

## FATHER WON'T LIKE IT

One day a young man was driving a tractor with a trailer loaded with grain to the market. He came around a corner too fast causing his trailer of grain to tip over. A farmer was watching nearby and asked the boy to come into his house for lunch. The young man replied, "my father won't like it."



The farmer insisted and told him it would not take too long and afterwards he would help the young man reload the grain onto his trailer. The young man agreed and went into the house for lunch. The lunch was wonderful and was exactly what he needed. When the farmer and young man went out of the house, the farmer asked him why he said his dad wouldn't like for him to eat lunch at his house.

The young man replied, "Well, my father is under the trailer!"

## TWO COWBOYS BRAGGING

Two cowboys set out-brag each other on how big their property is. One puffed out his chest and said, "I guess I've about 1,000 acres of land. How big is your spread?"



The other cowboy stated, "I rightly don't know. I get up into my pickup in the morning and travel until evening and I am still on my property."

The first cowboy stated, "Yep, I once had a pickup like that!"

## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS



## QUITTING COLD TURKEY

As Thanksgiving approached and the family made plans for all coming home, they decided it was time to intervene with their father's 'Dad jokes'. They told him to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes thinking this would be a good start.



"Fine", he responded, "but don't expect me to quit cold turkey!"

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*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

## Quit Supposin'

Don't start your day by supposin'  
That trouble is just ahead,  
It's better to stop supposin'  
And start with a prayer instead.

And make it a prayer of thanksgiving  
For the wonderful things God has  
wrought,  
Like the beautiful sunrise and sunset,  
God's gifts that are free and not  
bought.

Instead of just idle supposin'  
Step forward to meet each new day  
Secure in the knowledge God's near  
you

to lead you each step of the way.

So if you desire to be happy  
And get rid of the misery of dread  
Just give up supposin' the worst things  
And look for the best things instead.

~ Helen Steiner Rice

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Where Christ is cherished, family is  
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**Thot:** "Be thankful for the providence which has made you poor, or sick, or sad; for by all this Jesus works the life of your spirit and turns you to Himself."

~ Charles Spurgeon



**Sunday, 11 a.m. Services.**

**20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario**

## FORGETTING SOMETHING?

A farmer was showing his visiting city-dwelling friend around his farm. "Watch this!" he said. He gave a whistle and his little dog came running from the house, herded all the cattle into the corral, then latched the gate with her paw. "Yah, I'm really thankful for that dog!"

The friend asks, "Wow, that's some dog — what's her name?"

The forgetful farmer thought for a minute and then asked, "What do you call that red flower that smells good and has thorns on the stem?"

His friend replies, "A rose?"

"That's it!" The farmer turned to his wife. "Hey Rose, what do we call this dog?"



### Something to Think About...

*"I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." ~ Psalm 34:1*

Are you thankful to the Lord, blessing the Lord at all times under all circumstances? It's sometimes hard to comprehend how we can always truly have an attitude of gratitude. There's a funny story that perhaps puts our thankful hearts into perspective for us.

Serving a church in a distressed part of the city, a minister is counselling a man who complains, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in just one room. What can I do?" The minister, recently having moved from a rural church, advises, "Get a goat and take it into the room with you." The man in incredulous, but does as the minister suggests. A week later the man comes back looking more distraught than ever. "We can't stand it," he says. "The goat is filthy." The minister then tells him, "Go home and get rid of the goat and I'll see you in a week." A radiant man returns a week later, exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat — only the nine of us."

How many of us know how to be truly thankful in the face of the trials and tribulations of life that often confront us? The Apostle Paul, having experienced so many tribulations was yet able to testify, *"I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need"* (Philippians 4:11-12).

It's not only the Apostle Paul, but many powerhouses of the faith have preceded us having realized the importance of mastering thankfulness. How much more should we in our present age who have so much more than they have thankful hearts! And not only on one day a year set aside as Thanksgiving. We have the opportunity each day to practice being thankful! If you're struggling today, practice praising God in thankfulness for all the

good things He's done and that He has never abandoned you! He deserves all of our praise regardless of our circumstance! Though there are times when we experience lows in our lives — physically, emotionally, and spiritually — we must never lose heart but hold to the faith that has been given to us and to the life we have received in Jesus Christ.

God sent His Son, Jesus to save His people from their sins and to redeem them back into fellowship with their Creator. But Jesus faced hardships again and again. Even as an infant, Jesus was forced to flee with Mary and Joseph to a foreign land because the king, Herod, was looking for this child to destroy him out of fear and spite (Matthew 2:13-15). God had provided for them, however, through the gifts of the magi who had visited the baby in Bethlehem. And God also provided for Jesus as He was in the wilderness facing temptation from Satan so that Jesus could rebuke the enemy, saying, *"It is written..."* and hold on through the Word of God. As we trust in God, we find we're unable to resist bringing Him praise.

Consider the reasons why we should praise God — He's full of glory, wise and powerful, able to meet all our needs, merciful and faithful, and so much more. To try to list all the things God has done is impossible, but it is a wonderful exercise because it turns our hearts back to Him and keeps us mindful of how much we owe Him.

That's why we're told to have praise continually in our mouths, coming from our lips and filling our hearts. In the midst of whatever battle we may be facing, we're to interrupt the temporal with the eternal value of worship giving God our thankful hearts and filling our lives with praise to our Father. As we fear the Lord more than our circumstances and put our trust in our heavenly Father's goodness for all things, we know who we are in Christ. And as servants of the Lord our God, that ought to make us want to bless the Lord. This year, go ahead and gather with family, enjoy the blessings you have received with thankful hearts, and bless the Lord. Though many choose not to praise Him now, a day is coming when every knee shall bow and tongue confess the praises of God (Philippians 2:10-11).

### Mark Your Calendar!

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:30 p.m. Godwinks' Café  
**Women's Mission Encounter Group**

October 6<sup>th</sup> — Communion

Message: **"We Shall Follow Jesus"**

October 12<sup>th</sup> — Men's Breakfast

**Saturday at 8:30 a.m.**

**Special Guest — Wayne Kent**

October 13<sup>th</sup> — Thanksgiving Service

October 20<sup>th</sup> — Praise Service

**Special music**

Wayne, Wendy & Grace

**Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.**

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

**Message Series...**

**Pursuing God's Wisdom  
With Praise & Thankful Hearts**

**Come and join us!**