

Prayers of the Bible: Thanksgiving and Knowledge
Eph. 1:15-23

Introduction
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This prayer begins, like most of Paul’s prayers, with some thanksgiving.

- I. Good news/bad news.
 - a. Good news – the God of Heaven wants to be known.
 - b. Bad news – the god of this world wants to blind man from spiritual revelation.
- II. This is basically one long prayer for knowledge.
 - a. Growing involves knowing.
 - i. John 17:3.
 - ii. Too many Christians have become satisfied with a superficial knowledge of God.
 - iii. Paul prays for people that are saved – that their eyes will be opened.
 - b. Knowing includes kneeling.
 - i. Knowing God is more than an academic discipline.
 - ii. Paul says to be full of the knowledge of God we must be full of the Spirit of God.
 - iii. It takes the Holy Spirit to bring insight into divine truth.
 - iv. Paul is not saying that you will get the Holy Spirit – you have already gotten that.
 - v. Eph. 1:13-14.
 - vi. He is praying that you will be open to receive the special ministry of the Holy Spirit in opening the eyes of your heart to a deeper understanding of God.
 - vii. This is our greatest need.
 - viii. Col. 1:9-10.

Conclusion
The older I get, the more I look like my grandfather.
I know my grandfather because I sat at his knee.

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Sunday Worship (10:00 & 4:00)
Sunday Bible Study (9:00)
Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)
Life Groups (Various Locations)

Ministers:

Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Elders:

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo
Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack
Lee Rogers - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Wayne Fenter

OUR MISSION

To seek and save the lost through
evangelism, benevolence, and edification.
-Luke 19:10

Worship Order – January 24, 2021

Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome: Doug Austin

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Songs: 135 – On Zion’s Glorious Summit

33 – We Praise Thee, O God

929 – This Is My Father’s World

Communion Thought: Michael Nelson

Songs: Open the Eyes of My Heart

215 – There Is a Redeemer

475 – Thank You, Lord

47 - Doxology

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Prayers of the Bible: Thanksgiving and Knowledge”

Closing Song: 1 – To God Be the Glory

Closing Prayer: Lindal Nelson

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Prayer Requests

- **Leah Williams** has returned to Lubbock for a follow-up appointment.
- **Alicia Bennett** returned home from radiation treatments in Arizona. She has a follow-up with her doctor in Albuquerque on Jan. 28th.
- **Britannie Burden** will undergo a colonoscopy tomorrow (Friday).

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal,
Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil,
Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks,
Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall,
Larry & Leah Williams,
Ray & Joanne Magness,
Sam & Pat Gentry,
Cheryl Ringheimer,
Helen Aston, Elaine Bell,
Glen & Carolyn Browning,
Britannie Burden,
Alicia Bennett, Jim West,
Geneva Fender, Pat Bowers

From the Mailbag

Dear Church Family,
We've come to the hard part where we need to have no visitors for a few months. We're going to follow our doctor's advice even though we don't really like it. We love all you folks. I hope that you can bear with us for a while till we get to the other side of things. Love you guys. -Larry & Leah Williams

Adopt a shut-in person in need

We will be starting our "adopt a shut-in" initiative this Sunday, January 24th! As we begin this new ministry, we would like to stress how important it is to use caution given our current COVID status. So many of our seniors are staying in these days and would be so encouraged by a little extra attention! Cards, phone calls, prayers and running errands are just a few ways you can bless and get to know one of our sweet shut-ins. Please consider participating in this program by "adopting" one or more individuals who could use some encouragement as you share Jesus' love with them.



Life@CCR

- **Rachel Castillo was baptized into Christ on Sunday, January 17th.** Rachel is the daughter of Delma Castillo and has been worshipping online with us for some time. Rachel is married to Lorenzo and their address is 306 E. Bonney, 88203. Welcome to the family, Rachel!
- **Don't forget, NMCCH will be by on Tuesday, February 2nd to pick up donation cans & hot cocoa mix!**
- **Former member, Lorraine Shanks is turning 100 years old on February 6th!** Lorraine now resides in Texas with her daughter, Karla Matchin. Karla and family believe that Lorraine would be thrilled to receive birthday cards from members of the church that Mutt & Lorraine attended for so many years. Here is the address to send a card: Lorraine Shanks, c/o Karla Matchin, 15455 Canterbury Forest Dr. #116, Tomball, TX 77377.

CCR Kids

Be sure & tune in each week to our CCR Kids, taking place each Saturday evening at 6 p.m. This week we will be adding "craft time with Heidi."

The kids will need the following items to participate:
Pencil, paper, salt, glue (not glue stick), water, watercolors (or food coloring).

Some craft projects will be packets that you will need to pick up from the church, but this week will simply be items easily found around the house.
Hope you can join us!

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob Puckett

Men on Duty: S.C. Morrow, John Matta, Brandon Cometti, Mark Pantuso, Tom Shaffer, Bill Steinruck, Marco Ramirez

Greeters: Jerry & Mary Salyards, Bill & Samantha Steinruck

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

24 th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM or Facebook Live. Olga Mary Vasquez's b-day.
25 th	Ashley Meadows & Mark Woody's b-day.
26 th	Mireya Lopez's b-day.
27 th	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m. on Facebook Live. Mary Joy's b-day.
28 th	Betty Ullery & Billie Richards' b-day.
29 th	Korina Enriquez's b-day.
30 th	Cecilia Contreras' b-day.

Pantry Items Needed: Canned meat, canned soup, cereal, jelly, pinto beans

NMCCH Need: Hot cocoa

Life Group Questions

Text: Eph. 1:15-23

1. We explored a crisis within one of our families with these three questions:
 - a. What was going through your mind?
 - b. What are you grateful for?
 - c. How has the challenge changed you?

Explore how you have answered those questions in the midst of your own challenges and trials? How were you impacted by the story you heard during the first part of the sermon?

2. Has the church become satisfied with a superficial knowledge of God? Why or why not? If yes, how do we gain a deeper knowledge?
3. How does being full of the Spirit help us know God?
4. How does prayer help us know God better?