



PARIS TN

**THEME FOR 2023: "O to be Like Thee" 1 Peter 1:7**

**O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD**

**by Josh Manning**

As we all well know, it is November, the season of Thanksgiving. And we have been thinking about why it is that we should work diligently to be individuals characterized by thankfulness. Today we are going to begin with a verse we used recently: 1 Chronicles 16:34 tells us, "*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*"

When we look at this verse and contemplate the reasons we have to engage in thanksgiving, the answer we are given is this: God is good. From a human point of view, this logic might seem odd or even counterintuitive. When we think about our reasons for being thankful, we often begin contemplating ourselves and our own circumstances. It goes something like this, "I am thankful because I have..." or "I am thankful because I am..." However, what the Bible teaches us is that in order for us to be truly thankful people, we have to learn how to think less of ourselves and more of God. The Bible leads us to think in this way: "I am thankful because God..."

There are two ideas that are repeated throughout the Bible that are tied to this idea of finding reasons for giving thanks in God. First, we should be thankful for Who God is. Second, we should be thankful for what God has done. Both of these ideas come from the sentiments expressed in 1 Chronicles 16:34, "*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!*" His character is good, and His actions are good. Not only *have* they been good, but they will *remain* good forever.

What are some ways that we can see that God is good? Well, His is a character and heart defined by love: "*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love*" (1 John 4:7-8). But He is more than a single positive attribute. Ours is a holy God: "*And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!'"* (Isaiah 6:3). Could we find any other things that help us see that God is good? Of course! But in order to catalogue all His goodness, it would require a rather lengthy book. One comes to mind.

Now let's take a moment to think about the good things that God has done. Immediately we contemplate that everything God creates is "good" (Genesis 1). Then we remember the goodness of His word that He has given to us: "*Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law*" (Psalm 119:18). Next, we meditate on words like covenant, promises, redemption, salvation, faithfulness, and presence. The Bible is a revelation of the good works of our good God! Are not the works of God reasons enough to give thanks?

Finally, practically speaking, there is a transformation of goodness that occurs within our lives when we draw near to our good God (cf. 1 Peter 1:15-16; Romans 12:1-2). When we follow and serve this good God, as His character and His actions are good, we become like Him in His attributes of goodness and His deeds of love and holiness. In fact, it is only through faith that we have any claim to goodness at all, both now and in eternity. "*Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!*" (1 Chronicles 16:8).

**Elders**

Josh Coleman  
Steve Delaney  
John McDavid  
Rudy Peoples  
Michael Williams

**Evangelists**

Josh Manning  
Ethan Schulte

**Prison Minister**

Ricky Lomax

**Deacons**

Craig Brown	Brian Foster
Phillip Brown	Billy Hensley
Troy Buttrey	Adam Killion
Bob Comer	Will Little
Jon Davidson	Mike McDaniel
Philip Davidson	Jason Smith
Levi Dodd	Lance Winders

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday AM Bible Study-9:30am  
Worship-10:30am  
Sunday PM Worship-6:00pm  
Wednesday AM Adult Bible Study-10:00  
Wednesday PM Bible Study-7:00

Live Radio Broadcast-10:30am  
AM 1000, 97.5 FM

Spectrum-Channel 195  
Sunday @ 9:00am

Live Streaming Youtube.com  
Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM,  
Wednesday 7:00 PM

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**HEAR THE GOSPEL ON  
CABLE TV AND SATELLITE  
EACH SUNDAY**

**Charter / Spectrum Cable:**

6:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-  
Channel 15  
7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way-  
Channel 13  
7:30am Preaching the Gospel-  
Channel 13

**WBBJ-TV/CBS-Charter Channel 708**

7:00am A Bible Answer

**Dish TV 58 & Direct TV-Channel 30:**

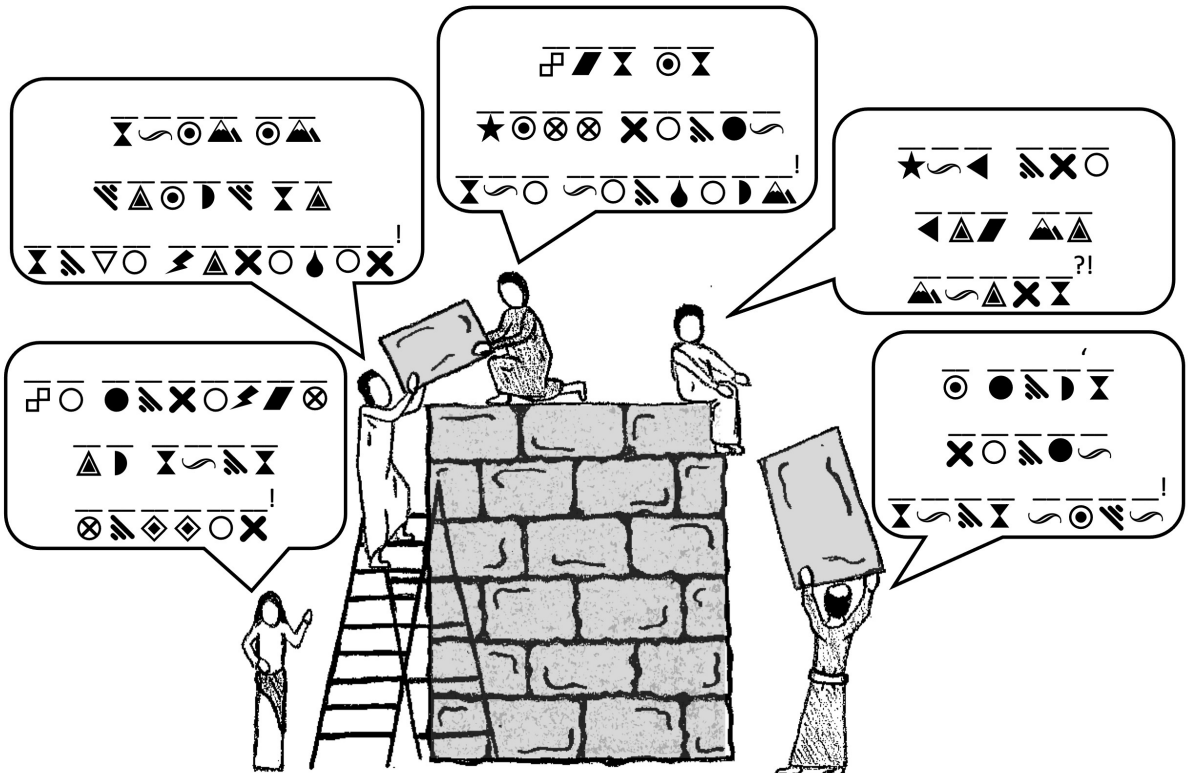
7:00am In Search of the Lord's Way  
7:30am Preaching the Gospel  
8:00am Good News Today

STATE OF THE YOUTH

# Tower of Babel

The people wanted to make a large tower to show their mighty works. God did not want them to do that, so He confused their language. Can you decode the words to see what the people are saying?

A	B	C	D
⚡	◻	●	◊
E	F	G	H
○	⚡	⚡	⤿
I	J	K	L
◎	*	▽	⊗
M	N	O	P
↑	☾	△	♥
Q	R	S	T
■	×	▲	⌵
U	V	W	X
⚡	💧	★	😊
Y	Z		
◀	◻		



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Youth Devotional:** November 26th at Laura Wynn’s home; 16970 Hwy 69 North/ Cottage Grove. Guys bring drinks/ Girls bring desserts.

**Dorcas Meeting:** Tuesday, November 28th, 6:30-8:00PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Shopping Trip:** December 2nd, at 9:30 AM will leave the building. Bring money for lunch & any personal spending.

**Youth Trip:** Discovery Park, December 16th, 2023.

**Evangelism University 2024 (EU): “LOOK UP”** January 12-14th, Savannah, TN. Cost \$45. (due at Sign-up)

**CYC 2024 at Pigeon Forge: “FAMILY”** February 23-25th. For all 6th—12th Graders. Sign-up through December 6th, Cost is \$40 (due at sign-up).

## BIRTHDAYS

Charles Atkins  
Evie Figurelli

November 26  
December 2

Parker Powell  
Taylor Little

December 28  
January 9

**OUR ATTITUDE**

Sunday AM Bible Study.....	161
Sunday AM Worship.....	193
Sunday PM Worship.....	105
Wednesday PM Bible Study.....	—
This week's contribution.....	\$7,192
Weekly Budget.....	\$8,506

**FOOD PANTRY**

Canned Beef, Canned Ham,  
Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups,  
Canned Fruit, Jelly and Peanut Butter

**SUNDAY A.M.**

Announcements  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Closing Prayer  
Communion &  
Contribution

**NOVEMBER 26**

John McDavid  
Max Henry  
Hunter Bethune  
Josh Coleman  
  
Steve Durham

**DECEMBER 3**

Rudy Peoples  
Dan Patterson  
Logan Davidson  
Steve Delaney  
  
Will Little

**SUNDAY P.M.**

Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Communion &  
Contribution  
Closing Prayer

**NOVEMBER 26**

Matt Ellis  
Javan Winders  
Bill DeWees  
Gavin Watkins

**DECEMBER 3**

Mark Brown  
Patrick Peale  
  
Jason Smith  
Troy Buttrey

**WEDNESDAY**

Song Leader  
Invitation  
Closing Prayer

**NOVEMBER 29**

Philip Davidson  
Josh Manning  
Charles Clark

**DECEMBER 6**

Billy Hensley  
Rudy Peoples  
Gary Steele

**BOYS TO PICK-UP CARDS**

Wednesday, November 29th: Charles Atkins and Ty Davidson  
Wednesday, December 6th: Gavin Wynn and James Wilson

**DECEMBER**

**USHERS:** Levi Dodd / Brad Smith  
**EAST SIDE DOOR:** Adam Killion  
**CONTROL ROOM VIDEO:** Philip Davidson  
**BENEVOLENCE:** Jason Smith / Lance Winders

**KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Josh Coleman:** home, recovering after a splenectomy;  
4401 Elkhorn Road / Paris

**Valerie Wynn:** diagnosed with Breast Cancer, scheduled  
to see an Oncologist; 17095 Hwy 69N/ Cottage Grove TN  
38224

**Stan Summers:** (Mary Lynn Summers son) has been diag-  
nosed with small cell carcinoid colon cancer. Will see On-  
cologist at Vanderbilt on December 13th. Prayers please;  
250 Whitehead Lane / Paris

**Linda Steele:** (Valerie Wynn's step-mother) is at MCCH  
with complications of COPD.

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mike Bryson                                  Jo Stainsby  
Leon and Carolyn Bumpus      Marcia Wimberley  
Buddy Goad  
Zet Presson  
Peggy Shepherd  
Jim & Darla Russell  
Ray Tucker  
Javan Winders  
Dale & Kathy McCant  
Claire Mayberry

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Taylor Little, Sophie Taylor, Evangeline  
Atkins, Will Little and Ethan Schulte for coming to my  
house and raking my yard. I appreciate it so much. Polly  
Arnold

**BAPTISM**

We rejoice with Jonathan Phillips and his decision to be  
baptized into Christ Jesus, November 21st, 2023.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIA Team 4:** Barbara McDavid will be handing out assignments.

**Office Closed:** Thursday & Friday, November 23rd-24th for the Thanksgiving Day observance.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Break-Fasting and Prayer, Saturday, December 2nd at 8:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal:** December 6th, Team A, will be providing the meal in the Multi-Purpose Room at 5:45 PM. (Danette Delaney's group)

**Deacons Budget Worksheets:** have been placed in each deacon's mailbox to assist in preparing the 2024 committee budgets. Budgets for 2024 are due on December 10th.

**Mighty Oaks Potluck and Dirty Santa Party:** December 14th in the Multi-purpose Room at Noon for lunch and a gift exchange that costs no more than \$20.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 26:** FIA Team 4 Barbara McDavid will be handing out assignments

Youth Devotional Hosted by Laura Wynn  
Guys bring drinks/Girls bring desserts

**November 28:** Dorcas Meeting 6:30PM-8:00PM, MPR

**December 2:** Youth Shopping Trip Meet at the church building at 9:30 AM, bring money for lunch and any personal spending.

Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 AM-9:30 AM in MPR

**December 3:** FIA Team 1

**December 6:** Fellowship Meal Team A, MPR at 5:45 PM (Danette Delaney's Group)

CYC Sign-up and pay \$40 by today

**December 10:** FIA Team 2

**December 14:** Mighty Oaks Potluck & Dirty Santa Party  
For lunch at 12:00 PM, \$20 gift limit in MPR

**December 16:** Youth Trip to Discovery Park

**December 17:** Eiffel Gardens Singing at 2:00 PM

Christmas Fruit Plates to be delivered by FIA Teams 3 & 4

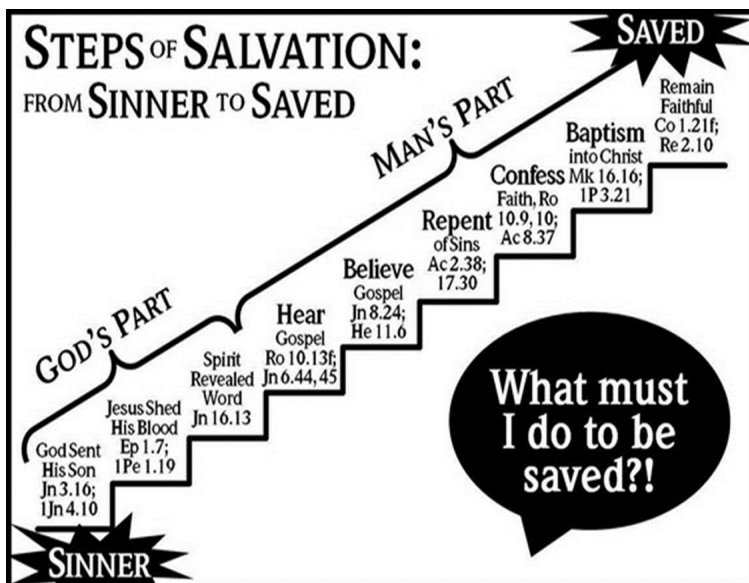
Youth Devotional

**December 19:** Adult Ladies Ornament Party @ 6:00 PM at Danette Delaney's home. Bring an ornament and finger food

**December 20:** Fellowship Meal Team B, MPR at 5:45 PM.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve PM Service will be at 3:00 PM

**December 25:** Office Closed for Christmas Day



## ELDER'S CORNER

**REMINDER:** The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, the elders would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.