

A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

THANKSGIVING WEEK | GENUINE THANKS

THURSDAY

Give Thanks unto the Lord

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

1 Chronicles 16:34

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."

KEY TRUTH

Our surest reason for thanksgiving is God's unchanging goodness and everlasting mercy.

GOOD MORNING!

Good morning! Today may bring a full table, familiar traditions, and the laughter of people we love. It may also carry grief, distance, financial pressure, or an empty place that cannot be ignored.

Scripture gives us a foundation for thanks that does not rise or fall with circumstances: the Lord is good, and His mercy endureth for ever. Our blessings may change, but His character does not.

God's mercy meets us in Jesus Christ. At the cross, our sin was answered with grace; through the empty tomb, death was answered with life. Whatever is missing today, the believer is never without a reason to give thanks.

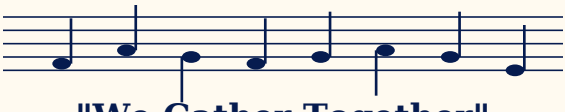
Receive this day as a gift. Honor the people around you, remember those who are absent, and make room for anyone who feels forgotten. Let every meal, memory, and act of kindness become worship to the God whose mercy never ends.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

1. **Read 1 Chronicles 16:23-36.**
2. **Thank God for His goodness and mercy.**
3. **Name one blessing at the table or in prayer.**
4. **Spend five minutes worshiping without asking.**
5. **Include or encourage someone who may feel alone.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"We Gather Together"
- Traditional Thanksgiving Hymn

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing."

Gathered or apart, God's people are united by His goodness and sustained by His mercy.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Pause during the day and invite each person to name one reason they are genuinely thankful to God.

PRAYER

Good and merciful Father, thank You for this day and every person You have placed in my life. Comfort those who grieve, provide for those in need, and draw our hearts to Jesus. May our celebration honor You, for Your mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Circumstances give us changing reasons for thanks; God's goodness gives us an everlasting one.

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 | Friday | Declare His Glory | 1 Chronicles 16:24 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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