



# The Connection

## ROCK HILL DISTRICT

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803-328-0218      rhdist@umcsc.org  
M-TH, 8am-1pm

**NOV 2024**

Please send info you want to include in newsletter to:  
[rhdccm@gmail.com](mailto:rhdccm@gmail.com)

## TRI-DISTRICT GATHERING with BISHOP FAIRLEY



Columbia, Greenwood, & Rock Hill  
Clergy & Lay Welcome!

**Sat. Nov 2      Trinity UMC**

**10-12**

[Register here](#)

**155 Blythewood Rd.  
Blythewood, SC**



*Happy Birthday*

11/1 Robert Shuler  
11/7 Ronnie Jeffcoat  
11/23 Samuel Hook  
11/30 Betty Hudson



In Person Gathering of the Order of  
Elders, Order of Deacons and the  
Fellowship of Local Pastors &  
Associate Members

**November 14, 2024 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church  
(3050 Leaphart Road, West Columbia)

[Register here](#)



DONATING IS AS EASY AS PIE



**American  
Red Cross**

Blood  
Services

## BLOOD DRIVE

New Zion UMC

Fellowship Hall  
4050 Black Highway  
Smyrna, SC 29743

Friday

November 15  
2-6pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: NewZion to schedule an appointment

**Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.**

If you are an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

**WHY** ?

Click to hear why  
others donate

**HOW** ?

does my donation  
help? Click to find out

**WHAT** ?

should I expect?



Donate blood Nov 1-17 and get a \$10 e-gift card.  
PLUS, get a chance to win a \$7,000 prize! There will  
be two lucky winners.  
Terms apply: [rcblood.org/thanks](http://rcblood.org/thanks)



Scan for more info &  
to schedule and appointment



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## Caregivers' Support Group

### Details:

Second Mondays beginning Oct 14  
10-11:30am  
Facilitated by Rev. Robin Griffeth

Meets at Woodland UMC  
801 N. Cherry Rd.  
Rock Hill, SC

## Respite Care for People with Dementia

### OUR SERVICES

- ✓ Daily devotions
- ✓ Cognitive games
- ✓ Nanny cam available
- ✓ Family-style lunch
- ✓ Singing and music
- ✓ Gentle exercise

### PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- ✓ Feed themselves
- ✓ Toilet by themselves
- ✓ Walk alone (or with a device)
- ✓ Tolerate a large group

**\$40 PER DAY**  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
10 AM - 2 PM



WOODLAND UMC  
**(803) 328-1842**  
[woodlandumcrockhill.org](http://woodlandumcrockhill.org)

## Make a Difference: Become a Volunteer

Are you looking for a way to support those living with dementia and Alzheimer's, as well as their caregivers? Join us for The Memory Connection Volunteer Training, where you'll learn how to be a vital part of this meaningful ministry.

**When: Tuesday, November 19**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Where: Woodland UMC Wesley Hall**

During this session, you will gain valuable insights and skills to help you serve in our Respite Care Ministry. The training will cover:

- Understanding Dementia: Learn about the different types of dementia and how they affect individuals.
- Respite Care Basics: Discover the importance of providing breaks for caregivers.
- Daily Program Overview: Understand the structure of our Memory Connection program.
- Effective Communication & Engagement: Explore practical ideas for working with those who have dementia, helping to create a positive and supportive environment.



Scan to register!  
or [click here](#).

# DEMENTIA CARE WORKSHOP

Join in for a morning of conversation and learning around a topic that affects all our congregations: dementia. Bishop Ken Carder and SC Dept on Aging representative, Tori Anderson, will share with us essential information about how to be in ministry with those living with dementia.

**When: Wed, November 13**

**9:30am-12 pm**

**Where: Silver Hill Memorial UMC**

778 John B. White Sr. Blvd

Spartanburg, SC



**Aldersgate**  
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

**Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry (ASNM)** is a ministry of the SC Conference of the United Methodist Church that provides homes for adults with developmental disabilities. ASNM does not receive funds from apportionments and depends on contributions. Our residents enjoy living in a Christian environment and are encouraged to be as independent as possible with the support of trained staff. On October 29, Aldersgate celebrated the dedication of its sixth home, Stephen's House.



Connect with Aldersgate to learn how you can support and partner with their ministry.





# SUPPORT CAMPUS MINISTRY

## JOIN

**Thursday, Nov 7, 7pm:** We're having a combined event with the Circuit as we host South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Sherrerd Hartness is a murder victim family member who will be speaking at this event. We encourage members of the community to join us at Wesley to support SCADP.

## PARTNER

**Partner with us!** We also are in need of individuals and churches to partner with us financially! You can donate one time or set up recurring donations by scanning the QR code --> or by going to [winthrop-wesley.churchcenter.com/giving](http://winthrop-wesley.churchcenter.com/giving)



## SUPPORT

**Help us support the community.** We are accepting donations for UMCOR hygiene kits and menstrual hygiene kits, which our students will assemble throughout November. You can donate items in person or order from our [Amazon wish list here.](#)



## INVITE

Winthrop Wesley Director Laurel Capesius would love the opportunity to speak or preach at your church, especially since she is available most Sundays!

Please contact Laurel at [lacapesius@umcsc.org](mailto:lacapesius@umcsc.org)



Winthrop Wesley is a college ministry serving students of Winthrop University, Clinton College, and York Tech. Participants are invited to enjoy a meal and lively discussions each Monday evening, and movie time on Wednesdays.

Your church can help by providing weekly meals for the students and staff. And of course, you are always welcome to join at meal time! Contact Campus Ministry Director Laurel at [director@winwes.org](mailto:director@winwes.org) to discuss other ways to support this ministry!



Learn more about Bethel Shelters  
Contact: Rev. Emily Sutton  
esutton@bethelshelters.org

## Bethel Shelters Overflow Shelters open November 10th.

During the winter we commit to turning no man in need of shelter away from our Men's Night Shelter Program. We are grateful to our church partners who have committed their church facilities as overflow shelter sites. If your church is interested in learning more about Bethel Shelters please reach out to Rev. Emily Sutton at esutton@bethelshelters.org

## Celebrate!

The Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill celebrates the numerous United Methodist Churches that supported their efforts in assisting homeowners after the April 20, 2024 storm. Together with other community organizations, churches, and businesses, we assisted 47 homes in roof repairs. Thank you to the United Methodist Churches who stepped up to care for our community.



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# Safe Sanctuaries Training

## District SS Team

**Juliette Phillpot**

jphillpotwumc@comporium.net

**Michael Jarrell**

lmjarrell@umcsc.org

**Nona Woodle**

nmwoodle@umcsc.org

If your church needs Safe Sanctuaries training, this event is open to clergy and lay. Please [register here](#).

This will be the last district-wide training event for the calendar year. If you need training but cannot attend, please contact a member of the Safe Sanctuaries team so we can schedule a time to come to your church.



Sunday, Nov 17  
3-5pm  
Woodland UMC



[Register here](#)

# Zion UMC

## Lancaster

1665 Zion Rd.  
Lancaster, SC



[click here](#)



You're  
**INVITED**

Nov  
2nd

The annual **Missions Bazaar** will be Saturday, November 2nd from 8 am - 1 pm in the TFLC.

Nov  
24th

**Zion's Thanksgiving Service** will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. (This is not a combined service)

Nov  
26th

**Decorating our Chrismon tree and Sanctuary** on Tuesday, November 26th at 6:00 pm. All are invited to help!

If you would like to have your church events featured in the Dec newsletter, please send your info and any graphics to [rhdccm@gmail.com](mailto:rhdccm@gmail.com) by Nov 25th.

## Lay Servant Ministries



### 2025 DATES for CLASSES

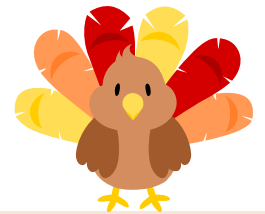
**February 15 & 16, 2025**  
Woodland UMC, Rock Hill

**May 17 & 18, 2025**  
Grace-Lynwood, Lancaster

**Classes offered TBD**



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for RH District  
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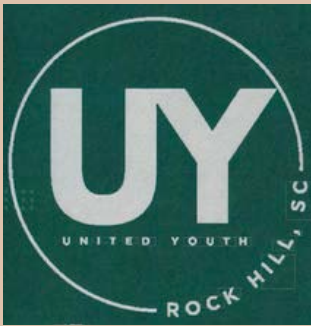
If I become a lay servant do I have to preach?  
Not at all!  
Learn more!



[video about different types of lay servant ministry](#)



# YOUTH MINISTRY



**United Youth Co-op** is a collaborative youth ministry bringing together middle and high school students from various churches in Rock Hill. We focus on building community through faith, fellowship, and service, with regular meetings, retreats, and mission opportunities throughout the year. Join us to grow i faith, make new friends, and have fun!



Contact: [unitedyouthrockhill@gmail.com](mailto:unitedyouthrockhill@gmail.com)



## IMMERSE 2024 Nov. 15-17 2024 Asbury Hills

**REGISTER NOW!**



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**Township Auditorium  
Columbia, SC  
January 24-26, 2025**

# **+** REVOLUTION

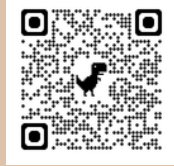
Does your youth ministry have exciting events planned for the holiday season? Let us know! Email [rhdccm@gmail.com](mailto:rhdccm@gmail.com) so your events can be featured in the Dec newsletter.



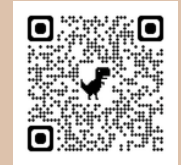
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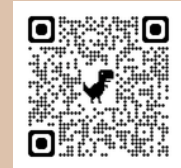
To make a financial donation go [here](#)



To learn about making hygiene kits, go [here](#)



To learn about making flood buckets, [go here](#)



Bring your donations to the upcoming Tri-District Connectional gatherings!

- water
- nonperishable food
- baby food
- baby formula
- baby wipes
- diapers
- pet food for dogs and cats



Nov. 2 – 10 a.m.-Noon  
Trinity UMC-Blythewood

Nov. 9 – 10 a.m.-Noon  
Edisto Fork UMC-Orangeburg

## RESPONDING TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

Volunteers gathered to pack over 100 flood buckets on Oct 12. Thanks to all the volunteers and to St. Johns for organizing!





We help people put together house churches or coffee shop churches or where the people happen to be churches. The goal is help people create spiritual communities in the community. In much the same way early disciples of Jesus and early Methodists organized their groups, we're helping people put together groups in their homes, favorite restaurants and coffee shops, anywhere the people meet. Our goal is to see people grow spiritually as individuals and as groups.

Contact pastors Mallory Forte-Nickerson ([mallory@thecircuit-rh.org](mailto:mallory@thecircuit-rh.org)) and Michael Jerrell ([michael@thecircuit-rh.org](mailto:michael@thecircuit-rh.org)) to learn more, or to have them come speak at your church.

## Upcoming circuit events:

# Merc Church

Try church in a new way!

Join us on the patio at The Mercantile in downtown Rock Hill for an evening of spiritual and community connection.

**Mon, Nov 4**  
**6pm**



*The Mercantile*

153 E White St  
Rock Hill, SC

# Christmas VBS

Day 1: Nov 30, 10am-3pm  
at Bethel UMC, Chester

Day 2: Dec 14, 10-3pm  
at Wesley Memorial, Chester

Contact Pastor Shannon Higgins for  
more information: 803-487-4719



## Outpouring Thursdays at 6pm

Decompress from your week.  
A ministry of Bethel & Wesley Memorial UM Churches

Wild Bees Bottleshop  
151 Gadsen Street  
Chester, SC

## Bible Study Tuesdays at 10am

Facebook Online

Bethel United Methodist Church of  
Chester

In Person  
Bethel UMC  
101 York Street  
Chester, SC 29706



We follow the common lectionary.

### Job Opportunity

Woodland UMC in Rock Hill is  
hiring a part-time youth  
director. [Click here for full job  
description](#)





# Digital Ministry 101

Are you interested in starting live-streaming for your church but don't know where to begin? Or you are streaming, but your quality isn't that great? We are here to help! All you need is your smartphone.

Join Rev Kendall Healy and Congregational Specialist Nona Woodle, who are teaming up to offer Digital Ministry 101, a series of workshops designed to help you improve your online presence.

The first workshop, designed for the entry-level beginner, will focus on helping you learn to engage your online audience through quality video content. Space is limited, so sign-up today! There is space for 10 churches, and up to three people from each church are invited to attend.

**Saturday, Jan 18, 10am-12**

**Location: TBD in Rock Hill**

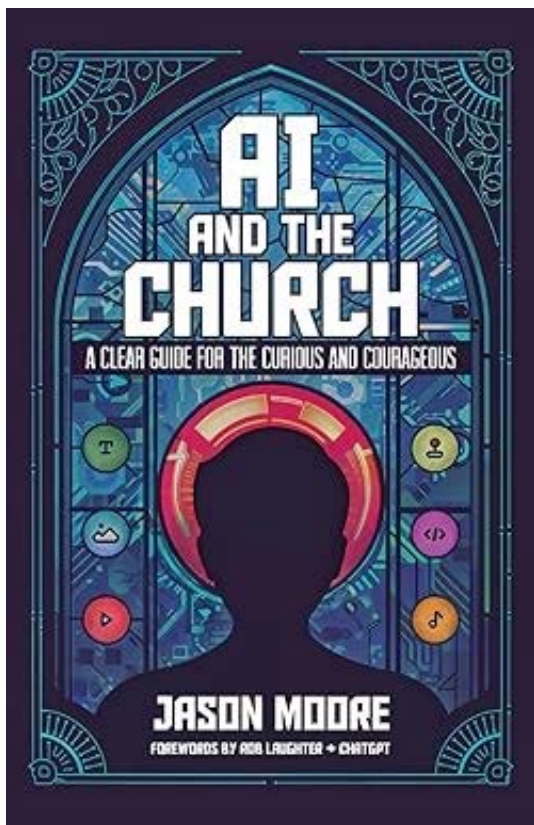
[Register here!](#)



## BOOK REVIEW



# AI and the Church



Have you been hearing all about this “AI” stuff and don't know what to think of it or what to do with it? AI, or Artificial Intelligence, is already changing the world we live in, changing industries, communities, and our personal lives. It does and will continue to impact how we do church and develop our faith. We stand at a critical crossroads. How should we respond to this transformative technology? What role can AI play in ministry, and what are the ethical boundaries we must respect?

In his new book *AI and the Church: A Clear Guide for the Curious and Courageous*, Jason Moore, who has led training workshops in our very own conference, tackles these questions head-on, offering church leaders a thoughtful, practical, and faith-driven road map. If you are curious, convinced, or even dead set against AI, this book is for you, as it aims to provide an in-depth look at AI, from its basic concepts and history to the cutting-edge tools available today. *AI and the Church* is more than just a technology guide; it's a call to action. Moore challenges readers to see AI not as a threat, but as a tool that, when used wisely, can enhance the church's mission in powerful ways.



purchase [here](#)

Would you like to recommend a book? Email [rhdccm@gmail.com](mailto:rhdccm@gmail.com) with a brief write-up and book info!



# tips for being an **EXCELLENT LITURGIST**

## **practice reading the passage aloud**

make sure you understand it, and practice reading it aloud to perfect your voice, speed, tone, and flow

## **make eye contact**

make contact at least at the beginning and end of your reading but the more familiar you are with the passage, the more you can look up and make eye contact

## **emphasize words to help the reading flow**

practice so you can emphasize important words, action words, and add in pauses for impact

## **pace yourself**

we tend to read faster than we think we are, so read slowly so hearers can comprehend

## **just read the passage**

don't adlib before or after the text, the pastor has already prepared a sermon, you have only been asked to read the Scripture

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

[UMC Discipleship Ministries Resources](#)

All Saints Candle lighting & communion liturgy

[Leader's Print-out](#)

[Bulletin insert](#)

[Some History](#)

[Other Resources](#)

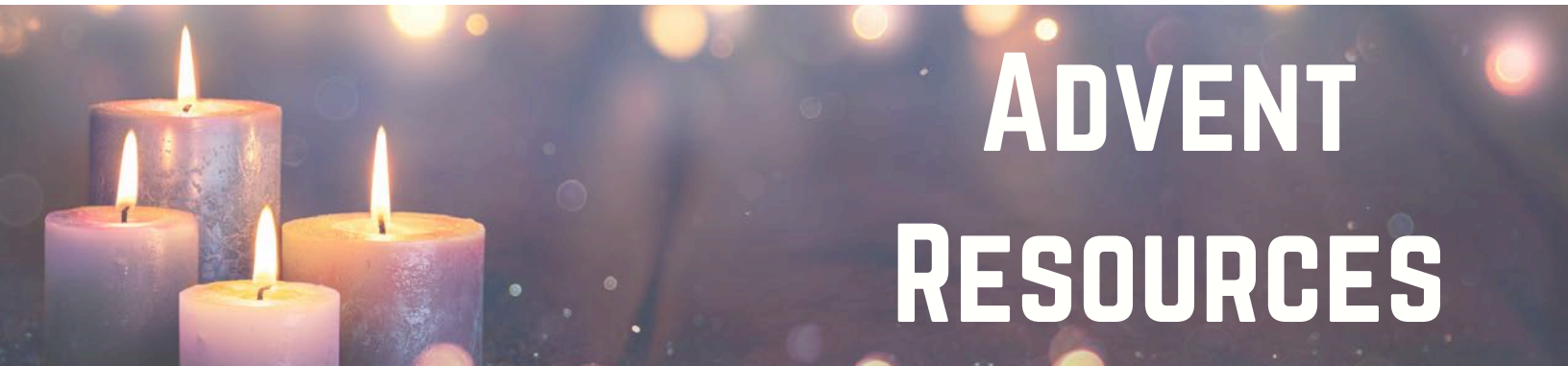


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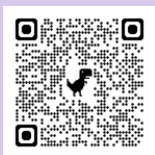
[Worship Connection](#)

[Worship Elements](#)

Free membership required for these two links.



Check out all of  
Cokesbury's Advent  
Resources



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## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

FREE Courtesy of UMC Discipleship Ministries

Find entire worship series info [here](#)

Does you have a resource yu would like to share with others for the upcoming Advent season? Please share at [rhdccm@gmail.com](mailto:rhdccm@gmail.com)

# TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY



## Wesley Pilgrimage

July 7-17, 2025

Lay and clergy are invited on an eleven-day, ten-night spiritual pilgrimage, walking in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley. This journey is an opportunity to learn, pray, worship, and explore places where the Wesley brothers encountered the living God. Rekindle your spiritual passion and form spiritual friendships as you travel with fellow pilgrims and Wesley scholars Rev. Paul Chilcote, Rev. Steven Manskar, and Rev. Dr. Scott Hughes.

The primary location for this pilgrimage is Salisbury, England, but you will also visit: Epworth, the Wesley's birthplace; Oxford, where John and Charles studied and led the Holy Club; Bristol, where the class meeting was developed and Methodism became a movement; and London, where both Wesley brothers experienced assurance of salvation.



[click here](#)

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## PREPARING TO PREACH DURING ADVENT WITH SCOTT CHROSTEK

Scott Chrostek is the Executive Pastor of Ministries and Programs at Resurrection UMC in Kansas City. In this webinar, he plans to share ideas useful to pastors planning for preaching during the Advent season.

**Date: Tues, Nov 5 Time: 3-4pm Cost: \$30**



## EQUIPPING COLLABORATIVE TEAMS WITH DR. RODNEY SMOTHERS

Aiming to redeploy laity to serve as intentional disciples, as this webinar will include: refocusing our mission and vision statements in the local church, creating new structures for healthier outcomes, and building teams that lead to growing church involvement.

**Date: Tues, Nov 19 Time: 11am-12pm Cost: \$30**



Scan or [click here](#) for more info & to register



## 7 STRATEGIES TO MAKE 2025 YOUR STRONGEST YEAR OF MINISTRY WITH KAY KOTAN

Explore the seven most important strategies to focus on in the upcoming year, including the importance of relationships, doing ministry with impact, and where to funnel your energy and resources.

**Date: Wed, Dec 4 Time: 2-3pm Cost: \$30**





# SAVE *the* DATE

## *47th Annual* CROSS CULTURAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025 • SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA  
HILTON HOTEL • REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 2024  
[WWW.CROSSCULTURALACTIONCOUNCIL.ORG](http://WWW.CROSSCULTURALACTIONCOUNCIL.ORG)



# SAVE THE *Date*

**JANUARY 23-24, 2025**

## **33rd Annual Granville Hicks Leadership Academy**

James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel  
Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, University President  
Rev. Larry D. McCutcheon, Interim University Chaplain  
(803) 535-5150  
[lmccutcheon@claflin.edu](mailto:lmccutcheon@claflin.edu)





## 30-Day Bible Scripture CHALLENGE

<p><b>Day 1</b></p> <p><b>Colossians 4:2</b></p> <p>"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."</p>	<p><b>Day 2</b></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 9:15</b></p> <p>"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"</p>	<p><b>Day 3</b></p> <p><b>1 Thessalonians 5:18</b></p> <p>"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."</p>	<p><b>Day 4</b></p> <p><b>1 Chronicles 16:34</b></p> <p>"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."</p>	<p><b>Day 5</b></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 15:57</b></p> <p>"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."</p>	<p><b>Day 6</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 106:1</b></p> <p>"Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."</p>
<p><b>Day 7</b></p> <p><b>Colossians 3:15</b></p> <p>"In You, O Lord, I put my trust. Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness."</p>	<p><b>Day 8</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 100:4</b></p> <p>"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."</p>	<p><b>Day 9</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 107:21</b></p> <p>"Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!"</p>	<p><b>Day 10</b></p> <p><b>Colossians 1:12</b></p> <p>"...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."</p>	<p><b>Day 11</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 79:13</b></p> <p>"So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations."</p>	<p><b>Day 12</b></p> <p><b>Luke 2:38</b></p> <p>"And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."</p>
<p><b>Day 13</b></p> <p><b>Leviticus 22:29</b></p> <p>"And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it of your own free will."</p>	<p><b>Day 14</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 30:4</b></p> <p>"Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name."</p>	<p><b>Day 15</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 35:18</b></p> <p>"I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people."</p>	<p><b>Day 16</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 69:30</b></p> <p>"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."</p>	<p><b>Day 17</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 26:7</b></p> <p>"That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works."</p>	<p><b>Day 18</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 95:2</b></p> <p>"Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms."</p>
<p><b>Day 19</b></p> <p><b>1 Chronicles 16:8</b></p> <p>"Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!"</p>	<p><b>Day 20</b></p> <p><b>Hebrews 13:15</b></p> <p>"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."</p>	<p><b>Day 21</b></p> <p><b>Psalms 140:13</b></p> <p>"Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence."</p>	<p><b>Day 22</b></p> <p><b>Mark 14:23</b></p> <p>"Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it."</p>	<p><b>Day 23</b></p> <p><b>Luke 17:16</b></p> <p>"...and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan."</p>	<p><b>Day 24</b></p> <p><b>Ephesians 5:20</b></p> <p>"...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."</p>
<p><b>Day 25</b></p> <p><b>Philippians 4:6</b></p> <p>"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."</p>	<p><b>Day 26</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 15:36</b></p> <p>"And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude."</p>	<p><b>Day 27</b></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 2:14</b></p> <p>"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."</p>	<p><b>Day 28</b></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 4:15</b></p> <p>"For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."</p>	<p><b>Day 29</b></p> <p><b>Colossians 2:6-7</b></p> <p>"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."</p>	<p><b>Day 30</b></p> <p><b>2 Thessalonians 2:13</b></p> <p>"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth..."</p>