



By Joshua Fowler

Confidence in Troubled Times

A psalm of David when he fled from his son Absalom.

¹Lord, how my foes increase! There are many who attack me. ²Many say about me, “There is no help for him in God.” ³But You, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the One who lifts up my head. ⁴I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me from His holy mountain. ⁵I lie down and sleep; I wake again because the Lord sustains me. ⁶I am not afraid of the thousands of people who have taken their stand against me on every side. ⁷Rise up, Lord! Save me, my God! You strike all my enemies on the cheek; You break the teeth of the wicked. ⁸Salvation belongs to the Lord; may Your blessing be on Your people.

Psalm 3

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning
Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening
Worship – 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening
Bible Study – 6:30 PM

It is the Lord's desire that we love one another. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come to worship. May we all be blessed as we praise God. Thank you for being our guest at the Goodwood Boulevard church of Christ.

Order of Worship

AM

419 – Lord, We Come Before Thee
Now

528 – Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow

Prayer

Acts 23:9-11

Come to the Table

Communion

244 – Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Acts; Trial and Glory

874 – Jesus Is Lord

400 – Living By Faith

Prayer

PM

95 – Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

53 – At Calvary

Prayer

Hosea 3:1-5

111 – Come, We That Love
the Lord

125 – Do You Know My Jesus?

Boundless; Compassion and Grace

103 – Come To Jesus

137 – Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/1 ----- Young at Heart Dinner
- 12/10 ----- Christmas Party
- 12/15 ----- Youth Group Party
- 12/16 ----- Ladies Night Out
- 12/17 ----- The Nutcracker

Visit our website for a complete list of
upcoming events and information

www.goodwoodchurch.org

Giving Thanks Isn't Always Easy

“In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB).

If I take what the apostle Paul wrote here about giving thanks too literally, then I might appear a little nutty to some folks. So, it is a good idea to put it into context. In fact, let's look at what Paul wrote just before this: “Rejoice always; pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17). Always rejoicing, always praying, giving thanks in everything frankly seems impossible if taken literally. If that is what Paul says I must do in order to follow Christ then I am not sure if I can even come close to the standard.

So, is Paul being literal here? I think the answer is both “yes” and “no”. When a friend or loved one dies, when I am enduring a trying medical diagnosis, when I see people gunned down at a concert or while gathering for worship on Sunday...rejoicing and thanksgiving won't be my first impulses. Praying, yes, rejoicing, no.

When life isn't just throwing curve balls that are hard to hit, but bean balls aimed at your noggin, it's hard to give thanks. When the hurricanes and floods come (metaphorically or physically), rejoicing, and thanksgiving, and sometimes (if we are honest) even praying can become difficult. So, is Paul just some super disciple who always rises above worry, pain, and trial to give thanks in everything? Does he expect that of me too? The answer is “yes” and “no”.

Paul suffered for the cause of Christ in unimaginable ways and he stayed constantly concerned for the churches he had established (2 Corinthians 11:23-29). He wasn't always literally rejoicing, literally praying without ceasing, or literally giving thanks in everything. However, it is clear from multiple Scriptures that these things were his goal and his desire, and more often than not a reality in his life. If we could actually count the times he rejoiced, prayed, and gave thanks we would surely see a life dedicated to these things.

My grandfather and grandmother Gunnells lost their youngest child in a tragic accident when he was only three years old. There was no rejoicing at the loss. There was no thanksgiving for the accident. There were many prayers of frustration and lament, and for comfort and peace. As time went on, the pain lingered but their hearts also turned toward a new day. When my grandmother was near death herself, after battling cancer, her heart was turned toward seeing her young, innocent son once more. She knew he was safe in the arms of Jesus and she longed to see him again. The blood of Jesus led her to rejoice, to give thanks, and to pray without ceasing to the One in whom she had placed her trust to redeem her pain.

When I struggle with doubt and find myself down and out for what I do not have or what I have lost, I will often list out my blessings. When I do, I can rejoice. When I think honestly of what the Lord has done for me and what He has promised, I can give thanks in everything and my prayers never cease.

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A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19

NEW REQUESTS

MONDAY

Philippians 4:1-9
Recent Requests

- ***Tais Abranches and family** are in need of prayers
- ***Paige Phillips** is home recovering from extensive surgery.
- ***Lisa Pickett** will be having eye surgery in December.
- ***Gracie Robinson** is in need of your prayers.

TUESDAY

Colossians 1:11-20
Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins

- *Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- *Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

WEDNESDAY

Colossians 3:5-24; 4:1
Those with serious/ongoing health issues

Rose & Adam Butler, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Grant Hitt, Carolyn Howard, Cherry McCullough, Paige Phillips, Lisa Pickett, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother, Jackie Reed, Faith Vallery, Joyce Watson, Shirley Young

THURSDAY

1 Thessalonians 1:3-10
Our Other Friends and Family

Niles Bartholomew, Lea Ann Cavalier, Brenda Clayton, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Hailey Decker, Kay Doiron, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Ellen Garver, Harlan Gilbert, Grace Gray, Karen Hanks, Rondo Johnson, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Doug Langois Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bob Plunket, Bryan Austin Plunket, Felicia Plunket, George Plunket, Jan Plunket, Candi Prejean, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Tylene Ruckstuhl, Louise Savoy, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis

FRIDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Our Partners in the Gospel

Santiago Bonilla
Candido Huete
Mario Olguin
Martin Sierra

Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community

David Ecuyer, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

SATURDAY

1 Thessalonians 5:1-24

- *Parents and students in schools
- *City, State and National elected leaders



Our **Young at Heart Holiday Dinner** is Friday, **December 1st**, at **6:00 PM** in the BOB. You can call the office to let us know if you plan to attend or sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. Please plan on joining us for some holiday fun and wonderful fellowship! P.S.-We need youth group volunteers for service and entertainment See the office for details

Mark Your Calendars!! We will be having our Christmas Service Project and Our Congregational Christmas Party on **Dec. 10th**. We will meet in the BOB from **3:30pm to 5:30pm** that day to decorate cookies and wrap presents. Our Christmas party will begin after evening services. Bring your family and your favorite finger food. Details will follow regarding the Service Project.

We will have a **Youth Group Christmas Party** on Friday, **December 15th at 6:30pm** the Hitt's House. Bring a \$10 gift per person for a Gift Exchange Game. Boys bring drinks, Girls bring dessert and the meal will be provided.

Ladies, Our Ladies Night Out Holiday Party will be hosted by Karen Lackie, on **Dec. 16th at 6:30pm**. Please bring a wrapped scarf to exchange and your favorite appetizer.

It is that time of year again for a holiday classic, **The Nutcracker**. Come join us on **Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 pm** to see this wonderful ballet performed by the Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre. Tickets are \$27.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board and give your money to Myla Phillips by **Sunday, December 3**. She will be ordering all tickets so we can sit together as a group. She **must be paid first**; no money, no ticket!

Two of our youth will be performing in the Nutcracker this year. Anna Baumgartner will perform on **Saturday, December 16 at 2 pm**. If you cannot make the Sunday performance, try to go to the Saturday performance to see Anna. Megan Andrews will be performing on Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm.

Help us express our love to these lovely young ladies by attending a performance or just encouraging them with a word or two of support.

If you have any special needs (including sermon CD/DVD requests), please fill out one of the cards located on the back of the pew with the necessary information and pass it to the inner aisle for pick-up.

How Are We Doing?
November 12, 2017

Sunday AM Bible Class.....106
Sunday AM Attendance.....157
AM Average for Year150
Sunday Contribution\$4,958
Average for Year\$5,152

Elders: Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie, Tommy Phillips **Deacons:** David Andrews, Todd Bell, Bobby Chelette, Jack James, Pat McGibboney, Bert Ruckstuhl, Mitchell Smith, Joshua Young **Ministers:** Joshua Fowler, Jay Plunket **Secretaries:** Heather Fowler, Tara Hitt