

Gratitude

Acts 16:25-34

Blessing and joy

Acts 16:25-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Gratitude – who?

Gratitude – what?

Psalms 136:1-9

Gratitude – when?

Ephesians 5:17-21

“The most important thing in your life is to be grateful.” – Albert Schweitzer

Considerations for the week

See Albert Schweitzer’s quotation at the left, below. Consider the extent to which you think it may be a correct observation.

Do personal circumstances serve as either a source or a predictor of happiness?

Paul and Silas delivered a slave girl fortune-teller from an evil spirit and were imprisoned at the behest of her owner. (Acts 16:19). They did not complain or plot revenge, but instead worshipped God. They were delivered supernaturally.

What enabled them to worship despite being imprisoned?

What resulted afterward with the Philippian jailer? (verses 30-33)

Our Lord is a gracious benefactor. When a benefit is given, how can we be gracious beneficiaries?

Give thanks to God for everything. Is this possible? How can there be gratitude that is not based on personal circumstances? Read Ephesians 5:17-21.

A good expression of gratitude includes specificity. Generalities are easy. Read Psalms 136, and then read it again, using it as a guide for your expression of thankfulness to our God.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, - Acts 16:25, ESV

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18, ESV

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Scripture read today during worship:

Isaiah 61:10

Psalms 36:7-9

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *Lord, Be Glorified*

Welcome

Call to worship

Hymn 562 in the hymnal
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn, *You Are Good*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Gratitude*

Hymn, *Give Thanks*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *Jesus, Thank You*

Message

Ministry spotlight: Prayer

Hymn of response 563 in the hymnal
Count Your Many Blessings

Benediction

Postlude, *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm.
Not this week – resumes after Thanksgiving

Wednesday – usual Wednesday evening activities will not occur this week due to Thanksgiving.

Join us next week for:

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program will resume next Thursday - conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Men's Bible study, Thursdays, resumes after Christmas

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

Thanksgiving Pot-luck dinner on Thursday at 3 pm, here in Fellowship Hall. Join us for the meal and good company. If you're able, please bring a dish to share.

Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 15.

Regular Church Conference

There will be a regular church conference, Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 1 pm.

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