



Heartbeats along the way: The Thankful Heart

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1

This is the season for national Thanksgiving, although in the big box stores it's usually the start line for an orgy of buying. This season is sandwiched in between Halloween and Xmas. (I use Xmas because in most of those places the "Christ" is completely missing.)

This psalm, like so many others is a combination of many themes: human thankfulness and hope; God's majesty, power, and judgment; and petition for God to rise up.

In the life of the Christian, every day is a day of thanks. One of the blessings we have is a thankful heart. Oh, sometimes it's missing or pushed aside because of something else. But God has put out lots of signs that point to thankfulness. So, ask yourself this: "How large a part of my prayers is devoted to genuine thankfulness?"

Let your hearts always be thankful for blessings great and small. Let them give thanks for what has happened in your life, and in what is happening in the life of our church family. Let's tell everyone of the wonderful deeds God has done. Remember, as Pastor Jim said, we're part of Jesus' Nation, and every day is a great day to offer grateful thanks!

Our pilgrimage to the soybean field we bought for our new church building has been paved with God's miracles and many reasons for thankfulness.

"Lord of our lives, Your mercy and love deserve our joyful thanks every day! Lend us voice and courage to tell all about Your wonderful deeds. Amen."

~ cl reynolds