

## You Are Special! God Said So.

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When God brought the children of Israel out of bondage, He instructed Moses to tell them this: “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine” (Exodus 19:5). God intended for Israel to have a special relationship with Him beyond that of all the other nations. The people, however, rebelled, and did not fulfill God’s desires for them to be this special people (Jeremiah 31:31-34). So, God made a New Covenant through His Son, Jesus. In this covenant, God has reaffirmed His desire to have a special relationship. Titus 2:14 states, “[Jesus] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” Peter affirms that message in 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” What God could not accomplish through the physical nation of Israel, He accomplishes through the spiritual nation of Israel, the church.

The word for “special” has the connotation of keeping something around as a treasure. I have a small “treasure box” in my bedroom in which I keep mementos from special occasions in my life. They are not valuable to anyone else, but to me they are priceless because of what they mean to me. They are my special treasures. That is a limited illustration because people are so much more valuable than things. God is saying, “I value you above everything else because of what you mean to me.” Do we see ourselves as that special people?

*If you have something for the bulletin please contact Wayne Carter before noon on Friday.*

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 AM

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### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.*



Read God’s Word

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.**

**Prayers** *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

*Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.*

**Marjorie Reed** continues to recover at home.

**Bill Kinney** had successful heart procedure Sept. 28 and is home recovering. Please pray for Bill and also Kris as she ministers to Bill.

**Denise Garlitz** is undergoing treatment for difficulty with the muscles in her leg.

**Sherry Carter** is dealing with some health issues and undergoing tests.

**Louella Hopkins** requests our prayers as she ministers to Jean and family members.

**Tony Grana** Word was received recently he was placed under Hospice care as he is in the final stages of congestive heart failure. Let's pray for a peaceful and comfortable transition to his heavenly home.

**Vicki Elder** recently had a TIA. Let's pray things go well.

**Lula Elder** had cancer and was in remission but the cancer is now back. Let's pray for her.

**Keith Marten** His heart surgery is scheduled for Oct. 12. Let's pray all goes well.

**Marietta McArthur** (Ray McArthur's mother) is dealing with health issues.

**Nicole**, Charles Bennett's sister, is in Strong Memorial Hospital in serious condition with pneumonia.

**Jim Zachary** (Amherst congregation) will have to go back to the Cleveland Clinic around December for tests.

**Alison**, a neighbor of Rodney & Carol Jones, is dealing with bronchial issues.

**Laverne**, a neighbor of Linda Stine, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Walter Weiss**, Denise Garlitz's boss's father, is home being treated for lymphoma.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's pray for our shut-ins and call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

## Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

**Oct. 03-10** "On Our Way To Jesus" *Extravaganza*  
(Sponsored by N.F. church of Christ)  
Please see info posted in back.

**Oct. 11** Columbus Day in U.S. / Thanksgiving in Canada

**Oct. 17** Men's Business Meeting

**Nov. 02** Election Day

**Nov. 11** Veteran's Day

Weekly Budget Amount	\$1,843.00
Contribution Last Sunday	\$1,220.00
Attendance Last Sunday	45

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.

### Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for .....  
Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

Please check the "*Mission Board*" in the back of the auditorium for a new report from the Philippines.

### Thank You cards ....

Please see the cards posted in the back from:

*Potter Children's Home*  
*Heart, Love and Soul*

Save the date ....  
Dec. 11, 2020  
Ladies Holiday Party.

## In Everything Give Thanks

by Patrick Hogan Indio church of Christ Indio, CA

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-19*

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

The above reference is just one of many in Scripture that encourage Christians to have a positive outlook. As a matter of fact, the second admonition, "pray without ceasing," is one good reason to rejoice and to be thankful. Regardless of what happens we have the avenue of prayer by which we may communicate with the Father!

The third instruction, "in everything give thanks," may sometimes be more difficult to follow. There are some situations in which we find it difficult to be thankful. Perhaps an observation by commentator Matthew Henry can encourage us to be more thoughtful, and therefore more thankful, in those types of situations. When Henry discovered that he had been robbed, he entered the following in his daily journal:

*I thank Thee first because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed.*

As Christians we have much for which to give thanks.