

THANK YOU (Men's Edition)

Last week's article was a public "Thank You," to all the ladies of the congregation. "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, ***Cease not to give thanks for you***, making mention of you in my prayers" (Ephesians 1:15-16, emphasis mine). This week we will continue our thoughts of thankfulness by acknowledging the good service of our men.

Thank You, Brother Jay Caldwell, for making signs to put up at our new meeting location. Thank you for leading singing, for preparing excellent devotions, and for being a good example to young fathers. Thank you for your new work in preparing our weekly bulletins.

Thank You, Brother Brian Carver, for your strong stand for the truth, despite being wrongly bombarded with false accusations. Thank you for your example as a father and husband – taking care of four children while also caring for the Spiritual needs of your wife. Thank you for opening your home to the new congregation and for making us feel so welcomed.

Thank You, Brother Lance Green, for continuing to grow in the Faith and in your leadership abilities. Thank you for leading singing and for taking on the responsibility of being the congregation's treasurer. Thank you, also, for being my good brother, in the flesh, and a good friend.

Thank You, Brother Charles Hatcher, for being so technologically adept. Thank you for your zeal and desire to do that which is right. Thank you for your excellent devotions and thank you for producing our congregation's first bulletin. Thank you for your tireless work of broadcasting our services live via the internet, archiving the videos of our sermons to the internet and for your good guardianship of the congregation's website.

Thank You, Brother James Hutton, for being such a wonderful example in how you study the Bible. Thank you for your zeal and energy. Thank you for your desire to only do that which God authorizes and thank you for edifying us all, simply by continuing to grow Spiritually.

Thank You, Brother Keith Keever, for leading singing, teaching classes, and preparing devotions. Thank you for opening your home to Bible studies. Thank you for your cool and calm demeanor and for your strong defense of the truth.

Thank You, Brother Barry Simmons, for your past labors as an elder in God's Kingdom. Thank you for your strong stand for truth and your willingness to confront error. Thank you for your experience and wisdom and for being such a nice guy.

Thank You, Brother David Snyder, for your past work in the Kingdom as a Deacon. Thank you for your humble attitude and service. Thank you for your ability to present simple facts and with those facts destroy error with kindness and gentleness.

Thank You, to our late Brother Bill Johnson, who would have been right here with us in beginning this good work. Thank you Brother Bill for serving admirably as one of God's elders. Thank you Brother Bill for your love of souls and for your love of Bible authority. Thank you for the candy and the moon pie.

Thank You, to our late Brother Ernie Bentley, who would also be standing with us, firm for the truth. Thank you Brother Bentley for your many years of dedicated service in preaching the truth and for helping small congregations get started and grow. Thank you for your wonderful example of attending every service you could, though your health may not have cooperated at all times. Thank you for your comments in class and for your wisdom.

All of our men deserve the utmost of praise. They all share a few of the same scars received while serving in the Lord's Army. I have seen them in the midst of Spiritual battle and have been proud to fight by their sides. They are faithful men and men to whom I am proud to give answer. Thank you for giving a young preacher an opportunity. I am most appreciative to and for this congregation at which I preach and serve.

– *Brad Green*