

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

THANKSGIVING WEEK | GENUINE THANKS

MONDAY

Begin with Thanks

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

1 Chronicles 16:8

"Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people."

KEY TRUTH

Genuine thanks begins by recognizing God's goodness and openly acknowledging what He has done.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! David placed thanksgiving at the beginning of Israel's song of praise. Before requests were made or problems discussed, God's people were called to remember His name and give Him thanks.

Genuine thanks is more than polite words offered once a year. It rises from a heart that recognizes every good gift has a Giver. Breath, mercy, salvation, provision, family, friendship, and another day all point us back to God.

David also joined thanksgiving with testimony: make known His deeds among the people. Gratitude grows stronger when it is spoken. Telling what God has done honors Him and helps someone else recognize His faithfulness.

Begin this special week with thanks. Before asking God for anything, name His blessings. Let gratitude become the first language of your heart and the first testimony on your lips.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read 1 Chronicles 16:7-8 aloud.**
2. **Name five gifts God has given you.**
3. **Thank Him before making any request.**
4. **Spend five quiet minutes praising His name.**
5. **Tell someone one thing God has done for you.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
- Henry Alford

"Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home."

Thanksgiving gathers God's people around the Giver and turns every blessing into praise.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Begin a gratitude conversation today. Ask someone to name one way God has been good, then share your own testimony.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for every expression of Your goodness. Forgive me for noticing burdens more quickly than blessings. Open my eyes, fill my heart with gratitude, and place a testimony of Your faithfulness on my lips. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Genuine thanks begins when we recognize that every blessing leads us back to the Giver.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Thanksgiving Week | Tuesday | Remember His Wonderful Works | 1 Chronicles 16:12 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!