

# Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

1565 Chardon Road  
Euclid, Ohio 44117

216-531-1273

www.biblebaptisteuclid.com

Andrew J. Rusnacko, Pastor

5 November 2018  
#724

True  
thankfulness  
to God  
begins with  
who He is,  
not what we  
have or hope  
to receive.



## An Attitude of Gratitude

Many people are not aware of unthankful attitudes.

They do not recognize personal attitudes and types of ungratefulness; *complaining, criticalness, whining, greed, envy, revenge, anger, pouting, jealousy, etc.* Many are pragmatic and really don't believe thanksgiving is important or does any good; being spiritually deceived people continue on and suffer the consequences. The devil tried and succeeded in making Eve unthankful by convincing her to disbelieve what the Lord had said and for being ungrateful for what she did have.

In contrast to this sin of the *ungodly*, the 'fruit' of the Holy Spirit is just the opposite of an unthankful spirit ...

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance ...'* (Galatians 5:22,23)

Therefore, Christians should be so different from the world's people.

This should be apparent by an Attitude of Gratitude!



### LOWERING the Bar

"I can leap over a church steeple if I am permitted to make the church steeple low enough; and I can touch the stars, if the stars will only come down to my hand. The Philistines are quite equal to Samson, if they may only cut off Samson's locks.

So I can obey God's law, if I only make God's law what I want it to be ... the fundamental error ... is its low view of God's law; the second is its narrow conception of sin."

(If the 'bar' is lowered enough, everyone can make it!)

- Emery H. Bancroft,  
'Christian Theology'

### THANKSGIVING

"is a Remedy for depression;  
an Answer for moodiness;  
a Path to Joy; an  
Alternative for uncertainty;  
a Condition in Heaven;  
a Goal for the Christian;  
a Command for Blessing;  
a Conformity to Christ;  
a Difficulty for the ungodly;  
and  
a Necessity for SALVATION!"

- copied

### PRAYER – on What Grounds?

"To PRAY, then, in the name of Jesus Christ, means simply this – that we recognize that we have no claims whatever on God. That we have no merit whatsoever in His sight, and furthermore, that Jesus Christ has immeasurable claims on God, and has given us the right to draw near to God not on the ground of our claims, but on the ground of His claims."

- R. A. Torrey, *The Power of Prayer, and the Prayer of Power*



### CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies  
& Kids' Bible Club - 7:00 pm

November 18, ThanksGiving Services

### CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

"Christian persecution is not trouble in general. Everyone has that.

Christian persecution is trouble that you get into that you would not have gotten into, if you hadn't been a Christian."

- Vance Havner

### The Letter's New Companion

"Back in 1820, the average person in Europe wrote only three letters a year. And with good reason. Letters in those days were mailed without a cover and could be read by anyone. But William Mulready had an idea to ensure privacy – the envelope.

On a visit to France, Mulready noticed that messages to an important person often were completely enclosed in 'a little paper case ... impervious to the peering eyes of the curious.' The idea of sending letters shielded from curious eyes was an instant success. The volume of letters handled by the British postal service soared beyond anyone's expectations.

Today, there are billions of Mulready's 'little paper' envelopes safely traveling around the world."

- copied

### Quotes

"God's Commandments are a test of your will."

*'GREED wants not a car like yours, it wants your car.'*

"Discontentment is a sin that is its own punishment."

*"Thanksgiving sees the good in bad situations."*

"When you break your leg, be thankful it wasn't your neck."

*"I'm thankful as long as I get what I want."*

"You can't be critical and thankful at the same time."

"The modern American seldom pauses to give thanks for the simple blessings of life. One reason is that we are used to having so much."



MOVIE THEATRE Poster:

Warning: 'Inappropriate for children over 13.'

"Jesus Christ, our Lord, is not going to rule over any who do not willingly submit to His rule."

- A.W Tozer

### DRESSING UP FOR THE WHITE HOUSE AND DRESSING DOWN FOR GOD'S HOUSE

"On October 11, the Christian rock group *MercyMe* visited the White House to participate in President Trump's signing of the Music Modernization Act. I found it interesting that the members of the group wore traditional suits and ties for the White House, whereas they typically dress casually in God's House ...

(continued on back ...)

"Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of the LORD."

- II Chronicles 29:31

**SAVING FAITH includes ...**

**1. CONFESSION OF SIN**

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness', *1 John 1:9*

**2. TURNING FROM SIN**

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon.' *Isaiah 55:7*

**3. CALLING UPON GOD**

'For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' *Romans 10:13*

**4. CONFESSING CHRIST**

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.' *Romans 10:9*

**5. OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST**

'He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.' *Hebrews 5:9*  
'And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?' *Luke 6:46*

**6. DENIAL OF SELF**

'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.' *Matthew 16:24*

**7. TRUSTING ONLY IN JESUS CHRIST**

'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' *Acts 4:12*  
'But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.' *John 1:12*  
"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." *John 3:36*  
"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." *1 John 5:12*



**November 2018**

Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Services ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Services ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Studies ..... 7:00 p.m.



**BIBLE BAPTIST TEMPLE, 1565 Chardon Road, Euclid, Ohio 216-531-1273**

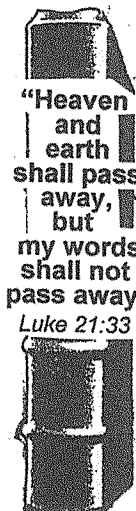
**Yes!**

**We're on the RADIO!**

Thursday Evenings @ 8:00 pm  
Friday Afternoons @ 2:00 pm  
Saturday Mornings @ 10:00 am  
Sunday Mornings @ 7:00 am

**1220 AM WHKW**

or Listen at [whkwradio.com](http://whkwradio.com)



"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."  
*Luke 21:33*

**FREE THIS & THAT From HERE & THERE**

**Slot Machines**

"Relative to other kinds of gambling ... slot machines make more money in the United States than baseball, movies, and theme parks combined." - copied

**'Selfie' Deaths**

"From 2011 to 2017, at least 259 people died while taking selfies, and those are only the ones reported in English-language news reports." - *Friday Church News Notes*

**Hinduism**

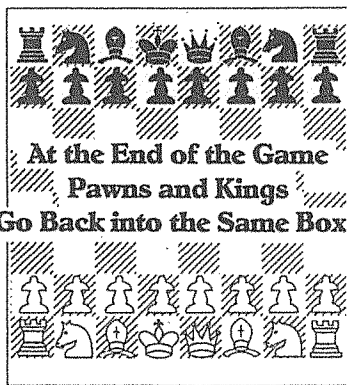
"Hinduism believes in 300,000 gods." - copied

**Longest Verse**

"The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9, which contains ninety words."

**Alabama Supreme Court**

"The Alabama Supreme Court has ruled that an unborn baby is a 'person' under the law, and, consequently, the death of that person can be punished with execution." - copied



( DRESSING UP ... continued from front ... )  
... in t-shirts, untucked shirts, jeans, cargo pants, tennis shoes, and such. I am not saying that proper church clothing is a western suit and tie; I am saying that if there is any occasion on earth for which we should 'dress up' according to the standards of our particular culture, it would be the formal assembly of God's people in the house of the living God, *1 Timothy 3:15*. Why dress up in church? To honor God! Though American society has become casual and sloppy to the extreme in my lifetime (when I was born, people still wore suits and ties and modest dresses to ball games), Americans still know what it means to 'dress up' in an honorable way. They dress up for formal weddings, meals at classy restaurants, and other occasions. The New York Philharmonic Orchestra still forbids pants on female players, and most people consider a formal concert by a major orchestra to be a special event and tend to dress up for the occasion. The West Wing White House tour 'has a business casual dress code (no shorts, jeans, t-shirts, open toed shoes, etc.)', and when meeting with the president, 'Men should wear a suit with a clean, fresh pressed shirt or khakis and a button down, also clean and pressed; guys, make sure your shoes are shined.'

The same goes for an audience with the pope: Ladies, 'modest dress covering the shoulders and the décolleté (cleavage), with the bottom edge falling below the knee; men dark suit coat and solid tie.' The contemporary crowd can laugh if they please, but I agree with the following: 'Style is the meaning.' The music, dress, and trendy look of the contemporary Independent Baptists tell us less about their view of style and so much more about their view of God. The same can be said for most events. The way we dress tells more about the way we view the event than it does about the way we view style."

- Dave Mallinak, 'Gone Contemporary,' <https://villagesmithysite.wordpress.com/18/08/31/gone-contemporary> (Friday Church News Notes, October 19, 2018 )

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 3483  
Cleveland, Ohio

Address Service Requested

place label here

**Give thanks**

"The Good Ol' Days ... 'Oh, how far we've come from the days of our grandparents, who lived through the Great Depression and World War II. Then, slogans like *Waste not, Want not* and *Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without* were necessities not just for winning a war, but surviving as a family. Then, children were told to clean their plates because somewhere in the world people were starving. The Puritan ethic reminded people to always live within their means. Envy, greed and entitlement were regarded as sins. The Founders gave us a Constitution with boundaries that restrict the power and reach of government. We have exceeded those boundaries, which is why government no longer works and we have massive debt." - Cal Thomas

**Error & Truth**

"There are areas of Christian thought ... where likenesses and differences are so difficult to distinguish that we are often hard put to it to escape complete deception. So skilled is error at imitating truth that the two are constantly being mistaken for each other. It is therefore critically important that the Christian take full advantage of every provision God has made to save him from delusion."  
- A.W. Tozer, 'Error and Truth Travel the Same Highways'