

The Messenger

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Psalm 103

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his
benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your
diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you
with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are
oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people
of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse, now will he keep his anger
forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our
our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we
are dust.
- As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like
a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place
knows it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness
to children's children,
- ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his
commandments.
- ¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,

and his kingdom rules over all.

- ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.
- ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
- ²² Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. (NRSV)

If you have been in the stores you have noticed that Thanksgiving has been all but overlooked. Christmas, because of its commercial power, is already being pushed. Noticeably absent are the paper pilgrims that used to decorate the stores not too many years ago. Now as soon as the big push to buy costumes and candy is over, out comes the commercialization of Christmas. We are bombarded with Santa Claus and snowmen.

But as believers, shouldn't we be focusing our thoughts upon the goodness of God and offering our gratitude to Him for who He is and for all He has done for us? Someone has called Psalm 103 David's "Hallelujah Chorus." Notice how he addresses his own soul. In this "song" we see that he is actually reminding himself to praise the Source of his blessings. Here are some suggestions for ways we can join him. This Thanksgiving purposefully:

Be aware – Don't forget all His benefits.

Be grateful – Have a thankful spirit at all times.

Be vocal - Tell someone. Sing His praises at every opportunity. Bless someone else by sharing how God has blessed you.

Be consistent – Make sure to make it a part of your everyday experience.

Before the Christmas rush gets started, how about we take the time and just praise the Lord. He's been so faithful.

Pastor Becky

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 – Tom Moore
 11 – Frank Easterday
 12 – Teresa Boye
 Linda Fregeau
 15 – Janice O’Lynn
 Nick Kiser
 16 – Sherry Chapman
 Harry Friedman
 Michael Romano
 18 – Dave & Linda Fregeau
 Carl Logan



21 – Pastor Van Garner
 25 – Jamie Lorenson
 26 – Butch & Janet Heath
 Betty Jean Willie
 Keith Wills
 27 – Rich & Denise
 Ballentine
 Mitchell Irvin
 30 – Doretta Parker



November Calendar

9 – Busy Hands Packing Party
 13 – District NMI Family Fall Festival
 16 – Church Board Meeting
 25 – Thanksgiving Day
 27 – Hanging of the Greens



Prayer Needs

The Bowersox Family
 Perry Souzis
 Jeff Clark
 June Carsey
 Shelby Pickett
 Rev. Greg Story, D.S.
 Paul Jones
 Dorothy & Laurel Chapman
 Louis Perez
 Kenny & Gail Goodman
 Unsaved Loved Ones

Tammy Denney
 Wendy & Emily Horvath
 Mitchell Irvin
 Drew Baker
 Elis Lodge
 Eileen Massett
 Tom Blakeman
 Paul & Grace Boling
 The Monroe Family
 Eileen Jennings
 Those affected negatively by Covid

Tammy Joslin
 Patrick Lindsey
 Jeffrey Hailey
 Greg Atkins
 Lisa Koch
 Ernie Rybold
 Joseph Groves
 Lorraine Jungles
 The Garner Family
 Doug Keuther

Van Skyver Family
 Darlene Roach
 Dave Smith
 Anna Marie Anderson
 Cindy Jones’ son
 Misty Burris
 Regina Williams & Fam
 Youth & Children Min.
 Our District Family
 The Church Roof
 Tom & Marjean Cunningham



Busy Hands

Tues., Nov. 9 - 9:00 A.M.
 Packing Party for Samaritan’s
 Purse boxes 11:00 A.M.



Hanging of the Greens

Sat., Nov. 27
 9 A.M.

Lunch following the decorating



NMI FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
Mission Extravaganza
NOV. 13 2021 AT LPC3 (10:00am-2:00pm)

Live Music
Taste of International Foods
Africa W&W Rollout

Harvest Home 2021

We are currently accepting donations of non-perishable food items for families in need this Thanksgiving. We will be distributing the food on Monday, November 22.

Place the items you bring in a bag and mark it “Harvest Home” and put it in the fellowship hall