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# Weekly Service Schedule

Sunday CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | 9:00AM BREAKFAST| 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE |10AM

Tuesday TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE | 7:00PM

Wednesday MORNING PRAYER | 11:00AM



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## **Insights Newsletter**

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Happy Reading!





# Thanksgiving Message From our Pastor



# Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we are approaching this wonderful holiday season, let us all remember that in the times we're living in we are to always find a reason to be thankful unto God for ALL of His wonderful blessings and benefits unto us as His children.

There are so many reasons in this world that can become difficult and distracting towards our walk with God, however the greatest deliverance that we can obtain is having a heart of "THANKFULNESS" unto God for His grace and mercy towards us. It is very important that we keep the main thing, the main thing and that's remembering what God has done for us and what He's able to do for us. Many people will have a difficult time during this season for various reasons, at the same time I am reminded of what Paul expressed in I Thessalonians 5:18 TLB version- No Matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus

VLC Family, let us all stay focused and prayerful during this season and allow our thankfulness unto God to bring us through any hardship, emotional traumas, family disappointments or even natural grieving moments. God is the source and the strength of our lives. And lastly, never be afraid or ashamed to reach out to your brothers and sisters in the Lord when you're feeling weak, I believe that God will step in and bring security and stabilize your heart, mind and soul.

Enjoy this wonderful Thanksgiving Season.

I love you to life,

Dist. Eld. C. D. Collier Senior Pastor of Victorious Life Church

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Heavenly Father thank You for waking us up to see another day.

Thank You for our health, life, and strength.

Forgive us for our sins, transgressions, and inequities, sins of omission and sins of commission.

Thank You for the <u>gift of life and the opportunity to</u> serve You. It is an honor to be called Your children.

Thank You Daddy for your saving grace and Your keeping power.

Thank You for our friends, family and our enemies. Have mercy on Your people, heal this land.

We pray for those who don't know You that they come to the saving knowledge of God, Your son Jesus Christ.

We pray for those who have walked away, draw them back by Your Spirit.

Thank You for loving us and providing for us even when we may not deserve it.

Bless this nation and for the body of Christ, You said in Your word "the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few". Bring in more laborers and lets us be about our Fathers business.

We thank You and are forever grateful, everyday is a day to give thanks.

For we enter into Your gates with thanksgiving and come into Your courts with praise. We give You the praise the honor and the glory due Your name with love Your children in Jesus Name. Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Written by Dr. Katherine Jones





Assistant Pastor

Cynthia Jordan

1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

#### King James Version

6. But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

7. Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

8. For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9. For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10. Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11. Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

12. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

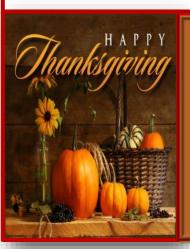
13. To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

#### 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

#### King James Version

57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

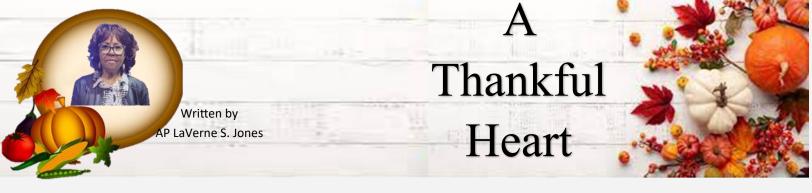


God's Ríchest Blessings To You And Your Family <sup>From</sup> Bishop Mark C. Tolbert

Overseer

and

First Lady Emelda Tolbert



Oh, that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works toward the children of men. ~ Psalm 107:1

I can think of a thousand reasons why we should give thanks unto the LORD. So many of those things we give God thanks for on a daily basis. Such things as, waking us up each morning or for the provision He provides for us. We thank Him for good health and strength, no doubt. Most, for certain, give God thanks for their family and friends. All of these things are wonderful reasons, and especially important ones I might add, to be thankful for. Honestly, to truly be a thankful person, you need "A Thankful Heart."

You see, thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words, but gratitude is shown in acts. We need both! Gratitude comes from deep within the heart and soul of man. Psalm 26:7 says, "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of **all** thy wonderous works." Another version declares, "Proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds." (NIV) Yes, a thankful heart gives voice to not only the things that God does or has done for us but also to who God is.

He is our creator. He created the heaven and the earth (Gen. 1:1). He made darkness light (Gen. 1:3). He made the firmament, and divided the waters (Gen. 1:7). He caused the earth to bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit (Gen.1:12). He created great whales and every living creature that moveth, even the winged fowl after his kind and the beast of the field and the cattle (Gen. 1:21-25). And the greatest of all God's creation is man, which he created in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26). So, there is no wonder that we **should** have a thankful heart because God is much more than what He gives us.

Who is God? He is God Almighty, creator of all things good. He is **I AM** (Gen. 3:14). I am the *Adonai*, your Holy One, the creator of Isra'el your King" (Is. 43:15). He is Jehovah Shammah, God who is there in times of need or trouble (Ezek. 48:35). God is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-18) who tends the sheep and cares diligently for them. He is Jehovah Shalom (Judg. 6:24) God our peace, and when chaos turns our world upside down, the LORD is that peace that passeth all understanding (Phil. 4:7). I could go on forever about who God is, but for you to understand, you must know Him for yourself. And being equipped with that knowledge, you will be ready with a thankful heart to give glory unto the Lord God Almighty who sits on the throne.

In my conclusion, I would like to end with a verse from Nehemiah chapter nine– "Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee." Amen!





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three respiratory viruses - COVID, flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) — are all expected to surge this fall and winter, once again straining U.S. hospitals. Children's hospitals around the country are already over capacity because of "an unprecedented wave" of severe RSV infections, while the U.S. Centers for **Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)** says that "not since the 2009 swine flu have so many Americans been hospitalized for influenza so early in the season."

Peter B Laird Posted November 18, 2022 Baptist Health

#### Attention VLC,

It's time for the Honor Roll "Virtual Video" Recognition on 4th Sunday, November 27.

Where we will honor students from Kindergarten to College who have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Please submit your student's (name, grade, and school) information along with their photo and up to 3 accomplishments to info@vlckc.com.

> Please hurry, the deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 23.

> > **Delores Gardner**

**Executive Administrative Assistant** 

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# WINTER DRIVING EMERGENCY KIT

Your winter emergency kit should include basic survival supplies, safety items, car maintenance tools, and winter clothing. These items will help you stay comfortable and hydrated if you ever get stuck on the side of the road or have to wait out a storm. Gather up your supplies, pack them into a storage bin or large backpack, and place your roadside emergency kit inside your car before venturing out into the cold weather.





# Sweet Potato Custard Pie

# Ingredients

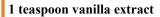
2 small sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped

3/4 cup marshmallow creme

1/2 cup butter, cubed

1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk

3 large eggs



1/4 teaspoon almond extract

3/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup packed brown sugar

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Pastry for single-crust pie (9 inches)

1/2 cup whipping topping

### Directions

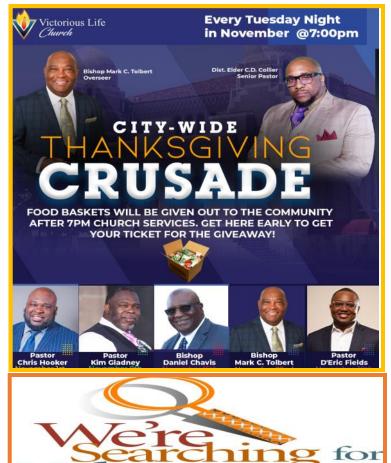
1. Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until tender. Drain potatoes and place in large bowl; mash. Add marshmallow creme and butter; beat until smooth. Beat in the milk, eggs and extracts.

2. Combine the sugars, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg; gradually beat into potato mixture and mix well. Pour into pie shell.

3. Bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Serve with whipped topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

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<u>Volunteering</u> can help people reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose.

# **The Newsletter Ministry**

Would like to encourage volunteers who have a heart to share their talents through writing, photographygraphics, advertising and research to join the ministry.

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Or

Assistant Pastor Cynthia Jordan

Thank you so very much

**Blessings!!!** 

Sister Tonya D. Hayes—VLC-ENLM

"We may never be rewarded for the things we do in life.....Just know God keeps a record and His rewards are AWESOME"....AP Cynthia Jordan

# Miscellaneous Information in





Please remember to \_pray for and visit or call our members that are sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

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Please contact VLC with any comments and reports you may have regarding

your hospital stay, sickness, and bereavements at the

> church office. Thank you

**Blessings!** 



Betty Mae Redwood 31 MAY, 1947 – 21 SEPTEMBER, 2022



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THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY DAY, WHEN YOU SEE THE BEAUTY OF BEING ALIVE UNDER GODS GRACE.

> Revelation 22:21 ESV The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen

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Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. - COLOSSIANS 3:15 NIV

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