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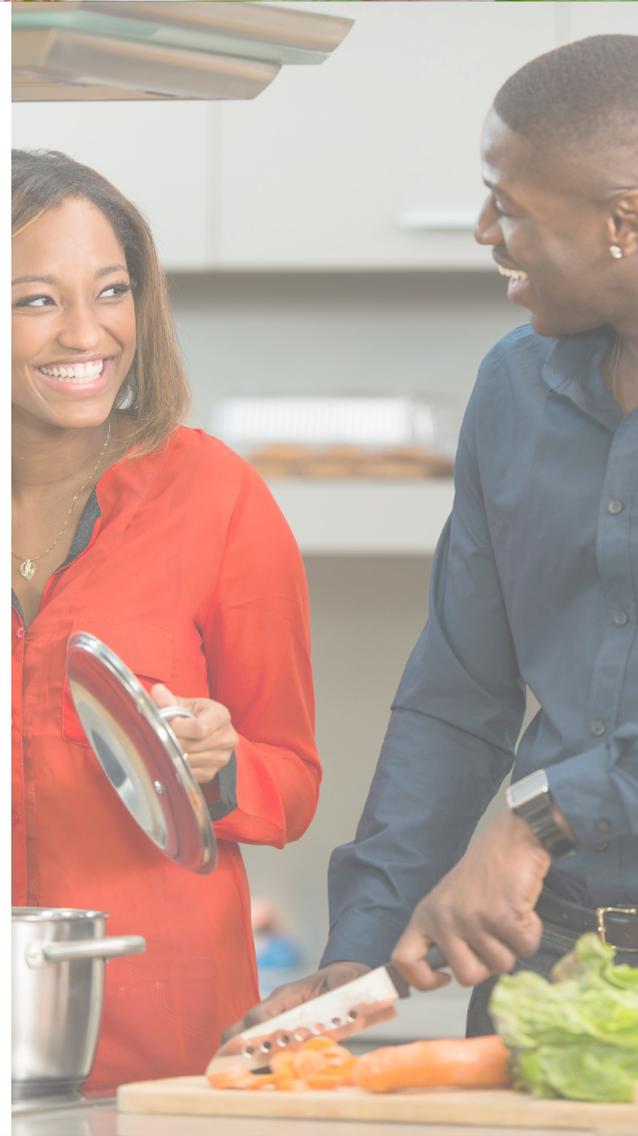
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BLESSINGS FOR THANKSGIVING **FOR YOU ALONE ARE WORTHY**

“Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

“Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.”

– Debbie McDaniel



GIVING THANKS FOR THE GREATEST GIFT

SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

PSALM 95:1-5 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth' the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



A FAITHFUL GOD

COMMENTARY BY BONNETT NASH

Our God is a faithful God who does no wrong, who is right and fair (Deuteronomy 32:4).

To recognize God, our Father, is to acknowledge that He is sovereign and in the universe. When we accept Jesus Christ as Savior, His only begotten Son, we accept His gift of salvation offered on the cross.

Max Lucado says, "To regard Him [God] as Father is to go a step further." Ideally, a father is the one in your life who provides and protects. This is exactly what God has done. For you and me, He has provided for our needs (Matthew 6:25-34). Not only that, He has protected us from harm (Psalm 139:5), has adopted us (Ephesians 1:5), and has given each of us His name (1 John 3:1). He has loved us (John 16:27 NJKV)!

Our God is faithful: He keeps His covenants and mercy "for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments" (Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV).

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A FAITHFUL GOD

COMMENTARY BY BONNETT NASH (continued)

God has shown Himself to be a faithful Father. It is up to us collectively and individually to be trusting children. We can say, as did David, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; The Lord of my strength, in Him will I trust," (2 Samuel 22:2-3 NKJV).

As His children, we know that His words are true. He will never leave us! God is always working things out--over and over--and He keeps us safe from things seen and unseen. And He is forever making ways out of "no ways." Our hearts remain steadfast, as we continue, through all times, to trust in our Lord (Psalm 112:7 NJKV).

I'm so thankful that He chose me to be in His Royal Family. I know you are too. As the hymn goes, "I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord 'til I died." To God be the glory for evermore.

Based on *Grace for the Moment--Inspirational Thoughts for Each Day of the Year*.



ON THE THANKSGIVING TABLE

SOUTHERN GREENS BY CARLA HALL

- 1-1/2 pounds collard greens, washed
- 1-1/2 pounds kale, washed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 tablespoon crushed red pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar
- 2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons chow chow or pickle relish
- Kosher salt
- Black pepper

Remove tough stems from greens and kale. Roll leaves up tightly into cigar shape and thinly slice.

In a 12-quart saucepan, heat olive oil on medium. Add onion; cook 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown, stirring occasionally.

To pot, add greens, red pepper, garlic, vinegar, sugar, and 1/2 cup water. Cook 20 to 25 minutes or until greens are tender, stirring occasionally. If greens seem dry, add additional 1/4 cups water.

Stir in relish, 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper. Makes 4 servings.

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

"HOME SAFE HOME"

Top 10 Safety Tips (nfpa.org/thanksgiving)

- ➔ Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- ➔ Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- ➔ Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot, and children should stay three feet away.
- ➔ Make sure children stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy, or coffee could cause serious burns.
- ➔ Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- ➔ Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer, or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- ➔ Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- ➔ Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- ➔ Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over children, toys, pocketbooks or bags, or pets.
- ➔ Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Check out this YouTube video on the danger of turkey fryers
https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=kjUynqOHXdQ_



CARING FOR FAMILY

COMMON SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF DEMENTIA

Dementia, the loss of cognitive ability (to think, remember, and reason), can interfere with daily activities and is not a normal part of aging. Dementia is not a particular disease. Rather, it is an umbrella term used to describe several conditions that cause cognitive decline.

Although the exact cause of dementia is unknown, it is believed to be caused by damaged brain cells. These changes in the brain are often permanent and will worsen over time. However, some specific causes of dementia are reversible--if appropriately addressed or treated. **One should always consult with medical professionals and specialists.**

According to an online article, which was peer-reviewed by a medical doctor, signs and symptoms of dementia can vary from person to person but revolve around "problems with memory, attention, communication, reasoning, judgment, problem-solving, and visual perception."

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CARING FOR FAMILY

COMMON SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF DEMENTIA (continued)

COMMON SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- "confusion, memory loss, poor judgment, and impulsivity
- hallucinations, delusions, or paranoia
- problems with speaking, understanding, and expressing thoughts
- difficulty reading and writing
- repeating questions
- using unusual words to refer to objects
- getting lost or wandering around a familiar area
- trouble with paying bills
- being slower than normal in completing daily tasks
- losing interest in activities and not caring about people's feelings
- problems with balance and movement"

Source: <https://www.oakstreethealth.com/signs-and-symptoms-of-dementia-714869>



Happy BIRTHDAY

Pauline Cooke

J. E. Perry

Kaylie "Peaches" Shird

Kathy Sanders

Marcus Haynesworth

Lloyd Daniels Sr.



Officer Isaac McCleod Goes Above and Beyond

Officer McCleod, of the Sumter County Sheriff's Department, was recognized for "going above and beyond" for his service to Rafting Creek Baptist Church.

Attending the ceremony, from left to right: the Rev. Melvin Mack, Curtis Sanders, Hampton Gardner Jr., Dianne Herrington, Edgar Sanders Jr., Isaac McCleod, Robert L. Dinkins, Debbie Nixon, J. E. Perry, Linnie Singleton, Jimmie Collier, Lloyd Daniels, and Willie Sanders. (Not in photo: Jeanette Mickens.)

Event Photographer: Wallace Dinkins



Information Shared During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Members sharing information are Desiree McMillan and Jacqueline Dinkins (facing the camera). Collecting information, from left to right, are Curtis Sanders, Linnie Singleton, Jean Alston, and Edgar Sanders Jr.

Event Photographer. Wallace Dinkins



**Fall
Back**

Turn clock back 1 hour on Sunday, November 7 at 2am

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Meetings and Rehearsals

Meetings and rehearsals will be held by Zoom or Conference Call until notified otherwise.

Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

Children/Youth

Saturdays, Before 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12pm

Inspirational Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 11am

Male Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am

Minister & Deacon Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

Thursday Night Bible Study

Weekly, 7pm

Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

Trustees

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, 4th Sunday, After Church