

Title: Thanks BE Giving Text: Colossians 4:2-18 Target: "Gratitude makes s

**Target:** "Gratitude makes sense of your past, brings peace for today, and creates vision for tomorrow." Melody Beattie

**I. Pray** "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving" (4:2)

**A.** Approach God Boldly: "continue steadfastly" (4:2a) "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

**B. Believe for it Expectantly:** *"watchful in it with thanksgiving"* (4:2b)

**C. Create a Divine Opportunity:** "At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—" (4:3)

**D. Declare Salvation Clearly:** "that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." (4:4)

**II. Live\_\_\_\_\_\_:** "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time" (Vs. 5)

A. Carry yourself Cautiously: "Walk in wisdom" (4:5a)

B. Seize Moments with Intentionality: "making the best use of the time" (4:5b)

**C. Words Seasoned Graciously:** "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt," (4:6a)

**D. Lead people to Jesus Personally:** "so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (4:6b)

**III. Thank** "*i*, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you." (4:18)

A. Tychicus (faithful servant) - Served Paul while in Prison. (4:7-8)

B. Onesimus (one of your number) - Runaway slave led to Christ by Paul. (4:9)

C. Aristarchus (fellow prisoner) - Gave up his own freedom to serve Paul. (4:10a)

D. Mark (welcome him) - Reinstated by Paul after quitting earlier on Paul. (4:10b)

E. Justus (encouragement) - Brought comfort to Paul by standing with him. (4:11)

**F. Epaphras (deep concern for you)** - Labored lovingly for the church of Colossae as their pastor. (4:12)

**G. Luke (beloved physician)** - Cared for Paul's medical needs. (4:14) \*Writes Luke and Acts.

H. Demas (deserted Paul) - Fell away unto a worldly lifestyle (4:14b, 2 Tim. 4:9-10)

I. Nympha (opened her home) - Paul thanks for sharing her resources. (4:15)

**J. Archippus (speaks blessing over)** - "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord." (4:17)

**Takeaway:** Never let the things that you want tomorrow to cause you not to be grateful for what you have today.



## WEEKLY RHYTHMS:

Tuesdays at 6:30pm | Care Groups CBC Care Groups are here to offer support and help you find community.

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Wednesdays at 6:45pm | Impact Join us for impact, our midweek gathering for 6-12th grade students!

Thursdays at 7:00pm | Common Ground College students- join us for our Thursday gathering!

Fridays at 6:30pm | Celebrate Recovery & The Landing Recovery community for adults and students.

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### Christmas at CBC | Every Weekend in December

You're invited! Join us every weekend in December for a special Christmas sermon series: Name Above, based off of Isaiah 9:6. We will also have a creative Christmas Eve celebration on December 23rd-24th. Learn more at CbcChristmas.com

#### Seats and Feets | 12.1 - 12.31

Throughout the month of December, CBC is collecting socks and underwear to benefit our partners, and the homeless community, at Haven for Hope. Socks and underwear donations must be NEW and in original packaging. All white and all men's sizes are preferred. Drop off your donations in the Seats + Feets gift box in the Main Lobby during all services in December.

#### Women's Conference | 1.19 - 1.20

Ladies, we invite you and your friends to spend two days with us at the 2024 CBC Women's Conference on January 19-20, 2024, as we regain our strength and courage to be the love, light, and good news of Jesus in every place! We are looking forward to seeing you there! Register today!

For more information & to register, visit communitybible.com/events

### NEW BELIEVERS & FIRST TIME GUESTS:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Text 'CHRIST' to 210-762-4747. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by any yellow Connects kiosks for a free gift or text 'GUEST' to 210-762-4747 so we can reach out to you at a later time.

Scan the QR code to give through the church.

#### **NEEDING PRAYER?**

We have a pastoral team at our CBC Cares area in the lobby ready to pray with you, or you can scan this QR code to fill out a prayer request form.





