

## Count Your Blessings!

The statement, "count your blessings" may seem overused and over worn, but is it? Blessings are a commodity that we should all be aware of, or we may live and die in misery never having known what it means to be truly happy. Those who count their blessings are more inclined to be happy, secure in their relationships with Christ and Christians, and more focused on serving others rather than on how unfortunate they perceive their own condition to be. Perhaps one reason many people seem unaware of their blessings is because they do not know what they are. The popular idea of a blessing is that it is something pleasant and desirable. In truth, many things that we desire and that bring us pleasure are not blessings (Heb. 11:25-26; Jas. 1:14-16). If this is our perception of a blessing, we will not take time to count our blessings because we are having too much fun wallowing like pigs in the mire (2 Pet. 2:22).

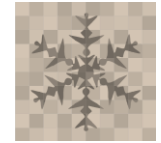
The Beatitudes are blessings (Mat. 5:3-12). The word translated "blessed" in most translations also means "happy." None of the Beatitudes, all of which deal with our attitudes toward God, others, and ourselves, are commonly sought after to make one happy. We must recondition our thinking to understand that true blessings do not necessarily come from pleasure and from always getting what we want, or lasting happiness will always be beyond our grasp. The apostles found cause to rejoice in suffering shame for Christ (Acts 5:41). Christians are instructed to rejoice when they are made to suffer like Jesus did, and to be happy (blessed) when they are reproached for His name (1 Pet. 4:13-14). Blessings often come in the form of things that must be endured because they are uninvited (Jas. 1:12). They come from things that bring us present suffering so that we might enjoy future bliss (Heb. 12:11). They come from serving others rather than from being served (Mat. 25:34-40). They come from hearing and obeying the word of God (Lk. 11:28; Rev. 1:3). They come from giving rather than receiving (Acts 20:35). They come from being in Christ (Eph. 1:3) and from doing His work (Jas. 1:25; Rev. 22:14). Those who see blessings in this way will always be aware of them, will never cease to count them, and will pass from this life with joy because they understand what true happiness is.

-- Randy



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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study (for all ages)</b>
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>Worship Assembly</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Youth Bible Gathering</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>

**Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth**  
**Preacher: Randy Matheny**

## Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Serving Today

Announcer:	Dick
Song Leader:	David N.
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer:	Don
Table:	Allan
Serving:	Don, Chuck, Jim, Dave H., sub: Doug
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prayer:	Chuck
Scripture:	Doug
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Jim

### Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Dick
Song Leader:	Allan
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer:	Dave H.
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Rod

### Wednesday Night Song Leaders

2/7 - Rod  
2/14 - Dave  
2/21 - Allan  
2/28 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery                               | Jack Wyatt           |
| Ken Thomas                             | Jim Metts            |
| Irene Schmidt                          | Milly Park           |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer             | Paul and Linda Smith |
| Tom and May Seigworth                  | Rod Thomas           |
| Kevin Hughes                           | Betty Hughes         |
| Norma Thomas                           | June Rhines          |
| Linda Reichart                         | Adam Neill           |
| Mike LaVan                             | Florence Homolek     |
| Tim and Mary Ann Chilton               | Justin Seigworth     |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer  |                      |
| Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson |                      |
| Matthew and Michael LaVan              |                      |



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

## Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Courtney Wahls, the friend of Collin in the accident, is now home recuperating. She is still in pain.
- There will be a ladies’ Bible class tomorrow evening from 6:30 – 8:00 at Pam’s home. Ladies of ALL ages are welcome to attend.
- Valentine boxes will be assembled this afternoon at 2:00 here at the church. All are welcome to come and help!
- Please make plans to attend the Gospel meeting here at Brookville on April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> with Mr. Willie Franklin. Please start inviting family and friends so they can mark it on their calendars too!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



2/16 – Brian and Stacy Fiscus  
 Ryan and Megan Burley  
 2/17 – Linda Reichart

### Memory Verses of the Week:

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain.

I Corinthians 15:1-2

### Bible Question of the Week:

Which NT Christian loved to have preeminence and did not receive his fellow brothers?

### Last Week’s Question and Answer:

Which of the seven churches in Revelation did the Lord not commend?

Laodicea, Rev. 3:14-22

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A child was watching his mother delete e-mail messages from her in-box.

“This reminds me of the Lord’s Prayer,” the child said.

“What do you mean?” asked the mother.

“Oh, you know. That part that says, ‘Deliver us from e-mail.’”