) are referred to as "king of kings," only in reference to Christ is the term capitalized — "King of kings."

Earthly rulers can claim supremacy, but we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as the culmination of the liturgical year to testify that our Lord Jesus is Ruler of *all*. In the words of the famous "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*: "King of kings and Lord of lords; and he shall reign for ever and ever!"

Anyone interested in doing the reading and lighting of the Advent candle, please notify Pastor Paul or the church office.



December 2
1st Sunday of Advent
HOPE

2018/2019 College Students

Joshua Guess

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"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."

—Christian D. Larson



United Methodist Student Day November 25

Any college Students available to assist with the worship service in any capacity, Please contact the church office or Jan Wyant.

Honoring Veterans

My Mem'ry's Eye

By Dillon Staas

*One old soldier standing there,
I say a simple silent prayer
As rank by rank the men file by,
-But only in my mem'ry's eye.*

*I see them now as they were then.
If only we could meet again,
And talk a while of days gone by,
Of things beyond my mem'ry's eye.*

*We'd laugh and drink and just pretend
Those golden days might never end,
Our hearts all filled with love and care,
For all old soldiers everywhere.*

*Once more I weep in silent prayer,
For still white crosses standing there.
Their visions fade, and though I try,
A teardrop dims my mem'ry's eye.*

"God Is Nigh"

The earliest official reference to using "Taps" at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier "was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods." Because it wasn't safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of "Taps" would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, "Taps" signaled the end of a soldier's work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim's lyrics remind us of God's constant presence:

*Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

September 30, 2018	75
October 7, 2018	69
October 14, 2018	89
October 21, 2018	81
October 28, 2018	61

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
September 30, 2018	\$2,072.00	\$200.73
October 7, 2018	\$5,486.00	\$637.05
October 14, 2018	\$2,531.00	\$459.88
October 21, 2018	\$3,482.00	\$489.00
October 28, 2018	\$1,825.00	\$370.00

Sunday School Attendance

September 30, 2018	7
October 7, 2018	7
October 14, 2018	6
October 21, 2018	4
October 28, 2018	8

Greeters

November 4, 2018	Denny & Janna Thompson
November 11, 2018	Don & Mary Irvin
November 18, 2018	Slone Whetstone & Jenson Nagy
November 25, 2018	OPEN

Flower Calendar

November 4, 2018	Art & Linda Holman
November 11, 2018	Dillon & Helen Staas
November 18, 2018	Gary & Deb Hurd
November 25, 2018	Becky Bean

Hospitality Cart

November 4, 2018	Margie Best & Jone Lane
November 11, 2018	Barb & Greg Schade Brittany Scannell
November 18, 2018	OPEN
November 25, 2018	Lynda Evans & Martha Vazquez

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday 11/1

Psalm 37
Revelation 9:1-12
Luke 10:25-37

Friday 11/2

Psalm 31, 35
Revelation 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 11/3

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Revelation 10:1-11
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 11/4

Psalm 63, 98, 103
1 Corinthians 10:15-24
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday 11/5

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Revelation 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday 11/6

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Revelation 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday 11/7

Psalm 49, 119:49-72
Revelation 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday 11/8

Psalm 33, 50
Revelation 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Friday 11/9

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Revelation 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday 11/10

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Revelation 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday 11/11

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday 11/12

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
Revelation 14:1-13
Luke 12:49-59

Tuesday 11/13

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Revelation 14:14-15:8
Luke 13:1-9

Wednesday 11/14

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Revelation 16:1-11
Luke 13:10-17

Thursday 11/15

Psalm 70, 71, 74
Revelation 16:12-21
Luke 14:18-30

Friday 11/16

Psalm 69, 73
Revelation 17:1-18
Luke 13:31-35

Saturday 11/17

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Revelation 18:1-14
Luke 14:1-11

Sunday 11/18

Psalm 34, 93, 96
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 20:1-16

Monday 11/19

Psalm 77, 79, Joel 1:1-13
Revelation 18:15-24
Luke 14:12-24

Tuesday 11/20

Psalm 78, Joel 1:15-2:2(3-11)
Revelation 19:1-10
Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday 11/21

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Joel 2:12-19
Revelation 19:11-21
Luke 15:1-10

Thursday 11/22

Psalm 23, 27, 85, 86
Joel 2:21-27
James 1:1-15
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Friday 11/23

Psalm 88, 91, 92
Joel 2:28-3:8
James 1:16-27
Luke 16:1-9

Saturday 11/24

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Joel 3:9-17
James 2:1-13
Luke 16:10-17 (18)

Sunday 11/25

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Habakkuk 1:1-2:1
Philemon 3:13-4:1
Matthew 23:13-24

Monday 11/26

Psalm 89
Habakkuk 2:1-20
James 2:14-26
Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday 11/27

Psalm 95, 100
Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15)16-18
James 3:1-12
Luke 17:1-10

Wednesday 11/28

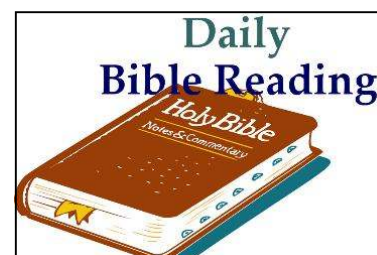
Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Malachi 1:1-14
James 3:13-4:12
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday 11/29

Psalm 105
Malachi 2:1-16
James 4:13-5:6
Luke 17:20-37

Friday 11/30

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Malachi 3:1-12
James 5:7-12
Luke 18:1-8



Missions

OUR DAILY BREAD

October 6th, Deb Hurd & Martha Vazquez had the honor of representing St. Paul's UMC at Our Daily Bread's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The dinner was cooked and served by the Culinary Arts students at Apollo Career Center and they did a super job.

Our Daily Bread reaches out to many in the community and we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful facility. A special thanks goes out to Randy Kimpel - Director, "Miss Sharon" Downton - Chef, and Cory, Heidi, and Justin - the Essential Kitchen Assistants.

There have been lots of new things happening at ODB. St. Rita's donated a new washer and dryer and also finished 2 new showers for the people to use at the facility. The First Church of New Knoxville donated all new tables and chairs. Thanks to both of these groups.

Some statistics from 2017 which is amazing: a total number of 40,693 meals were served at an average of 170 meals per day. An average food cost per meal was 9 cents and an average service cost per meal was \$2.95. This final figure is outstanding - the total amount of PURCHASED food for the entire year was only \$3,525.00!!!! All of the rest of the food was donated. This goes to show that we are indeed stepping up to be the hands and feet of God but providing for the hungry.

God bless all who donate or volunteer!!!!



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

A small shoe box can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Guides for how to pack a shoebox may be picked up in the church sanctuary or online at samaritanspurse.org. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. Remember to pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoebox gift. Please include a donation of \$9.00 per box to cover international shipping and other costs.

**St. Paul's Last Sunday to collect boxes is
Sunday, November 18.**

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Mission

Friday, November 30

*Contact Tim Piper if available
to volunteer to serve.*

Thank You

Thank you so much for your gift in support of Lima's Samaritan House.

God Bless,
Samaritan House Staff

Our Church History

The annual fair chairs set-up and take-down, sponsored by the Koinonia Class, was held on August 22, 2009. It takes many volunteers to do this project and we are thankful to everyone who helps with this project.

The church nursery was renovated by Steve and Tracy Sdao and Gary and Sue Adams. The Sunday School classrooms were moved and renovated. The Preschool room is next to the Pastor's Study in the education wing. The K-5th grade Sunday School classroom is next to the secretary's office at the top of the south stairs, the middle school, high school, and Discovery rooms were moved to the basement. The newly renovated Library is now located in the Narthex, thanks to Steve Moser.

Rally Day was held on September 13. The church photo albums were on display in the fellowship hall. After the worship service a carry-in lunch was served outside in our beautiful green space. Music and games were played. After lunch, many enjoyed the music of the band, "At the Cross."

Three students were confirmed by Pastor Ruth on November 1, 2009: Oliver Fessler, Torie McAdams, and Aric Thompson.

November 22 was Consecration Sunday. Steve Moser and Mindy Schultz were the special music during the service, singing "Made Me Glad." A carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all in the fellowship hall after the service.

The sanctuary and atrium were decorated beautifully for Christmas by Myrna Metzger and her helpers. On December 20, 2009, the Chancel Choir presented the cantata, "Rise Up! A New Light A-Comin." Mary Kaye Pease was the director, Lois Cook the pianist, and Marty White the narrator.

On January 11, 2010, the Puppet Ministry Team presented the show, "Love." The team consisted of Gene Craft, Oliver Fessler, Joshua Guess, Shirley Moser, Steve Moser, Corinne Piper, Steve Sdao and Tracy Sdao.



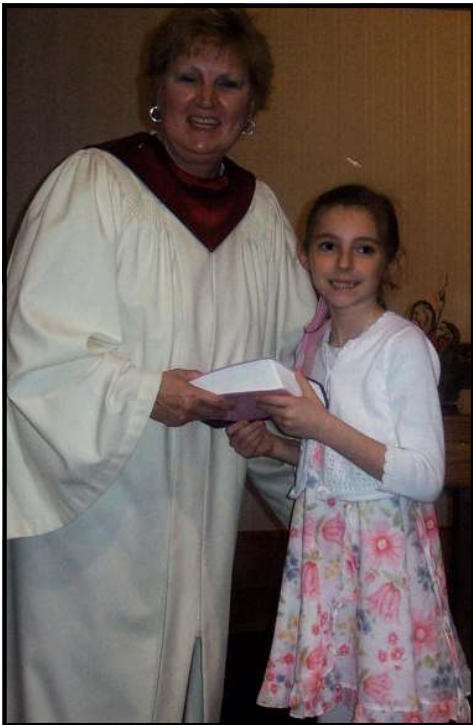
August, 2009
Nursery Renovation



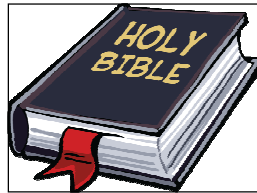
September 13, 2009
Rally Day
With the Band
"At the Cross"

Remember When...

November 9, 2008
Consecration Sunday



November 16, 2012
Makayla Bok receiving her Bible
from Jan Wyant



November 5, 2017
Choir first Sunday in new robes



Connecting With ...

Baptism of Rylan Kay McAdams was held on Sunday, October 14. Rylan is the daughter of Alex and Stacy McAdams, granddaughter of Brent and Vicki McAdams, great granddaughter of Dwain and Myrna Metzger and Ron and Kay McAdams, and niece of Torie, Reggie and Isaac McAdams.



Great Grandma Myrna holding Rylan in front of a banner that Myrna made to display for baptisms.



Seniors Day Out, October 16
Guest Speaker, John Kerns,
curator from Allen County
Museum spoke about
John Dillinger.



The Sarber
Dillinger Story
October 12, 1933

The People of St. Paul's



*To My Church Family,
Thanks to all for your well
wishes, prayers, cards and
flowers during my recent
surgery. They are all
appreciated.*

Lynda Evans

*Worship Committee,
Wanted to thank you all for
how great Holly's Baptism
went. The tech team did great
with the personal visuals.
The special anthem the choir
did was perfect.
Finally, thank you Pastor
Paul for the personal service
and meaningful words. We
appreciate everything you did
it all came together so well
and was a special day for us
and our family.*

*Thank you,
Jonathan, Chelsey, and Holly*

*Dear St. Paul's Family,
Thanks for all the cards
and well wishes.
Without your prayers I may
not be with you today.*

Dillon Staas

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Ruth Burgoon
Cyndi Guess
Phyllis Hines
Ted Lennox

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Ted Lennox
Dillon Staas

In the Military

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

Tree of Remembrance Service

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 28th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This community event is held at their Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Road, in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2:00 PM and the service will begin at 3:00 PM, being led by area clergy. Light refreshments will be served following the service at 4:00 PM.

This service is presented as a gift to our community from the Chiles-Laman families. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of which funeral home provided the services for their loved one.

There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation or for additional information, please do not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.

If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary personalized crystal ornament. Additional ornaments for loved ones who have passed away in any previous year will be available for \$25 each. To place your order, please call 419-228-5474 prior to November 30th.

Meetings

No PPR Mtg.

November 6, 2018
Trustees...7:00 PM

November 7, 2018
Worship Team..6:00 PM

November 12, 2018
Ad Council...7:00 PM

No Finance Mtg.

No Missions Mtg.

Sundays
Sunday School.9:00 AM
Prayer...9:30 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Margie Best Cody Warris	2	3 Holly Cook Jacinda Perry Dalton Poling
				4	5	6
11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy	12 Logan House	13 Dillon Staas	14	15	16 Amber Moorman	17
18 Dennis Bowsher	19 Gary Grigg	20 Rudy Segovia Marty White	21	22 Jason Lane Christie Lewis Tony Lozano Samantha Whetstone	23 Piper Kinney Tony Shoup	24
25	26	27 Terry Bok	28	29	30	





Justin & Marisa Kruse
November 4

Bruce & Tammy Segovia
November 16


Give THANKS to the LORD
 for He IS GOOD
 His LOVE endures FOREVER
Psalm 107:1

Featured Recipes

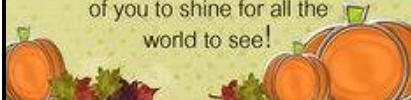
from St. Paul's Cookbook

Pumpkin Bars

By Susan Nartker

Ingredients		Instructions
4	Eggs	Beat first 4 ingredients together until light and fluffy. Sift dry ingredients together and add to pumpkin mixture and mix thoroughly.
1 2/3 cups	Sugar	
1 cup	Oil	
1 can (15oz.)	Pumpkin	
2 cups	Flour (sifted)	Spread in an ungreased 15 x 10 x 1 in. pan (Jelly roll pan). Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool.
2 tsp.	Baking Powder	Frosting: Cream the cream cheese and butter and stir in vanilla, milk, and powdered sugar.
2 tsp.	Cinnamon	
1 tsp.	Salt	Spread over cooled pumpkin bars. Serves 12 to 16.
1 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 cup each (optional)	Raisins and nuts	
	Frosting:	
3 oz.	Cream cheese (at room temperature)	
6 Tbl.	Butter or margarine (softened)	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1 1/2 cups	Powdered sugar	
1 tsp.	Milk	

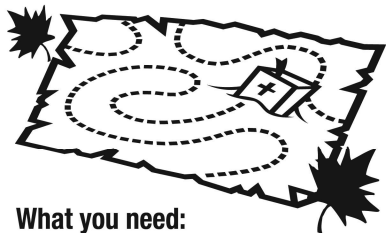
Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes off all the dirt. Then He cuts the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Last, He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see!



KIDZ KORNER

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

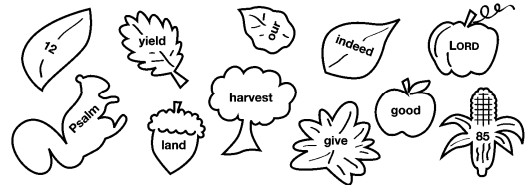
1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

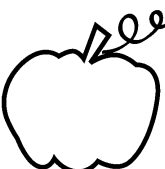
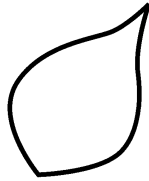
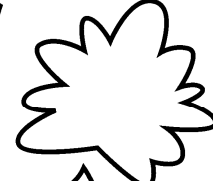


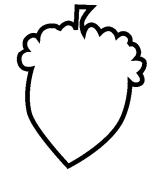

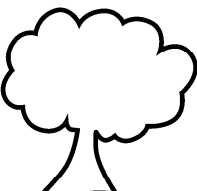
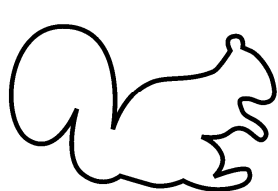
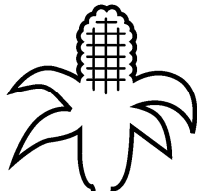



HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  
 what is , and 
 will  its .”
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

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Living Our Faith

More Than Skin Deep

Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is “the basic Christian attitude.” Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it’s a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior.

The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for “outcast.” (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well,” he uses the Greek that means “Your faith has saved you.” The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing — through faith — that his skin *and* his soul have been healed.

Little Word, Big Difference

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn’t mean you need to give thanks *for* everything. You don’t need to give thanks *for* that bad day. Or *for* that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is — you are not to give thanks *for* the difficulties but rather *in* the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks *in* everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory.

—Tony Evans

IN EVERYTHING
give *Thanks*