



# “Thank You God!”

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*“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” –1 Thessalonians 5:18.*

*We seem to live in a thank-less society, where folks have forgotten to say thank you for simple favors. A common courtesy for someone who holds the door for you in a store, a cashier who hands you the correct change, the young man who bags your groceries, the busy waitress who gets your order right – a sincere smile and a “Thank you for helping!” would go a long way. Then there is the crisp return given us when we say “Thank you”: “Forget about it!” or “It was nothing!”*



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It seems that in our modern society we have lost the ability to offer a simple word of thanks; and the courtesy to recognize a sincere thank you also, as we respond in such an unfeeling way. How can we truly say: “Forget it”? or “It was nothing”? When someone does something nice, it should elicit in polite sincere response.

God tells us in one verse how He expects our thankfulness, and, in fact this is His will for us! According to 1 Thessalonians 5:18:

**We are to give thanks for EVERYTHING:** We acknowledge that our Lord has created all things? Colossians 1:16-17 explains to us that all things were created by Him and for Him, “*thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers...*” No matter what might happen or how difficult the times in which we find ourselves may be, our God is in control. The passage further tells us in verse 17: “*And He is before all things and by Him all things consist.*” There is a modern statement: “*Stuff happens!*” But it doesn’t just happen without a Divine appointment. God is absolutely in control and is working all things out for our ultimate good, things we consider good as well as bad things. Take a look at Romans 8:28.

We have a mentality many times that our God is one who should only bestow blessings on us. But he also gives us things that are less blessed experiences in order to get us to grow. They can turn out in the end to be “blessings in disguises.” The late Running Back, Walter Payton set a career record of gaining over nine miles of yardage. Consider though, that he was knocked down an average of every 4.6 yards. But he always got back up! And he was not discouraged by experiences on the ground!

**In everything GIVE THANKS:** We are encouraged to give thanks in everything. This means to “*express gratitude or to give grace.*” Most of

us are looking for bargains, free offers or lifetime warranties. So we forget simple polite phrases such as “*please,*” “*thank you,*” or “*you’re welcome.*” Nine lepers healed by Jesus went their merry way. One returned to give the Savior thanks. Do we remember to thank Him for the “ordinary” as well as the “extraordinary?” We must trust God for our next breath! –Isaiah 2:22

**For this is the WILL OF GOD in Christ Jesus for you:** Folks have often said to me: “*If I only knew what God’s will is for me!*” as if God’s will were some kind of mystical secret known only to God, Himself. Well, here is a passage where God’s WILL is revealed! So we can safely deduce that it is the WILL of God for us to give thanks in everything!

Abraham Lincoln said it so well on April 30, 1863:

*“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, the many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.”*

*“Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to our God that made us! It behooves us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and pray for clemency and forgiveness.”*

Yes, we too are indeed a blessed generation in a land of great opportunity. We are not “entitled” by any merit or birthright of our own, as it is God who gives us His mercy and His grace. Even in the midst of COVID and shut down of many businesses our God is in control. May we but lift up our voices to the one who can redeem our lives from present devastation. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! And may we learn those things we need to know!

## 22 Showers of Blessings

- 1 Brownies, warm & baked by someone you love
- 2 Repairmen who arrive on time
- 3 Green Thumbs
- 4 Rescued Dreams
- 5 Public Libraries
- 6 Dual-control Electric Blankets
- 7 Good Advice
- 8 Privacy
- 9 Handwritten letters
- 10 Learning something new
- 11 The power of faith
- 12 The song "Amazing Grace"
- 13 A long goodbye
- 14 Second chances
- 15 Indoor plumbing
- 16 A hand to hold
- 17 Easy-to-follow instruction manuals
- 18 Weekends that are completely free
- 19 Well-behaved children
- 20 Thanksgiving dinner that never changes
- 21 A cold glass of water
- 22 Mail delivered on time –Eleanor Svoboda



### “Nice Guy Hash”

- 2 Cups Coarsely Chopped Precooked Corned Beef
- 4 Baked Potatoes, Peeled, Cooked and Grated
- ½ Cup Finely Chopped Onion
- ½ Cup Butter
- 4 Eggs

Mix beef, potatoes and onion. Melt butter in large, hot skillet. Add hash mixture and fry on medium heat at least 5 minutes on the first side. Divide hash into four servings and turn each section. Brown five minutes on second side. Make indentation in middle of each section. Crack egg in each indentation. Cover skillet and cook for 3-4 minutes until eggs are cooked. –Marcia Blackledge



## Helpful Hints

Keep eggs at room temperature to create greater volume when whipping egg whites for meringue.

Pie dough can be frozen. Roll dough out between sheets of plastic wrap, stack in pizza box, and keep box in freezer. Defrost in fridge and use as needed. Use within 2 months.

Create a quick decorating tube to ice your cake with chocolate. Put chocolate in a heat-safe, zipper-lock plastic bag. Immerse it in simmering water until the chocolate is melted. Snip off the tip of one corner, and squeeze the chocolate out of the bag.

For a perfectly cut cheesecake, dip the knife in hot water and clean it after each cut. A length of dental floss pulled taut can be pulled through the cheesecake to make a clean cut across the diameter of the cake.

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*"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."*

*-Colossians 4:2*

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## Rev. David J. Bauer's November Itinerary



Nov. 1 Glenwood Bible Church, Glenwood, IL  
11:00 a.m.

Nov. 8 Glenwood Bible Church, Glenwood, IL  
11:00 a.m.

Nov. 22 Iron River Bible Church, Iron River, MI  
11:00 a.m.

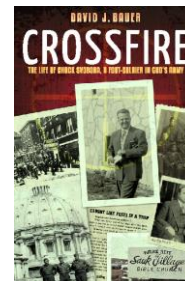
**On the Lighter Side:** My buddy and I were out for a walk and noticed a giant hole in a field. We walked up to the hole and threw in a small rock; no sound of it hitting the bottom! So we found a larger rock and threw it into the hole; again no sound; no signs of it ever hitting the bottom.

Then my buddy noticed a bunch of railroad ties along the forest line nearby. We lugged a giant hunk of wood to the hole and threw it in. Again, we heard no sound; no signs of that heavy thing ever hitting the bottom.

Then, out of nowhere, a goat came running toward us at full speed and jumped into the hole! We were so freaked out at this point we ran off to go find help.

A farmer pulled up in his pickup shortly after. We flagged him down and asked if he was missing a goat. We quickly told him how a goat jumped into the hole.

The farmer found the story puzzling and responded, "Well, it couldn't have been my goat. My goat was tied up to a railroad tie."



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## BRM Field Report #11

Our speaking schedule is filling up! Not only is pastor Bauer getting opportunities to preach, but there also are some Sundays we have had to use several available preachers at our disposal to fill empty pulpits!

The past couple months we have seen new pastors assume positions as well, in churches of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. These are not always the pastors we recommend, but BRM is many times active somewhere in the search process. We praise the Lord that we can be a voice of discernment and direction in the search for good pastors.

We met with leaders of two churches, one seeking counsel in how to dissolve, and another seeking counsel in how to purchase the building of the dissolving church. BRM seeks legal counsel as well in advising churches in how to best meet the State requirements regarding not-for-profit corporations.

Pastors: If your congregation is dwindling, and there appears to be no positive solution, remember: there is a new church in every community, looking for a building to meet in. Entertain a "merge" of congregations, or sell the building for an affordable price to a church of like faith. Keep ministry happening!

We look for "God moments" in all we do. Yes, BRM has 47 years of experience in solving church problems. Yes, my father was a pastor in one church for 28 years; and yes, I pastored a church for 18 years. It seems that most of my life has been spent around pastors, churches and missionaries. But when we are stumped by the circumstances, and have no further leads, we look to God for wisdom and direction. And He will not fail to give us such, as He has promised. Just contemplate the meaning of James 1:5. And remember "*He who spared not His own Son...shall he not with Him freely give us all things?*" -Rom. 8:32.

Pray for us as we travel. We are restricted by COVID rules in restaurants, hotels, and churches; as well as dangers in places we stop along the way. But we have a country that needs the gospel like never before. Every nationality is represented in our cities. The world has come to us. We need to get out of our comfort zones and start doing the Great Commission! Yes!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Isaiah 30:18