



Faith Calls

June 2019

Count Your Blessings

In thirty-four years of ministry, I have learned some important lessons about gratitude. Some people just don't seem to appreciate what they have got. There's the father who takes his family for granted, who can't find time to attend a child's game. There's the teenager who feels entitled to an expensive iPhone or car. On the other hand, there are people who appreciate even the smallest good fortune. Almost by definition, appreciative people and people who practice gratitude seem to be more satisfied with their lives.

Paul Walsh is a general assignment reporter at the Star Tribune. Paul's story about Orlando Thomas is a story that is hard to put down; it will compel you to count your blessing. So, I want to ask you: are you counting your blessings?

Orlando Thomas played safety for seven seasons with the Minnesota Vikings. He was a second-round draft choice for the Vikings from the small town of Crowley, Louisiana. Crowley is a city and parish seat of Acadia Parish, Louisiana, with a population of over 12,000.

Orlando died in 2014 after a ten-year battle with ALS. He was only 42 years old. "This was a devastating way for it to happen," said agent Mark Bertelstein, referring to the Amyotrophic lateral Sclerosis—often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. But it was inevitable."

Bertelstein said Thomas showed incredible courage while bedridden for the last few years. "To watch what he went through since he came down with ALS" Bertelstein said, "never showing an ounce of self-pity. He never wanted to talk about his plight."

Orlando was set to join the Arizona Cardinals coaching staff of former Vikings Coach Dennis Green in 2004 as an intern when he started to experience symptoms of Lou Gehrig's disease. He helped coach the team's defensive backs through training camp, but became weaker and was diagnosed by doctors in September of that year. He was unable to return to the Cardinals in 2005.

ALS began to destroy his body. In a press conference, Orlando told the world he had ALS. After the ALS started to challenge him, Orlando would say to family and friends, "EVERY DAY IS A HOLIDAY!"

Nevertheless, I am compelled to thank you for the many ways you have allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by I will look back fondly on our time together; I trust the same will be true for you.

In the eleven years I have been at Faith Church, I've watched children grow up. I've baptized, performed marriages, performed too many funerals. I've visited hospitals and shut-ins. Together, we've realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, and persevered.

I will continue to hold you in my prayers. I pray for you to have a future like that spoken of in Jeremiah 29:11 . . . "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." I hope that under the leadership of the Rev. David and Dr. Eugenia Whitt you will find new ways of reaching out in love to our neighbors.

The Bible also has something to say about counting blessings in Philippians 4:6-7 . . . "Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

Count your Blessings!

Peace,

Pastor Brady

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**



Youth Group June News

The End of the Season is here! Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00 pm we will meet at the church and go to Best Gyros in Northfield for dinner. Bring money to cover your meal. We will be done at the church at 8:00 pm. Please contact Kris if you have any questions!

Anyone in grades 6-12 are welcome to any MYF event or meeting. And friends are also welcome. We always open with prayer, have some snacks and beverages, fellowship time, game time, a lesson, then wrap it all up with prayer.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

MYF Mission Statement
TO EQUIP TEENS TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE REAL WORLD



Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact leaders Dave and Kris Loughley at 330.571.2850 or dloughley@aol.com, kloughley@aol.com or Trent and Gerry Springer.

Drive-Up Prayer Ministry Continues

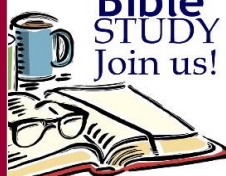
Last year we began a ministry called “Drive-Up Prayer.” On the last Saturday of each month, during the Summer and early Fall, we offered to pray for anyone who drove into the Church parking lot. The ministry was powerful and rewarding to both those who came for prayer and those who volunteered to pray.



As you enter our Sanctuary, there is a banner above the door that says, “Centered in Jesus Christ, Reaching Out in Love.” What better way to reach out in love than to pray for and with others. The next “Drive-Up Prayer” time will be Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

In the world we live in, people need encouragement in dealing with an assortment of issues that confront them. They need to know that they are not alone and that God loves and cares about them. We want to help people and walk with them as they bring their cares to God. We are hopeful that you will take this opportunity to be part of the “Prayer Warriors” that day and sign up to be part of the Prayer Team. We also encourage you to invite, or even better yet, to bring people to receive prayer during the “Drive-Up Prayer” sessions.

We recognize that many people don’t attend a church regularly, but it is very rare that people will turn down an opportunity to have someone pray for them.



Bible Study Join us!

Sunday Evening Bible Study is doing a study on the book of James. James was the half-brother of Jesus. His letter is directed to the Jewish audience. James writes to encourage believers to live consistently with what they have learned in Christ. He wants his readers to mature in their faith in Christ by living what they say they believe.

If you desire to mature in your faith we encourage you to plan on attending this study of James. We will be meeting in the Wesley Room at 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings. We hope that we will see you there.

Please contact Gary or Deb Todd if you have any questions or want more information regarding this study.

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

June Fellowship Luncheons

We have Fellowship Luncheons on Sundays, in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 2nd Service. The following is the schedule for the month of May. Please contact Gary or Deb Todd if you would like to help with these luncheons.

- Sunday June 2 *Pastor Brady’s Farewell Luncheon*
- Sunday June 9 *Mexican Sunday*
- Sunday June 16 *Birthday Sunday*
- Sunday June 23 *Pancake Breakfast*
- Sunday June 30 *“Bring Your Favorite Soup” Sunday*

Communion Stewards for Second Service

The first Sunday of every month we celebrate Communion as part of our Worship Service. This is not only a time to remember what Christ did for us, but a time to be in communion with Him and the Body of Christ. The contemporary service at 11:00 am not only gives you the opportunity to receive Communion, but also the opportunity to be a Communion Steward and assist with serving Communion. If you are interested in serving as a Communion Steward and have not previously signed up, please contact Gary Todd.

Following is a list of the Communion Stewards for the next nine months:

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>
06/02/19	KEN & PATTY KEMP
07/07/19	GREG & LENORA MATTHEWS
08/04/19	MIKE & TRACY SHAUB
09/01/19	GERALD & SYLVIA GUNN
10/06/19	ANDREA & REBECCA PETERS
11/03/19	SARA SCHMIDT, DEBI SWEATT
12/01/19	TOM PROROK, DEB TODD
01/05/20	MYRTLE HAWKS, TRISHA ZONA
02/02/20	MATTHEW & ANNIE ZELLNER

Please advise Gary Todd if you are not available on the week scheduled.

Blessed
is the one
who comes
in the
name
of the Lord.
Luke 13:35



Pray With Us Before Aboard

Do you feel powerless when it comes to the big picture? God hears you and will help you when you come to Him.

Join us **June 3rd from 6:30 to 6:55**
in the **Wesley Room**.

We will have colored pencils and adult coloring pages to help you relax and focus your mind on God if you would like to try that.



We will pray about **anything** on your heart.

Join Us.

Philippians 4:6-7 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Monthly Birthday Celebration – June 16th

Do you have a birthday in June? If you do, tell us quickly at **330-425-2565**. We want your name on our cake. We want to celebrate you. Birthdays are about family. Come and celebrate your June birthday with your church family. We will celebrate in the middle of the month on **June 16th** after second service. If you would like to help, please contact Lee Reynolds at FUMCLayLeader@gmail.com or Gary Todd at 330-425-9745.

MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

Once a month we present a movie on a Friday night in Fellowship Hall. Each of these movies have a message that can open a heart and change a life. The movies are shown in Fellowship Hall and start at 7:00 pm. Below are the movies that we will be showing over the next six months.

Friday June 14 th	Paul, Apostle of Christ
Friday July 12 th	God Bless the Broken Road
Friday August 23 rd	A Man Called Jon
Friday September 13 th	A Question of Faith
Friday October 18 th	The Trump Prophecy
Friday November 8 th	Indivisible



We encourage you to come and to invite others to see these wonderful films of faith and encouragement. The movies are free and pizza, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Gary and Deb Todd if you have any questions about this event. Hope to see you at the movies.



- Sandra Stavenger ~ 5*
- Nancy Leape ~ 7*
- Tom Rodman ~ 8*
- David Nobles ~ 10*
- Lori Sarver ~ 11*
- Annie Zellner ~ 13*
- Tom Prorok ~ 19*
- Paula McArthur ~ 21*
- Steven Rush ~ 22*
- Sara Schmidt ~ 22*
- Amanda Alberta ~ 25*
- Carlos Lawler ~ 25*
- Joseph Bandiera ~ 26*
- Jeffrey Murphy ~ 26*
- Carissa Chiudioni ~ 28*
- Lori Damcott ~ 29*



- Greg & Lenora Matthews ~ 10*
- Rick & Sue Dye ~ 13*
- David & Theresa Burgess ~ 17*
- Joel & Lori Sarver ~ 20*
- Bob & Holly Lowe ~ 22*
- Scott & Karen Johnson ~ 27*

Summer Vacation

Summer time has finally arrived and with it comes summer vacations. Although vacations are wonderful for us, they can be a hardship for the church. Not only do vacations cause our attendance to fall off, it also causes the giving we receive to decrease. Unfortunately, our expenses continue even when we are away. The decrease in giving makes it difficult to cover our commitments during the summer and puts us behind for the year. You can help fix this problem by donating even if you are out of town.



There are several ways that you can continue to give, even when you're away. First, if you only be gone a week or 2 you could write a check for the week(s) that you are going to miss either the week before you leave or the week after you return.

Another way, if you use on-line banking, you could set up Faith United Methodist Church, 2560 Post Rd, Twinsburg, as a payee, in your "Pay Bill" tab, on your online records. Once you set the church up as a payee, you can have a check issued to the church in any amount and on any date you want. If you are tired of writing checks to the church, you can set the church up as an auto pay, where the bank will send a check to the church from your account as often as you desire, (weekly, twice a month, monthly, etc.). By doing your contributions that way you will never miss a week's donation and the church will be able to pay the bills even when we are away on vacation. The check is not charged against your account until the church cashes it, the same as it would when you put a check in the offering plate/chest.

We hope you will have a wonderful summer and enjoy your vacations. Please remember that God nor His church is ever on vacation so please continue to support the church even when you're away. Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated.



Coupons... Coupons... and more Coupons!



Looking for ways to save? Start at our Community Board. Remember . . . every little bit helps. Take as many coupons as you can use. (Give some to your friends.)

Join us **Thursday, June 27th** to update our board for July. We will meet from **1pm to 3pm**. If you can't make it and are looking for something special (ie: Luv's diapers) just let us know. We take requests.

For more information, contact Theresa Johnson at 330-405-1588 or TheresaMJohnson@msn.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Friday Night at the Movies

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PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST

Friday, June 14th ~ 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

No one knew when He was coming back. Not even Jesus Himself: "But concerning that day and hour no one knows," Jesus said in Matthew, "not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

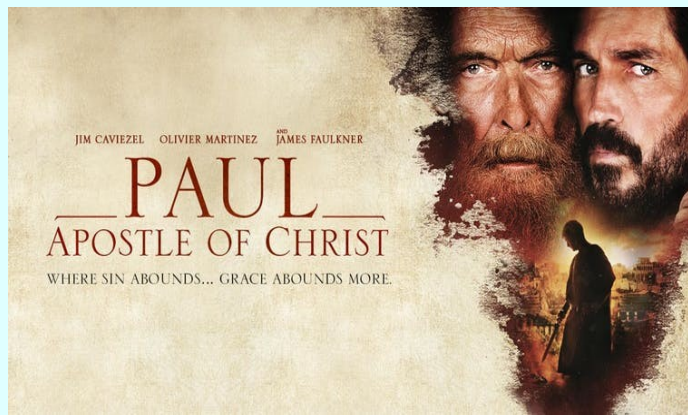
But by A.D. 67, Jesus' followers hoped their risen King would hurry things up a little.

The flock Jesus had left behind was in desperate straits. A good chunk of Rome had burned down a few years earlier, and Emperor Nero accused this upstart Jewish sect of starting the blaze. Christians were being relentlessly persecuted—beaten or murdered or sent to the Circus, to be torn apart by wild animals. Many of Christianity's leaders had died already. Those who hadn't were on the run or in chains, including arguably the most important leader of all.

For years, Paul had crisscrossed the Roman world, preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. He'd written letters of exhortation and rebuke; he'd educated the young Church about God's inexhaustible love. No one had done more to spread Christianity, other than Christ himself.

But now it seemed as though Paul's race was just about over. He was locked away in a Roman prison, languishing in seemingly its deepest, darkest cell. Martyrdom was just around the bend. Concerning the day or hour, Paul did not know. But he knew it was coming.

But perhaps Paul's work isn't done just yet. Luke, the Greek doctor-turned-Christian-turned-gospel-author, comes to visit his old friend in prison. Perhaps Paul has one more story to tell—the history and acts of the early Church. Perhaps he can encourage Jesus' followers—followers in desperate need of encouragement and leadership—one last time.



Pentecost Sunday ~ June 9th

Acts 1: 4-5 "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus was telling his disciples to wait for Pentecost when they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came to them. It is the day when we remember that God poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Tongues of fire appeared above each



of their heads and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This empowered them to go and spread the good news of the gospel in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.



Church Chuckles

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.' 'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

An Unspoken Bible

Author Unknown



His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Christian recently while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

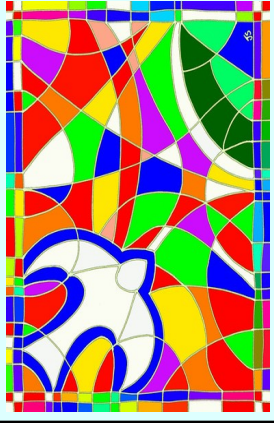
The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit and, when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before!)

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the minister realized that from way at the back of the church, an Elder is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the Elder is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane.

All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the Elder does what he has to do. And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the minister gains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read."



June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9/11:00a Worship & Communion 6:00p Bible Study	3 6:30p Prayer Vigil 7:00p Ad Council	4 6:30p AA/GR	5 6:45p Women's Prayer/AWR	6 7:00p Praise Team	7 6-9p Private Event/ Sanc & FH	1 8:00a Men's Prayer 8-11a Kairos Mtg/FH 8
9 Day of Pentecost 9/11:00a Worship 6:00p Bible Study	10 5:00p Trustees Mtg 6:30p Music Practice <i>June 10-13 Annual Conference</i>	11 6:30p AA/GR	12 6:45p Women's Prayer/AWR	13 7:00p Praise Team	14 7:00p Friday Night at the Movies <i>(Paul, Apostle of Christ)</i>	15 8:00a Men's Prayer
16 Father's Day 9/11:00a Worship	17 ** Newsletter Deadline for July Issue 6:30p Music Practice 7:00p Finance Mtg	18 6:30p AA/GR	19 6:00p Girl Scouts/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/AWR	20 1:00p Seniors Lunch 7:00p Praise Team	21	22 8:00a Men's Prayer 12-5p Private Evt/FH
23 9/11:00a Worship 6:00p Bible Study	24 6:30p Music Practice	25 6:30p AA/GR	26 6:30p Boy Scouts/FH 6:45p Women's Prayer/AWR	27 7:00p Praise Team	28	29 8:00a Men's Prayer
30 9/11:00a Worship 6:00p Bible Study	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> FH = Fellowship Hall WR = Wesley Room GR = Grace Room Sanc = Sanctuary </div>					

**** June 17th — Deadline for submission of articles for the July Newsletter**

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"Centered in Jesus Christ – Reaching out in Love"*



Worship Services

Traditional 9:00 am

Contemporary 11:00 am

Christian Education

(September thru May) 10:10 am & 11:10 am

Staffed Nursery: 8:45 am–12:00 pm