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

Gratitude and thankfulness in today's world are often a struggle for many of us. We are living in a world that emphasizes stuff that we lack or we 'need' because someone else has it. The Bible calls us to focus on what we have and to recognize every good gift as coming from God...happiness in a Christians life is not about stuff!

The apostle Paul tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances." This is a command! No matter what we are going through – joy or sorrow, abundance or need – God asks us to be grateful. Why? Thankfulness draws us closer to God and reminds us of His faithfulness and love for us.

When we thank God, we are putting our focus on God, His blessings to us, and taking our focus away from our problems. It's always easier for us to complain, but gratitude is a good choice to make. When we practice thankfulness, we will experience peace and contentment!

Start each day and end each day by giving thanks for life and new mercies, keep a journal or a jar of blessings, big and small. Express appreciation to others and remember God's past faithfulness in your life.

Giving thanks and being grateful does not mean that we need to ignore our pain or pretend everything is perfect. Even in hardship, we can thank God for His presence and His comfort. True thankfulness is rooted in trust, a trust that God is working all things for our good.

We can be grateful because God gave us life. Read Psalm 139:13-14

We can be grateful that we're still alive. Read Ecclesiastes 11:8

We can be grateful that God saved us. Read Psalm 13:5

We can be grateful because God is good. Read Psalm 54:6

We can be grateful that God answers our prayers. Read Psalm 118:21

We can be grateful that God guides us. Read Psalm 16:7

We can be grateful that God forgives us. Read Psalm 118:1

We can be grateful that God will never stop loving us. Read Psalm 107:8

Let us be full of gratitude. Let us remember that every good gift comes from above. As we thank God in all circumstances, we reflect His light to the world and experience the fullness of His joy. .

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your countless blessings. Help us to cultivate hearts of gratitude, no matter our circumstances. Teach us to trust You and to give thanks always, in Jesus' name. AMEN

God's Blessings to you,

Mary Dubs

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ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 05 – Scott Miller
- 09 – Russ Wolford
- 10 – Justice Yoder-Ney
- 15 – scott Meyersieck
- 16 – Joy McIntosh
- 17 – Linda Wolford
- 17 – Carol Jenkins
- 23 – Ryan Damm
- 24 – Tammy Cox
- 25 – Kate Hill
- 25 – Randy Elenbaum
- 26 – Jeff Leipprandt
- 26 – Brian Poynton
- 27 – Jynessa Miles

We would love to have you join us for any or all of the various Bible Study's:

Men's Bible Study: 6:30pm. Will be on Monday's led by Randy Ovcen.
*Please note the new day & time.

Women's Morning Bible Study: 10:00am. Is on Tuesday's, led by Pam Hoepner.

Small Group Bible Study: 6:30pm. Will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ Salem Church, led by Pam & Jim Hoepner.

Women's Evening Bible Study: 6:30pm. Will be on Thursday's, led by Beckie Eichler.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S

- 03 – Lisa & Matt Esch
- 06 – Beckie & Hans Eichler



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Kids Club Family Meal and Activities – Every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30pm. Please come join us for a meal and fellowship time.

Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, January 4th, 2026, for 6th-8th graders, during the Sunday School time of 10:15-11am

Senior Meal/Bingo – November 12th, 11:30-1:30pm, menu is Thanksgiving Dinner. Please join us for great food, fellowship, and fun!

Wishlist – Fall, Christmas, Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Easter decorations for use in the fellowship hall for different events, and a good used refrigerator

Community Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, December 6th, here at Salem in the Fellowship Hall, 9am-1pm. Salem Church will be having a table with Baked Goods, so get your cookbooks out and have fun baking! Baked goods can be brought on Friday, contact Mary (989-550-2511) if you would prefer someone come pick them up, or drop off on Saturday morning between 8-8:30am.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

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The Shupe Family – Family Life Mission

October 7th, 2025

As fall is in full swing, we find ourselves reflecting on a fruitful summer. We are beyond grateful for the opportunities we experienced this past summer and during these first few weeks of the fall. We wanted to share a few of these moments with you and communicate our appreciation, and thank you for empowering us and partnering with us as we intentionally invest in others!!! Paul would call our summer travel our "harvest season" as there is an urgency as we seek to make the most of our time while connecting with many families, churches, camps, and individuals.... such a blessing!

As we reflect on our nine weeks out on the road this summer, and a couple more trips since, we are humbled by how we have seen God at work in people's lives and in our lives, too. On these trips, we spend time with friends we have lots of history with, and we continue to make new friends along the way, too. During these conversations, we seek to rely on His strength and His wisdom, as nearly every time we are personally encouraged and also grown and stretched. Our friend David Robbins, the CRU president, says, "If dependence is the goal, then weakness is an advantage". Our weaknesses and dependence become more obvious as the pressures of schedules and living life in tight quarters illuminate our need to be careful with all 3 forms of communication: words, nonverbal communication, and the tone in how we speak with each other. (Yes, there are real FamilyLife stories of growth from our time together on the road as a family.J)

A special and encouraging week this summer for our family was when we gathered with 5,000 other CRU staff in Milwaukee. Worshiping, learning, sharing, reflecting, repenting, connecting, collaborating, and much more happen as we gather every 3rd year as staff. US staff and global staff are all on the same mission as we seek to follow the Lord, working through the power of the Holy Spirit, sharing the truth and hope of Jesus Christ for life and salvation, discipling those that are curious and hungry to grow faith in Jesus, and challenging those we are investing in, to then be on mission and share this hope that they now have with those they interact with.

Our specific tailored vision of FamilyLife is that "Every home will become a Godly home! This mission is carried out through FamilyLife, Athletes in Action, Campus Ministry, Jesus Film Project, or other CRU ministries as we are seeking to work together as a greater CRU family, and with other ministries outside of CRU, so we are pulling in the same direction, advancing the Kingdom of God in this culture. Gathering together for the CRU25 conference was an effective time spent as ideas were shared, encouragement received, and vision caught on how we can make a greater impact together.

Our family couldn't be more excited, as we continue to receive opportunities to serve together, strengthening families and marriages. A highlight during this past summer was when we got to do ministry together, and our girls were able to share their faith as they counseled and ministered at camp. We all

worked together in a “tall camper/short camper” experience at Bay Shore Camp. Our daughters, Selah, Luella, and Layla, led “short campers” in music and counseled while the tall Shupe’s (Paul and Arin) led the “tall campers” (the parents and grandparents) through the FamilyLife “Art of Parenting”, small group content. While many families that attended camp understand who Christ is, there were far too many that did not or are not yet walking with Jesus as

the Lord of their lives. Thank you for partnering with us as we invested in these “tall campers”. It brings tears to our eyes to think about how hopeless parenting and life would be without Christ as our center and strength. “Tall campers” were so hungry and eager to learn. Before the different sessions started, we would put specific resources out to make available for “tall campers” to have for free on the specific topic that we would be teaching on. When we would reference the stacks of resources, by the end of the session, the resources were taken and GONE. Parents and grandparents were eager to process what they are currently navigating and excited to then head home and implement what they had learned.

Through your partnership, this summer, you were making an impact, helping to bring transformation not only in Michigan at the different camp ministries, but also in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Missouri, while we made connections.

Last weekend, we were at a Weekend to Remember (WTR) in Hot Springs, AR, where you helped to send several couples to that event. We plan to follow up with the couples you helped send, and learn about what God is doing in their lives as they seek to unpack God’s life-giving wisdom on how to do marriage. We are praying that our home would be a place of safety for these couples to grow strength in their marriage.

As we gear up for a FamilyLife leadership trip this coming weekend in New Mexico, we will cast vision to guest couples about what God is doing across the ministry of FamilyLife. We are excited to have Selah along as part of the staff team. She will be working behind the scenes in the “event planning part” of the ministry. For the next several months, our family will be taking on some additional and new responsibilities at FamilyLife. The girls will be with us on some of these trips. What an amazing opportunity to again be working together as a family, where God is leading us and teaching us along the way. We often feel very inadequate for what He’s called us to do, but if dependence is the goal, then weakness is an advantage! Would you pray with us as we continue to press into the call that God has on our lives and the roles that He’s asking us to step into? We pray that we will continue to press into the things that matter the most, our relationship with Christ #1, then our family, and then those around us. We are blessed and thankful for each one of you and your friendship. We would love to know how our family can specifically be praying for you. Please shoot us an email or text, and we will lift you up in prayer!

ON MISSION TOGETHER WITH YOU,

Paul, Arin, Selah, Luella, and Layla Shupe

A Life-Changing Weekend



What to Expect

The FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember® is a two-and-a-half-day marriage getaway designed to help you nurture and grow your relationship based on God's design. You'll listen to engaging talks by married couples who teach practical, biblically centered concepts, engage in alone time through one-on-one couples projects, and leave the weekend with the tools you need to continue to grow in communication and intimacy with your spouse.

A Worthy Investment

Our weekend registration fee is \$350 per couple. However, FamilyLife offers discounts throughout the year, and scholarships are also available for active duty military and full-time pastoral couples.

100%
Satisfaction
Guarantee

If you don't agree that Weekend to Remember was one of the best investments you've made in your marriage, the full registration fee will be refunded.

While registrations do not include the cost of overnight accommodations, meals, or parking, we do negotiate discounted rates (subject to availability) for attendees to help you create the ultimate couples getaway.



Weekend to Remember®
by FamilyLife



"Walking into this event, we had no idea what to expect or what it was really about. This has been truly transformational in our marriage. It has sparked and rekindled a desire to have the best marriage possible."

WIFE, MARRIED 10 YEARS



WeekendToRemember.com
Register Online Today!
Or call 1-800-FL-TODAY

**Great Marriages
Don't Just Happen**



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Weekend Itinerary

Each Weekend to Remember getaway begins Friday evening and continues through noon on Sunday. The atmosphere all weekend is laid-back. Also, dress comfortably and in layers as ballrooms get chilly.

DAY 1 | FRIDAY

5:00 p.m. - Event Check-In

7:00 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.

Part I: **The Dream for Marriage**

Session 1: Are You Living the Dream?

Break

Session 2: Let's Talk

♥ Couple's Check-In

DAY 2 | SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Session 3: The Forgotten Dream

Part II: **The Fall of Marriage**

Session 4: How the Dream Comes Crashing Down

Break

Part III: **The Hope for Marriage**

Session 5: God's Power for Overcomers

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Session 6: Let's Fight

♥ Couple's Check-In

Break

Session 7: Let's Talk About Sex

Date Night

DAY 3 | SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Blended Breakfast Session

Session 8: Men to Men

Break

Session 9: Women to Women

Break

Part IV: **Mission of Marriage**

Session 9: Make the Dream a Reality

♥ Couple's Check-In



Find your nearest location.

A Life-Changing Weekend

Over 80 different locations.

West

Albuquerque, NM
Anchorage, AK
Blaine, WA
Boise, ID
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Colorado Springs, CO
Estes Park, CO
Irvine, CA
Lake Tahoe, CA
Las Vegas, NV
Monterey, CA
Napa Valley, CA
Redondo Beach, CA
Sacramento, CA
San Diego, CA
San Francisco, CA
Scottsdale, AZ
Seattle, WA
Sunriver, OR
Tucson, AZ
Vancouver, WA
Ventura, CA

Midwest

Akron, OH
Appleton, WI
Branson, MO
Cedar Rapids, IA
Chicago, IL
Cincinnati, OH
Columbus, OH
Des Moines, IA
Detroit, MI
Grand Rapids, MI
Indianapolis, IN
Kalamazoo, MI
Kansas City, KS
Lincoln, NE
Madison, WI
Minneapolis, MN
Omaha, NE
Sioux Falls, SD

South

Asheville, NC
Atlanta, GA
Augusta, GA
Austin, TX
Baton Rouge, LA
Charleston, SC
Charlotte, NC
Chattanooga, TN
Chesapeake Bay, MD
Dallas, TX
Delray Beach, FL
Destin, FL
Hilton Head, SC
Houston, TX
Jacksonville, FL
Little Rock, AR
Louisville, KY
Montgomery, AL
Myrtle Beach, SC

Northeast

Naples, FL
Nashville, TN
Orlando, FL
Raleigh, NC
Reston, DC
San Antonio, TX
South Padre Island, TX
Tampa, FL
Tulsa, OK
Virginia Beach, VA
Williamsburg, VA
Hartford, CT
Hershey, PA
Newport, RI
Parsippany, NJ
Philadelphia, PA
Pittsburgh, PA
Poconos, PA
Portland, ME
Rochester, NY
Springdale, NY

For a complete list of dates and locations, visit WeekendtoRemember.com



Here are a few testimonies from guests who attended WTR events over the last couple of weekends. God is powerfully at work through your partnership, as you help to make these events possible! Thank You Team!

-This conference saved our marriage in 2016. We have been coming every year since. Wife married, 12 years

-This truly has been the best marriage conference we have ever been to! The speakers were incredible and so approachable and relatable! Saturated in so many practical, helpful tools and refreshers! Such a sweet weekend with my husband! Wife, married 13 years

-I think this getaway truly helped save our marriage. We have been trying to move past and heal from infidelity this past year. This conference helped us connect on a level we have not before and really just turn it all over to God. It has helped me find ways to forgive and heal and let God build back the trust that was broken. Wife, married 5 years

-We came in, neither of us were wearing our rings, with little hope we were going to make it. This weekend helped reaffirm our love, commitment, and covenant we entered into with each other 14 years ago. There's a lot of work still to be done, but I believe we are both leaving here with a renewed sense of hope and more tools to help us work through our past hurts and find true resolve, healing and strength for the future. Wife, married 14 years

-We arrived at this conference at a point where a week ago, we didn't know if we were even going to stay together. But God has provided grace and forgiveness over the previous week. And then we came here and this conference honestly helped save our marriage. It has given us so many tools and resources to help us make the changes we need to grow our marriage. You have provided us with hope, that we're not alone and that we have a God who loves us and loves our marriage. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ❤️❤️ Wife, married 4 years

-I am feeling hopeful for the first time in such a very long time. I truly feel that this picked us up out of the rut and placed us on a good path. We know that there will still be bumps, rocks, twists and turns, but you've given us a good set of off-road tires! I now have faith that, as we put God as our center, we can make it! I can't thank you enough. Wife, married 10 years

-I actually came here with my husband under duress, with anger in my heart and so much distance between my husband and me. We've been married 36 years tomorrow and have 5 children. After all this time, we still struggle to communicate respectfully. I will leave today with hope in my heart and a renewed sense of love and respect for my husband and who he is as a child of God. Wife, married 36 years

-Amazing. My wife and I have had problems, but we didn't understand the underlying issues. We had several lightbulb moments where we found out why our solutions weren't working. It was a lot of fun and came at just the right time for us. Husband, married 24 years

-This weekend was beyond our expectations - we have learned to be more humble, affirming, and present, not just in conflict but in the whole of our relationship. This weekend reoriented us to God's design for marriage: that we are a team with unique roles to fulfill, and to put the blame on the true enemy, Satan, not our spouse. This weekend provided the opportunity to fall in love all over again and learn how to love each other better as we continue on our marriage mission. Wife, married 13 years

-Huge! I felt a change the first night. I have recommitted myself to the Lord and our marriage. I really enjoyed the part where we "Let It Go" by writing down what we need to let go of and dropping it in the bowl to leave it at God's altar. I felt a weight lifted off my shoulders and an immediate healing wash over me. Husband, married 18 years

Where and when will you do your Weekend to Remember? Reach out, and I can register you!

Join us in Detroit: Nov. 21-23rd, 2025, or Grand Rapids: Jan. 30th-Feb. 2nd 2026, or Indianapolis: March 25-27th, 2026, or at one of the other 70+ locations across the U.S.?

<https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/>

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Upcoming Events this NOVEMBER & Reminders...

November 2, 2025
Communion and
Noisy Offering for the Food Pantry



October 9, 2025

Dear Salem Members,
Thank you so much
for your donation of
\$745! to the Pigeon
Ecumenical Food Pantry.
It has been a very
busy year for us with
visits up over 120% from
last year. You are part
of a wonderful group of
people helping us to
assist the needy in our
area!

Blessings,
Marge Hall
Treasurer

Community Event

November 5th @ 7:00am, Men's Community Breakfast at First United Methodists Church.

Senior Meal/Bingo – November 12th, 11:30-1:30PM, menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, fresh fruit salad, and dessert plus \$3/person.

Pigeon Food Pantry from 10am to 7pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at First UMC.

Tom Thumb Singers

Performances at Cass City United Methodist church

Saturday, December 13th – 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 14th – 3:00 pm

MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE | NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The **Michigan March for Life** is just 2 WEEKS from TODAY!!

I am so excited to attend this year. I want to extend one final invite to you to join me and THOUSANDS of Michiganders from all across the state to stand up for life. Let's band together and show our governor and our legislators that we are still here and we are still fighting for the lives of the unborn. No laws can stop us from believing in the sanctity of ALL human life.

We are sending buses at NO CHARGE to you!

We have LIMITED SEATING available!

Please invite a friend or neighbor! Get them registered soon!

Reservation deadline is October 31st. Click on the link below to register.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAoyz2ly0IbVr3MqN6CYrBsFtUjtPfkTuvWLIL0BTyCEyGyQ/viewform>

Pick up locations include:

Clare, Bay City, Ubly, Marlette, Imlay City and Emmett. LOTS of options!!

You will be asked to choose your location when you register. Exact locations are provided when you register. PLEASE SHARE!!

Michigan March for Life Schedule

10 a.m. (or thereabouts) Arrival and Drop Off at Designated Area

Pre-Rally Music on Capitol Lawn

11 a.m. Rally Begins

12 p.m. March

1 p.m. (or thereabouts) March Concludes and Bus Pick Ups Begin

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Michigan March for Life on Thursday, November 6! If you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact Amy Roggenbuck at 810-404-0860 or myself, Amy Engelhard, at 989-670-8220.

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1pm SPRC Mtg. Set clocks back (see below)
2 Communion Noisy Offering All-Saints Day Guest Speaker, Rev. Ron Hutchinson	3 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	4 10am Women's Bible Study	5 Community Men's Breakfast 7:00am @ First 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	6 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	7	8
9 Mel McCracken Guest Speaker	10 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	11 Veterans Day 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study	12 Pigeon Food Pantry 10am-7pm First UMC 11:30am-1:30pm Salem Sr. Meal/Bingo 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	13	14	15
16 Jon Ward Guest Speaker	17 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	18 6pm Church Council 7pm Charge Conference	19 5:30-7pm All Families & Kid's Club with meal	20	21	22
23 Bill Comai Guest Speaker	24 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	25 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study	26 Pigeon Food Pantry 10am-7pm First UMC No Kid's Club/ Family Meal	27 Thanksgiving 	28 Office Closed	29
30 Bill Comai Guest Speaker					Saturday, Nov. 1 st set your clocks back one hour before	going to bed so you won't be late for Church on the 2 nd .

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Worship Assistant Schedule

	11/2/2025	11/9/2025	11/16/2025	11/23/2025	11/30/2025
Coffee/Snacks/ Server	Klarissa Eichler		Pam & Jay Dubey	Mary Dubs & Youth	Meyersieck
Acolyte (1 person)	Zoey Clink	Noah Clink	Klohie Clink	Mary Dubs & Youth	Zoey Clink
Greeters Narthex	Connie J. Damm	Marla Heck	Kim Leipprandt & Lily McIntosh	Mary Dubs & Youth	Linda Wolford
Scripture Reader (Adult only)	Cris Clink	Jim Hoepner	Ray Leppien	Mary Dubs & Youth	
Ushers	Marc Hill	Russ Wolford	Russ Wolford	Cliff Pobanz	Cliff Pobanz
Money Counters	Angie Dubs & Kathy McQueen	Lauren Armbruster & Michelle Hill	Karrie Foy & Kelly Leppien	Ray Leppien & Russ Wolford	Ray Leppien & Russ Wolford
Sound Techs.	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner	Linda Garman & Ethan Hoepner
Technical Support	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler	Aaron Eichler
*Be sure to call someone to take your place if you will not be here on your Sunday. Thanks!					

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Statement of Purpose

We exist to:

Seek The Disconnected

Adore Our God

Live Like Christ

Enjoy Friendships

Mobilize For Ministry

We do this by being:

Glorified In Christ

Maturing In Faith

Committed In Practice