



“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...”
2 Peter 1:21

I Thank God Upon Every Remembrance Of You

By Alex Hale

Thanking God for his brethren and co-laborers in the gospel was a common theme for Paul. The apostle writes to the church at Philippi, *“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you”* (Phil. 1:3). Similar language is used as Paul writes to other churches (Rom. 1:8-10; 1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:16; Col. 1:3; 1 Ths. 1:2-3; 2 Ths. 1:3) and individuals (2 Tim. 1:3; Phlm. 4). Do we thank God for one another? As the year closes, can I share some things for which I am grateful?

I am grateful for the past. Over 21 years ago, a handful of brethren who lived in the area met together for the first time as the Westside church. I am thankful for the brethren who took two small rooms in a little building behind the NAPA store and made classrooms with dividers. Through several moves, the congregation grew. I am thankful for the brethren who came to this location on Tuesday nights and Saturdays and worked to prepare this building for worship. Even now when people walk in for the first time they are amazed at how a simple metal building was transformed into such a comfortable worship area.

I am thankful for the sacrifices that were made so that this congregation could be on solid financial footing. More importantly, I am grateful for the work that has been done to put this church on solid spiritual footing. The Bible classes that are conducted here are as good as any I have ever been around. Care and concern has gone into choosing material that will develop a well-rounded knowledge of God’s word. I am thankful for the preaching and work of David Brown. He served you well for years and has been a wonderful support to me.

I am grateful for the present. This church is blessed to have elders who are strong in their stance for the truth. They shepherd the flock, which enables me to focus my time and attention to the teaching and preaching of the word. Continue to have a relationship with them, submitting to their leadership and looking to them as an example (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24). This church is blessed to have three deacons who are willing to work and serve. We are also blessed to have people who work hard, often behind the scenes. From the ladies who clean the building to those who take care of computer and projector issues, hardly a week goes by that someone is not at the building working on something. Several of you send cards and text messages, make phone calls, or visit personally those who are struggling. These things may not be seen by many, but they are essential to the overall health and strength of a local church. God sees your work, and we are thankful for everything you do.

I am thankful that over the last year, we have been blessed to have several people join us here. If you are a newer member, we hope that you feel welcome. If you have not yet placed membership with this group, I would encourage you to think about it and speak with our elders.

Have I left anyone out? I am thankful for **you**. You are the people who will help me get to heaven. You are my family. If I can help you in any way, let me know.

What about the future? This group has been blessed. We are at peace. There is a genuine care and concern for one another. There is a commitment to the truth. Yet, at the same time, Satan continues to fight. We must continue to work to defeat him, both individually and congregationally.

Over the last 21+ years, many seeds have been planted. We are thankful for that, but we must continue to sow the seed and water. If we do that, God will give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6-7).



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When We Meet

Sunday

Bible Classes – 9:00 am
 Worship – 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes – 7:00 pm

Our Elders

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