NOVEMBER 2026

1 First Sunday: Holy Communion
"World Missions" Day

3-10 118th International Holy Convocation
(Church of God in Christ, Inc.)

7 Face to Face: 1st Saturday Prayer
Zoom Meeting ID: 825 3345 6625;
Passcode: GCCPRAYS

KATA (Fellowship Hall)

11 Veteran's Day

14 Men's Ministry Fellowship

16 Elevate Bible Study

21 Marriage University Enrichment Clinic

26 Thanksgiving Day

29 DRC2 Sunday

THIS MONTH'S SERVICES & PRAYER

Sunday Services: 8:00am & 11:00am
In-Person/YouTube
Sunday School: 9:45am (Hybrid)
"WOW" (Worship on Wednesday): 7:00pm
YouTube

SUNRISE DEVOTION
Monday - Friday: 7:00-7:15am
via Phone: (667) 770-1536
Playback: (667) 770-1535
Access Code: 315531
Monday - Friday (In-Person Prayer): 9:00am
PRAYER & BIBLE BAND (via Phone)
Monday: 6:30pm
(717) 908-1985; access code 358237



7 STEPS TO THE KINGDOM

1. **Greeting:** "Hello, may I have one minute of your time?"
2. **State:** "Did you know that Jesus Christ is Lord? Well, He is and wants to be your Lord and Savior. He loves you. A lot of people want to be saved but don't know how.
3. **Say:** "Romans 10:9 says; if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
4. **Ask:** "Can you say Lord Jesus?"
5. **Pray:** "Lord Jesus, forgive me of all my sins. I believe You died on the cross, were buried and rose on the third day. Right now, I open the door of my heart to You and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior.
6. **Question:** According to the prayer you just prayed...where is the Lord? **Answer:** "in my heart"
7. **Confirmation:** (when the correct answer is given, share I John 4:4) Greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world.

- **Welcome them to the family of God**
- **Encourage them to join a bible teaching and believing church**
- **Invite them to service with you!**

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Faith Focus

GRATEFUL IN THE STRUGGLE

Cultivating Gratitude, Practicing Thanksgiving & Choosing Joy in Every Season

Theme Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV)

"In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."



WELCOME & GOD BLESS

WELCOME TO NOVEMBER!! ALREADY?

Gratitude is not the absence of struggle: it is the intentional recognition of God's goodness in the midst of it. Thanksgiving is more than a holiday—it is a spiritual discipline that transforms our perspective, strengthens our faith, and nurtures our joy. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, believers can develop grateful hearts even during difficult seasons. This November, let us move beyond occasional thanksgiving toward a lifestyle of gratitude, recognizing God's faithfulness, celebrating His goodness, and appreciating the people He places in our lives.

Gratitude is not denying life's difficulties; it is refusing to allow to diminish our awareness of God's goodness. Thanksgiving reminds us of what God has done, faith reassures us of what God can do, and joy sustains us while we wait for what God will do.

As November concludes, let us remember that some of God's greatest blessings come through people. Appreciate those who pray for you, encourage you, challenge you, serve alongside you, and remain faithful through difficult seasons. Do not wait until someone is absent to celebrate their presence.

Give thanks to God, express gratitude to others, and allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate a joyful and generous heart.

Stay in His Face and journey well!
+Bishop Matthew L. Brown, Th.D.

DAILY SCRIPTURES: MEDITATE IN CONTEXT OF BEING GRATEFUL IN THE STRUGGLE

WEEK ONE: FORMING A GRATEFUL HEART

November 1 — Psalm 100:4
Gratitude opens our hearts to God's presence and transforms our approach to worship.

November 2 — Psalm 103:1-5
Remebering God's benefits prevents present struggles from erasing past blessings.

November 3 — I Thessalonians 5:16-18
Thanksgiving is not determined by circumstances but developed through spiritual discipline.

November 4 — Psalm 34:1
A mature faith blesses The Lord at all times, not merely during favorable seasons.

November 5 — Colossians 3:15-17
Gratitude grows when God's peace and Word govern our hearts.

November 6 — Psalm 92:1-2
Begin and end each day acknowledging God's loving-kindness and faithfulness.

November 7 — James 1:17
Recognizing God as the sources of every good gift cultivates lasting thankfulness.

WEEK TWO: THANKFUL THROUGH THE STRUGGLE

November 8 — Habakkuk 3:17-19
Even when circumstances produce disappointment, faith can still declare, "Yet I will rejoice!"

November 9 — Psalm 46:1-3
Gratitude grows when we recognize God's presence even when life feels unstable.

November 10 — Romans 5:3-5
Our struggles can produce perseverance, character, and hope through the Holy Spirit.

November 11 — Psalm 30:5
Pain may define a season, but it does not determine our destiny.

November 12 — II Corinthians 4:8-9
We may experience pressure and perplexity, but God's sustaining presence never abandons us.

November 13 — Lamentations 3:21-23
Remembering God's daily mercies renews our hope during difficult times.

November 14 — Psalm 27:13-14
Faith chooses to anticipate God's goodness even while waiting for circumstances to change.

WEEK THREE: CULTIVATING THE SPIRIT OF JOY

November 15 — Nehemiah 8:10
The joy of The Lord provides strength that circumstance cannoth supply.

November 16 — Philippians 4:4-7
Prayer, thanksgiving, and rejoicing guard our hearts against anxiety.

November 17 — Psalm 16:11
True joy flows from God's presence, not merely life's pleasures.

November 18 — Galatians 5:22-23
Joy is fruit produced by the Holy Spirit, not an emotion dependent upon convenience.

November 19 — James 1:2-4
Spiritual maturity enables us to recognize God's developmental work within our trials.

November 20 — Psalm 126:5-6
Seeds planted through tears can produce a harvest of joy.

November 21 — John 15:9-11
Abiding in Christ and practicing obedience cultivate lasting joy.

WEEK FOUR: THANKSGIVING AS A WAY OF LIFE

November 22 — Psalm 107:1-2
Let gratitude become a testimony of God's enduring goodness and mercy.

November 23 — Luke 17:11-19
Like the returning Samaritan, never become so consumed with receiving blessings that you forget to give thanks.

November 24 — Psalm 136:1-3
God's mercy endures beyond changing circumstances and uncertain seasons.

November 25 — Ephesians 5:18-20
Spirit-filled living produces worship, thanksgiving, and gratitude toward God.

November 26 — Psalm 95:1-3
Celebrate Thanksgiving with joyful worship, remembering that The Lord is our great God.

November 27 — Philippians 4:11-13
Contentment is learned through trusting Christ's strength in every circumstance.

November 28 — Hebrews 13:15-16
True thanksgiving extends beyond our lips into generosity, kindness and service to others

WEEK FIVE: THE GRACE OF APPRECIATING OTHERS

November 29 — Philippians 1:3-5
Like Paul, intentionally thank God for the people whose love, faithfulness, and partnership enrich your journey.

November 30 — I Thessalonians 1:2-3
Express appreciation for those whose work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope strengthen your life and community.