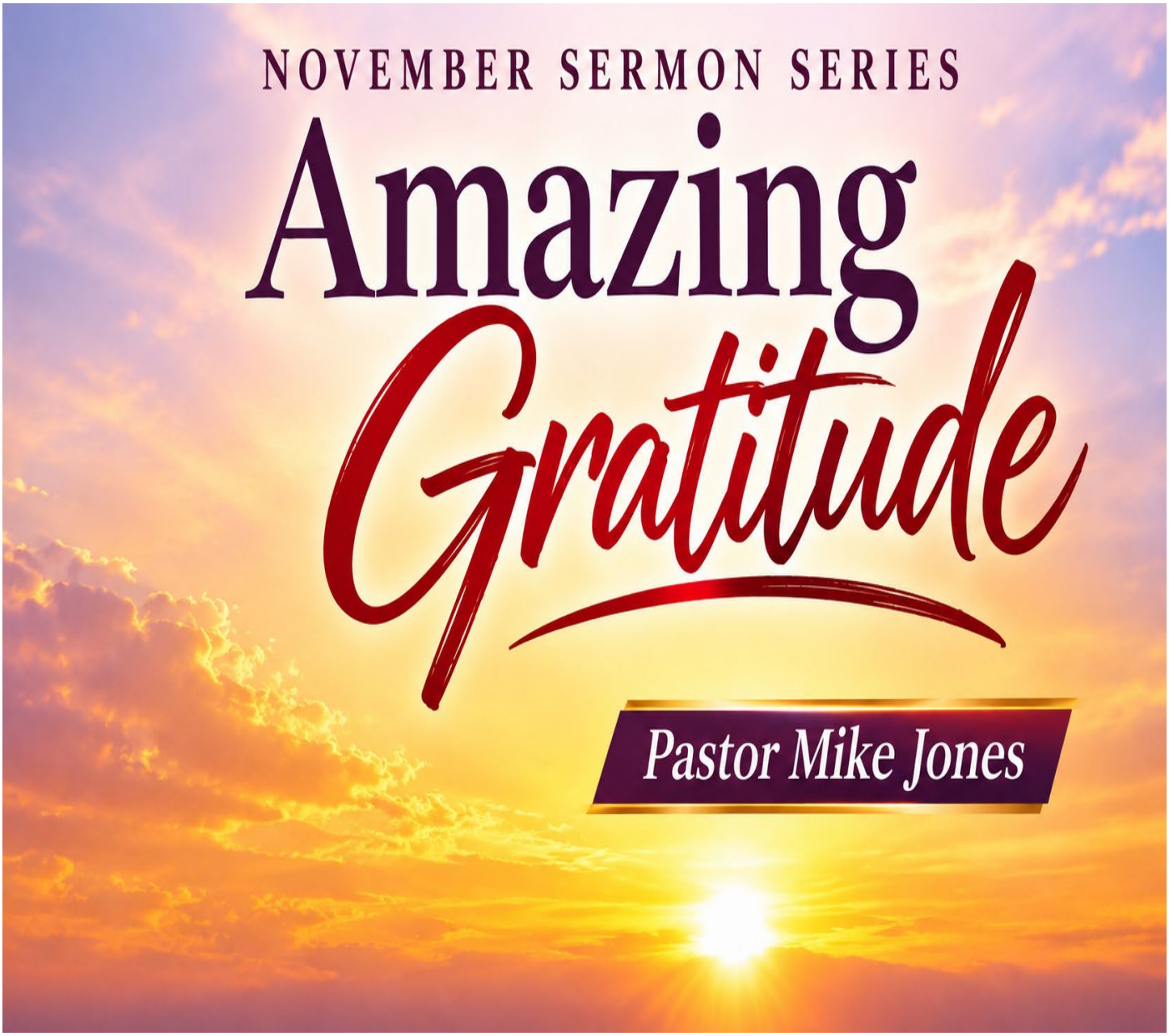

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES
Amazing
Gratitude
Pastor Mike Jones

What Is It?

Amazing Gratitude is a four-week devotional journey designed to help us develop a deeper appreciation for God's goodness and cultivate a lifestyle of thanksgiving. Through daily Scripture readings, Gratitude Spotlights, Wednesday WOW Bible Study, and Sunday worship, we will discover that gratitude is more than something we express, it is a way we live.

Amazing gratitude is not simply about counting our blessings; it is about recognizing the God from whom all blessings flow!

When Is It?

November 1 – November 29

Why Are We Doing It?

Our goal is not simply to express gratitude during Thanksgiving, but to develop hearts that continually recognize God's goodness and respond with thanksgiving.

Throughout this journey, we will learn to Remember His Goodness, Recognize His Gifts, Rejoice in Every Season, and Respond with Thanksgiving.

How Do I Participate?

- **READ** — Read the daily Scripture passage and discover what it teaches about gratitude.

- **REFLECT** — Read the Gratitude Spotlight and use the Ponder question to examine your own attitude of thanksgiving.

- **RECEIVE** — Attend Wednesday WOW Bible Study as we explore biblical principles of gratitude.

- **RESPOND** — Join Sunday worship and put gratitude into practice through praise, prayer, and purposeful living.

Week One Emphasis: **Remember God's Goodness**

God's goodness is not limited to what He is doing today. When we remember what He has already done, we discover countless reasons to give Him thanks. Gratitude begins with remembering!

Monday, November 2

Passage: Psalm 103:1–5

Gratitude Spotlight: David calls his soul to bless the Lord and not forget His benefits. He remembers God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, compassion, and provision. Gratitude grows when we intentionally remember what God has done rather than focus only on what we still desire.

Gratitude Lesson: Remembrance — Gratitude remembers God's benefits instead of rehearsing life's burdens.

Ponder: Have I become so focused on what I am waiting for that I have forgotten what God has already done?

Tuesday, November 3

Passage: Deuteronomy 8:10–18

Gratitude Spotlight: As Israel prepared to enter the Promised Land, Moses warned them not to forget the Lord when they began enjoying the blessings of the land. Prosperity can sometimes cause us to overlook the very God who made our blessings possible.

Gratitude Lesson: Recognition — Gratitude recognizes God's hand behind every blessing.

Ponder: Have any of God's blessings become so familiar that I have stopped acknowledging Him as their source?

Wednesday, November 4

Passage: Luke 17:11–19

Gratitude Spotlight: Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one returned to glorify God and thank Him. All ten experienced mercy, but only one made the intentional decision to express gratitude.

Gratitude Lesson: Returning — Gratitude takes time to return thanks to the One who made the difference.

Ponder: Am I more intentional about asking God for blessings than returning to thank Him for answered prayers?

Thursday, November 5

Passage: Lamentations 3:19–26

Gratitude Spotlight: In the middle of tremendous sorrow, Jeremiah recalls God's steadfast love, compassion, and faithfulness. His circumstances had not changed, but remembering God's mercy renewed his hope.

Gratitude Lesson: Renewal — Gratitude renews our hope when we remember God's faithfulness.

Ponder: How can remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen my hope in what I am facing today?

Friday, November 6

Passage: Psalm 40:1–5

Gratitude Spotlight: David remembers how the Lord heard his cry, lifted him from a difficult place, established his steps, and placed a new song in his mouth. His praise flows from remembering the God who brought him through.

Gratitude Lesson: Rescue — Gratitude remembers the places God brought us out of and the progress He has helped us make.

Ponder: What difficult place has God brought me through that deserves a fresh expression of thanksgiving?

Saturday, November 7

Passage: Psalm 116:1–14

Gratitude Spotlight: The psalmist reflects on how God heard his prayers and delivered him from distress. Overwhelmed by God's goodness, he asks what he can give back to the Lord for all His benefits.

Gratitude Lesson: Response — Gratitude moves beyond remembering what God has done to considering how we should respond.

Ponder: What meaningful response can I offer God in appreciation for all He has done for me?

Sunday, November 8

Prayer/Praise: Join us for Pastor Mike & Lady J's 12th Anniversary as we remember God's goodness and celebrate His faithfulness. Morning service @ 10:30 & afternoon service @ 2:30

Worship on-site or online @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live

Week Two Emphasis: **Recognize His Gifts**

Every good gift comes from God. While we often recognize the extraordinary blessings, gratitude also teaches us to appreciate the ordinary gifts we sometimes overlook.

Monday, November 9

Passage: James 1:16–18

Gratitude Spotlight: James reminds believers that every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father who does not change. The blessings in our lives may vary, but the goodness of the Giver remains constant.

Gratitude Lesson: Provision — Gratitude recognizes God as the source of every good gift.

Ponder: What everyday blessings have I overlooked because I have become accustomed to receiving them?

Tuesday, November 10

Passage: Matthew 6:25–34

Gratitude Spotlight: Jesus points to the birds of the air and the lilies of the field as reminders of God's faithful care. Instead of allowing worry about tomorrow to consume us, we can trust our heavenly Father to provide what we need.

Gratitude Lesson: Priority — Gratitude focuses on God's faithful provision instead of being consumed by tomorrow's problems.

Ponder: Am I allowing worries about what I need tomorrow to overshadow my appreciation for what God has provided today?

Wednesday, November 11

Passage: Philippians 4:4–9

Gratitude Spotlight: Paul encourages believers to bring their requests to God with thanksgiving. Gratitude does not mean we have no concerns; it means we can acknowledge God's faithfulness while presenting those concerns to Him.

Gratitude Lesson: Peace — Gratitude accompanies prayer as we place our concerns before God.

Ponder: When I pray about my problems, do I also pause to thank God for His presence and faithfulness?

Thursday, November 12

Passage: Ecclesiastes 3:1–13

Gratitude Spotlight: Solomon reminds us that life unfolds through different seasons and that the ability to enjoy the fruit of our labor is a gift from God. Every season may not feel beautiful, but even ordinary moments contain gifts worth appreciating.

Gratitude Lesson: Pleasure — Gratitude appreciates the gift of today instead of waiting for a perfect tomorrow.

Ponder: What simple joys in this season of my life have I failed to appreciate?

Friday, November 13

Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

Gratitude Spotlight: Paul compares the church to a body with many members, each valuable and necessary. God's blessings are not limited to things we possess; they also include the people He places in our lives and the gifts they bring.

Gratitude Lesson: People — Gratitude appreciates the people God uses to encourage, strengthen, and support us.

Ponder: Who has God placed in my life that deserves to hear how much I appreciate them?

Saturday, November 14

Passage: Psalm 68:19–20

Gratitude Spotlight: The psalmist blesses the Lord who daily bears our burdens and identifies God as the source of salvation. His care is not limited to extraordinary moments; He remains faithful in the everyday experiences of life.

Gratitude Lesson: Presence — Gratitude celebrates the God who continually cares for us and carries us through.

Ponder: How might my attitude change if I began each day by acknowledging God's presence and care?

Sunday, November 15

Prayer/Praise: Join us for Youth Sunday as we celebrate God's goodness across generations and thank Him for the gifts, opportunities, and people He has placed in our lives. Worship on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live

Week Three Emphasis: **Rejoice in Every Season**

Gratitude is easier when life is pleasant, but Scripture challenges us to give thanks even when life is difficult. Our circumstances may change, but God's character remains the same.

Monday, November 16

Passage: Habakkuk 3:17–19

Gratitude Spotlight: Habakkuk describes a season in which crops fail, fields produce no food, and livestock disappear. Yet he declares that he will rejoice in the Lord. His joy is grounded not in what he possesses but in the God of his salvation.

Gratitude Lesson: Stability — Gratitude finds its foundation in God's character rather than life's changing circumstances.

Ponder: If my circumstances do not improve immediately, can I still find a reason to rejoice in who God is?

Tuesday, November 17

Passage: Acts 16:22–26

Gratitude Spotlight: After being beaten and imprisoned, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God at midnight. Their circumstances were painful, but they did not allow their chains to silence their worship.

Gratitude Lesson: Song — Gratitude gives us a reason to praise even when life gives us a reason to complain.

Ponder: What difficult circumstance is challenging my willingness to praise God?

Wednesday, November 18

Passage: James 1:2–4, 12

Gratitude Spotlight: James challenges believers to consider the spiritual growth that trials can produce. Although suffering itself is not pleasant, God can use testing to develop perseverance and maturity in our faith.

Gratitude Lesson: Strengthening — Gratitude recognizes that God can produce growth even through difficult experiences.

Ponder: What is God developing in me through a challenge I would rather avoid?

Thursday, November 19

Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NKJV)

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Gratitude Spotlight: Paul encourages believers to rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in every circumstance. Notice that he does not tell us to be thankful for everything, but to give thanks in everything. Genuine gratitude does not ignore life's difficulties; it acknowledges God's goodness in the midst of them. Even when circumstances are unfavorable, we can remain thankful because God's faithfulness is unchanging.

Gratitude Lesson: Steadfastness — Gratitude remains constant even when circumstances change.

Ponder: Am I allowing my circumstances to determine my gratitude, or am I choosing to give thanks because God remains faithful?

Friday, November 20

Passage: Romans 8:28–39

Gratitude Spotlight: Paul assures believers that God works in all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. He does not promise that everything we experience will be good, but he reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Gratitude Lesson: Security — Gratitude rests in the assurance that God's love remains steadfast through every season.

Ponder: How does knowing that nothing can separate me from God's love help me remain thankful during uncertain times?

Saturday, November 21

Passage: Psalm 34:1–8

Gratitude Spotlight: David declares that he will bless the Lord at all times and that God's praise will continually be in his mouth. His testimony reminds us that praise is not reserved for favorable circumstances. It is a continual response to God's goodness.

Gratitude Lesson: Surrender — Gratitude chooses continual praise rather than allowing circumstances to control our worship.

Ponder: What would change if I made praising God my daily practice instead of only my response to answered prayers?

Sunday, November 22

Prayer/Praise: Join us for Sunday worship as we thank God for His sustaining presence through every season. Join us on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live for Iron Bowl Sunday/Tailgate.

Week Four Emphasis: **Respond with Thanksgiving**

True gratitude is more than a feeling or a spoken expression. It influences how we worship, serve, give, and treat others. When our hearts are genuinely thankful, our lives begin to reflect the goodness of the God we serve.

Monday, November 23

Passage: Colossians 3:12–17

Gratitude Spotlight: Paul encourages believers to demonstrate compassion, kindness, humility, forgiveness, and love. He also reminds them to let the peace of Christ rule in their hearts and to be thankful. Gratitude should shape not only our worship but also our relationships and conduct.

Gratitude Lesson: Character — Gratitude changes how we live and how we treat others.

Ponder: Does the way I treat others reflect the gratitude I profess to have toward God?

Tuesday, November 24

Passage: Luke 7:36–50

Gratitude Spotlight: A woman who had experienced deep brokenness expressed extraordinary love toward Jesus. While others focused on her past, Jesus recognized the sincerity of her response. Her actions revealed a heart deeply aware of forgiveness and grace.

Gratitude Lesson: Celebration — Gratitude responds to God's forgiveness with sincere love and devotion.

Ponder: Have I become so familiar with God's mercy that I no longer respond with the love and appreciation it deserves?

Wednesday, November 25

Passage: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Gratitude Spotlight: Paul teaches that God's generous provision enables believers to become generous toward others. Their giving meets practical needs and produces thanksgiving to God. Genuine gratitude recognizes that what God places in our hands can become a blessing in someone else's life.

Gratitude Lesson: Contribution — Gratitude turns the blessings we receive into blessings we share.

Ponder: How can I use what God has given me to meet a need and inspire thanksgiving in someone else's life?

Thursday, November 26 — Thanksgiving Day

Passage: Psalm 100:1–5

Gratitude Spotlight: The psalmist invites all people to serve the Lord with gladness and enter His presence with thanksgiving and praise. We give thanks because the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His faithfulness continues through every generation. Thanksgiving is more than a holiday; it is a holy response to the goodness of God.

Gratitude Lesson: Celebration — Gratitude celebrates God's goodness, mercy, and faithfulness from generation to generation.

Ponder: As I gather with family and friends today, how can I intentionally honor God and help others recognize His goodness?

Friday, November 27

Passage: Hebrews 13:12–16

Gratitude Spotlight: The writer of Hebrews encourages believers to continually offer praise to God while also remembering to do good and share with others. Our thanksgiving should be evident not only in the words we speak but also in the sacrifices we willingly make.

Gratitude Lesson: Commitment — Gratitude expresses itself through continual praise and compassionate service.

Ponder: Beyond what I say in worship, what does my willingness to serve and sacrifice reveal about my gratitude?

Saturday, November 28

Passage: Matthew 5:13–16

Gratitude Spotlight: Jesus calls His followers the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our lives should reflect God's goodness so that others see our good works and glorify our heavenly Father. Gratitude becomes a testimony when our actions point others toward God.

Gratitude Lesson: Conduct — Gratitude reflects God's goodness so that others recognize and glorify Him.

Ponder: Who is being encouraged to glorify God because of the way I live, serve, and share His goodness?

Sunday, November 29

Prayer/Praise: Join us for our closing Sunday celebration of Amazing Gratitude! As we conclude this four-week journey, let us commit to carrying a spirit of thanksgiving beyond November and into every season of life. **Join** us for worship on-site or @ www.newmtmoriahmbc.org or Facebook Live