

“Come close to God and He will come close to you”. - James 4:8 Amplified

“Give thanks to the Lord!”

Psalms 118:29—Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

How can we ever stop giving thanks to the **ONE** who has given His life for us? To the **ONE** who has called us out of darkness into the marvelous light of His great grace and placed us into a place of safety and shelter underneath HIS mighty arms? All I can do is humbly say, “Thank you my Lord!

“Saying ‘Thank you’ to God helps us recall how loving, caring, and faithful He is—as a result, our intimacy with Him deepens. And often, when others hear us express gratitude to Him, they are reminded that the Lord is their source for blessing as well”. -Charles Stanley

During this wonderful time of Thanksgiving as we gather with family and friends, lets allow the Spirit of Thanksgiving to permeate our entire beings. “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

“In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich”. -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Thou hast given so much to me...Give me one more thing—a grateful heart”. -George Herbert

Ps 69:30 NIV—I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

As we meditate upon the goodness of our Lord and what He has given to us, let us truly be thankful that our sins have been completely **forgiven, forgotten, forever!** Be thankful that He has given to you an individual kingdom assignment that only you can fulfill! Pat and I are grateful for you; for your love, your prayers and blessings that you have extended to us! **Thank you! Eph 1:16 NIV — I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.**



“Everything's Amazing but Nobody's Happy!” -a word from Pat

A friend recently posted a video on Facebook with this same title. The man was a comedian and began to contrast the way things use to be with the way they are now. He spoke about how we use to have **rotary phones** you had to dial and to stand next to; so now we get upset at our phones for being slow and won't give them a second for the signal to get back from space. He told about people who come back from their airline flights and tell “**horror stories**” like it was the worst day of their lives and how they complain about the seat won't go back or isn't comfortable but not acknowledging they are actually sitting in a chair in the sky! They complain about the 20 minute boarding delay and the 40 minute delay while sitting on the runway while not remembering that from NY to CA is only 5 hours! They completely forgot the incredible fact that they were participating in the “**Miracle of human flight!**”

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I saw an immediate correlation between this video and the lackluster joy in the body of Christ.

- ◆ **We have an amazing God but nobody's happy.** We have an amazing God but we've lost our awe of Him. Instead it's an “Ah Lord, why didn't you do this or that?” According to Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary, awe is defined as “fear mingled with admiration or reverence”. **Psalms 33:8** - Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
- ◆ **We have an amazing salvation but nobody's happy.** **Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- ◆ **We have an amazing HELPER and nobody's happy.** **John 16:7 AMP** - However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].
- ◆ **We have an amazing Book and nobody's happy.** **Psalms 119:161** - But my heart stands in awe of Your word. Smith Wigglesworth called the Bible, “**The Book of Books**”.

“**This book** contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. **Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.** It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. **It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.** Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.” -Author Unknown

Robert E. Lee: *"In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."*

Abraham Lincoln: *"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book."*

Immanuel Kant: *"The existence of the Bible, as a book for people, is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced. Every attempt to belittle it is a crime against humanity."*

- ◆ **We have an amazing inheritance and nobody's happy.** **1 Peter 1:3-4 NIV** - In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you.

So why aren't we happy? I believe most unhappiness can be traced to unbelief, faulty beliefs or even “**microwave theology**”; wanting something from God **now!** Do we really believe that God is who He says He is? Do we really believe that He does all He says He does? Much of the time we are focusing on our circumstances and the things of the world rather than the things of eternity. Some of our unhappiness can be attributed to an unthankful heart. But as we learn to cultivate a **grateful heart** we will be amazed and full of joy.

Everything's amazing and everybody should be happy!

Where is our rejoicing? - a word from Gary

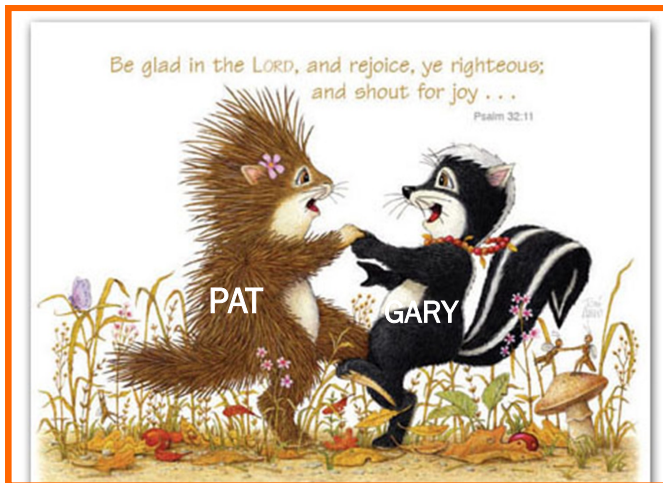
Phil 4:4 AMP – “Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!” **Psalms 37:4 AMP** – “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart”. **1 Thes. 5:16** – “Rejoice always....” Webster’s dictionary defines “rejoice” as; to celebrate, cheer, exult, delight, be glad, be pleased with, and to express joy! So, we must ask ourselves, “**Is there rejoicing in my life?**” Does my heart rejoice and is it glad in all of life’s situations?

Even the angels rejoice when one sinner repents and turns to Christ! **Luke 15:7** - I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Ps 32:11 – “Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!” To rejoice means to be cheerful, calmly happy and well-off! Because we are living in perilous (stressful, risky, dangerous) times, can we truly rejoice in every situation? When we are faced with difficult and puzzling circumstances, can we truly rejoice? **James 1:2** – Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, **consider it an opportunity for great joy.**

Are we joyful and rejoicing when we are faced with circumstances that are above and beyond our control? **Hab 3:17-19 NLT** - Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, **yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.** The Sovereign LORD is my strength!

The Lord sent His disciples out two-by-two as recorded in **Luke 10** and they returned from their assignment “rejoicing” because demons were subject to them through the name of Jesus. But Jesus caught their ear and said to them in **Luke 10:20** - Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, **but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.** All our earthly influence and power, no matter how great or small fades into the night compared to fact that our names are: “**written in heaven**” (we are citizens of heaven), friends of God, approved by God, and sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of Redemption! Let’s rejoice every day; rejoice that we belong to Jesus; He is our soon-coming King; He gives us all we need pertaining to holiness and righteousness; and that we are HIS sons and His daughters! **Rev 21:7** - He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. That’s a cause for rejoicing!



Bay of The Holy Spirit Revival—Mobile, Alabama

The Lord God continues to pour out His Spirit across the world and HE has chosen Mobile, Alabama to bring salvations, healings, and miracles to HIS Church. Pastor John Kilpatrick, formerly of the Brownsville Church in Pensacola, FL is experiencing a **mighty move of Holy Spirit** at the Mobile Convention Center. Many have watched as Delia Knox, in a wheelchair for 22 years, is walking by herself, praising God as well as praying for others! I have enclosed several websites for your information as the meetings are being live on Thursday through Sunday.

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"A baptism of holiness, a demonstration of godly living is the crying need of our day". -Duncan Campbell

Ministry Notes

- Gary and Pat need continual prayer partners as they continue to travel and proclaim the truth in love.
- Pray for health and strength for both Gary and Pat as they complete the year 2010 strong.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and revelation as Gary and Pat plan for 2011. Pray the Lord will continue to use both of them for His Kingdom purposes.
- Monthly financial supporters are needed to help with the increasing costs of ministry.
- Lord, not our will, but YOUR will be done in our lives.

Pat and I want to say "*thank you*" to those folks who gave toward the purchase of our **new computer** for the ministry. We are grateful for your kindness and we will certainly use it for His glory!

Winter 2011 Ministry Schedule

November 7th—Brooks Assembly of God—Brooks, OR

November 12th—Gateway Church—Tacoma, WA

November 14th—18th—God's Lighthouse—Garibaldi, OR

December 2nd—Teen Challenge—Portland, OR

December 7th—Closer To Him Board Meeting—Portland, OR

December 10th & 12th—Gateway Church—Tacoma, WA

January 11th & 12th—CFN Meetings—Destin, FL

January 16th—Church of God's Miracles—Chumuckla, FL

January 23th—First Assembly of God—Jay, FL

January 30th—First Assembly of God—Clanton, AL



Pat and Gary