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"Thankful Still"

I hope you will be able, in a few weeks, to enjoy a happy Thanksgiving, passing the turkey and mashed potatoes around a table filled with loved ones and rejoicing together in the good things of life with hearts full of gratitude and praise. I hope that for each of us, but I think we all know that some Thanksgiving tables will be less crowded and many loved ones more lonely this year. 2026 has dealt us some cruel blows, and our Thanksgiving meals may reflect the somber mood of this hard season.

We don't know what will come in the next few weeks. By late November, the world could be filled with new hope and optimism. Perhaps the election will be settled to the satisfaction of most. Perhaps the Bears and the Pack-ers (and the Chiefs) will all be tied for first place!

We don't know what the future holds nor how God will provide for the people He loves, but we have learned from the hardship of the past year that, even in the midst of trials and through anxious moments, we can find reasons to give thanks. God hasn't changed. He is still good, loving, merciful, powerful and holy. Je-sus is still our Savior. The gates of hell still have not prevailed over the Body of Christ, and we still have the unbreakable promise of everlasting life in Jesus' name.

So, as we prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate Thanksgiving in this trying time, we could use some words of comfort and encouragement. You will find the steadfast support of God's word in passages like Psalm 23, Psalm 61, Isaiah 35, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:33, Philippians 4:4-7 and Revelation 21:1-4. Let me encourage you to read these passages in the coming days and allow God's peace to flow through your heart.

We also find comfort in the words of fellow believers, those who have also seen life's troubles and re-mained strong in faith. Let these familiar lines bring you hope:

Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.
"It Is Well with My Soul," Horatio G. Spafford
Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

This message was from Pastor Mike from Broadway Covenant Church, 3525 Broadway, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Adult Sunday School from 9:30 – 10:30 am

David Jeremiah Series – What Do You Think?

November 1 – The Priority of a Dedicated Mind
November 8 – The Priority of a Diligent Mind
November 15 – The Priority of a Determined Mind
November 22 – The Priority of a Discerning Mind
November 29 – The Priority of a Disciplined Mind

Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Rocky Ridge Firehall Activities Building November 21 from 6:00 am until 10:00. You can drop off your items at the Rocky Ridge Firehall Activities Building on Friday 11/20 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Christmas Social

Sunday December 6 at 5:00 pm. Each family should bring a covered dish. Musical entertainment at 6:30 pm.

Save the Date

The Christmas Candlelight Service December 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Matthew Wiser 11/6 **Doris Simpson 11/12** **Brian Ott 11/14**
Ernest Snyder 11/14 **Toby Eyler 11/16** **Morgan Orndoroff 11/16**
Bracen Webb 11/16 **Milly Tinga 11/17** **Bob Luke 11/24**
Rachel Mantz 11/27 **Mark Moser 11/28** **Caleb Luke 11/29**

Bob and Linda Free 11/24

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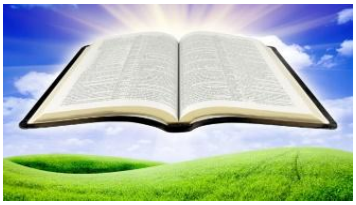
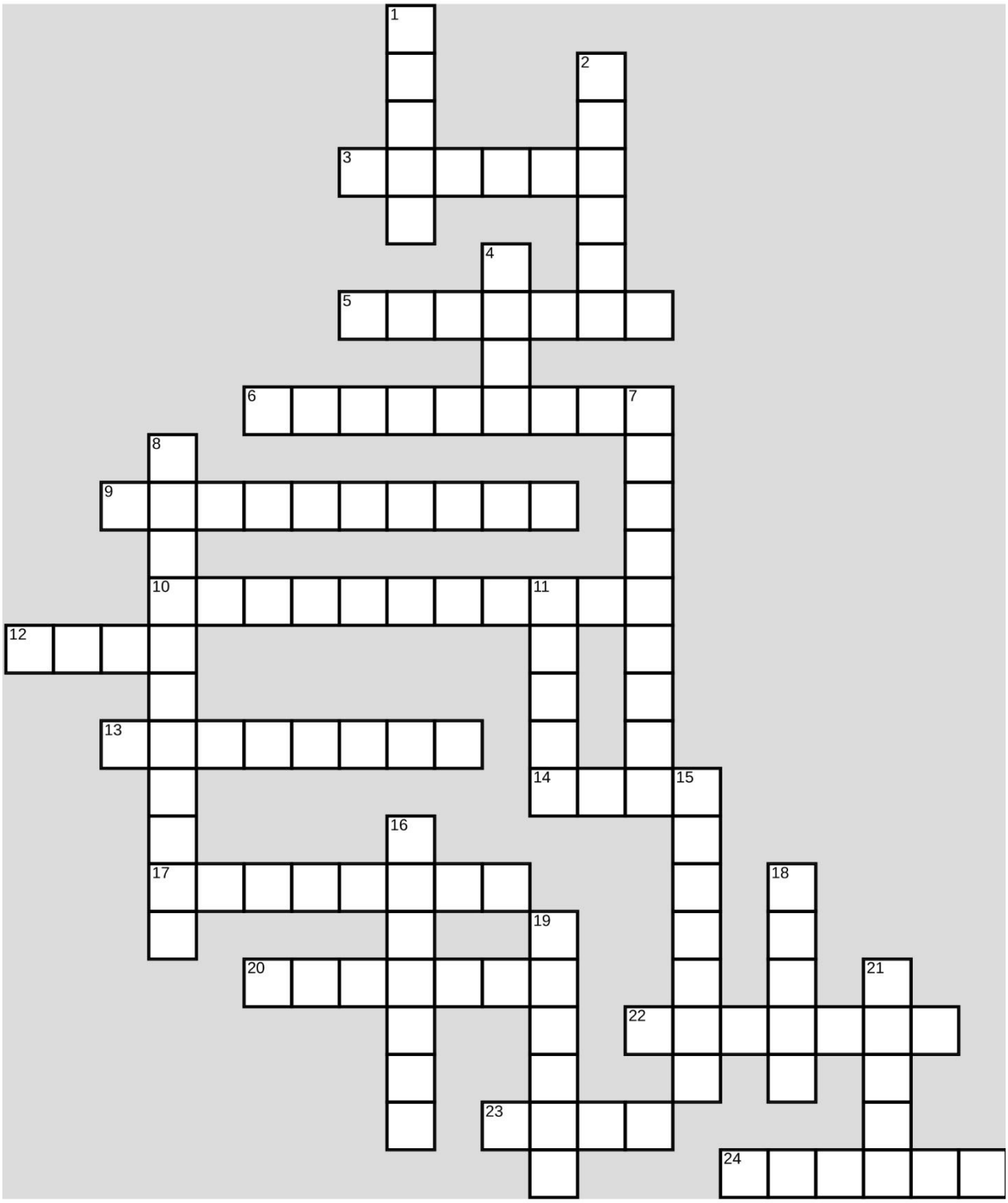


SUGGESTED DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
November

1 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20	**2** Lamentations 2:13-17	**3** Acts 13:1-12
4 Matthew 15:1-9	**5** Revelation 8:6-9:12	**6** Revelation 9:13-21
7 Matthew 24:1-14	**8** Psalm 63	**9** 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
10 Matthew 24:29-35	**11** Revelation 16:1-7	**12** Revelation 16:8-21
13 Psalm 90:1-8	**14** Matthew 12:43-45	**15** Psalm 9:1-14
16 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18	**17** Matthew 24:45-51	**18** Job 16:1-21
19 Revelation 14:1-11	**20** Revelation 22:1-9	**21** Matthew 12:46-50
22 2 Timothy 2:8-13	**23** Psalm 28	**24** Revelation 19:1-9
25 John 5:19-40	**26** Psalm 122	**27** Hebrews 11:1-7
28 Matthew 24:1-22	**29** Hebrews 11:1-7	**30** Matthew 24:1-22

Test you Bible Knowledge



No Cheating

Across

3 Another name for Peter

5 Bible book that refers to the rainbow promise

6 This book says you reap what you sow

9 Bible book that mentions Armageddon

10 Chapter in Matthew that says not to call anyone on Earth Father

12 Book that says to keep yourselves in God's love

13 Chapter in the book of John where Jesus said the Father was greater than he was

14 The chapter the rainbow promise is found

17 The apostle that replaced Judas

20 She prevented David from killing her husband

22 Chapter that Armageddon is mentioned

23 Location where Jesus turned water into wine

24 This prophet was bald

Down

1 Book that contains prophecy about Jesus being called out of Egypt

2 The queen Esther replaced

4 Another name for Matthew

7 The name of the Jewish High Court

8 Book Jesus quoted from when being tempted by the devil

11 Paul had this citizenship

15 The dominant tribe of the 10 tribes of Israel

16 The instrument that will sanctify God's name and vindicate his sovereignty

18 The third plague on the Egyptians

19 The bible says he was a man with feelings like ours

21 He said there is more happiness in giving than receiving

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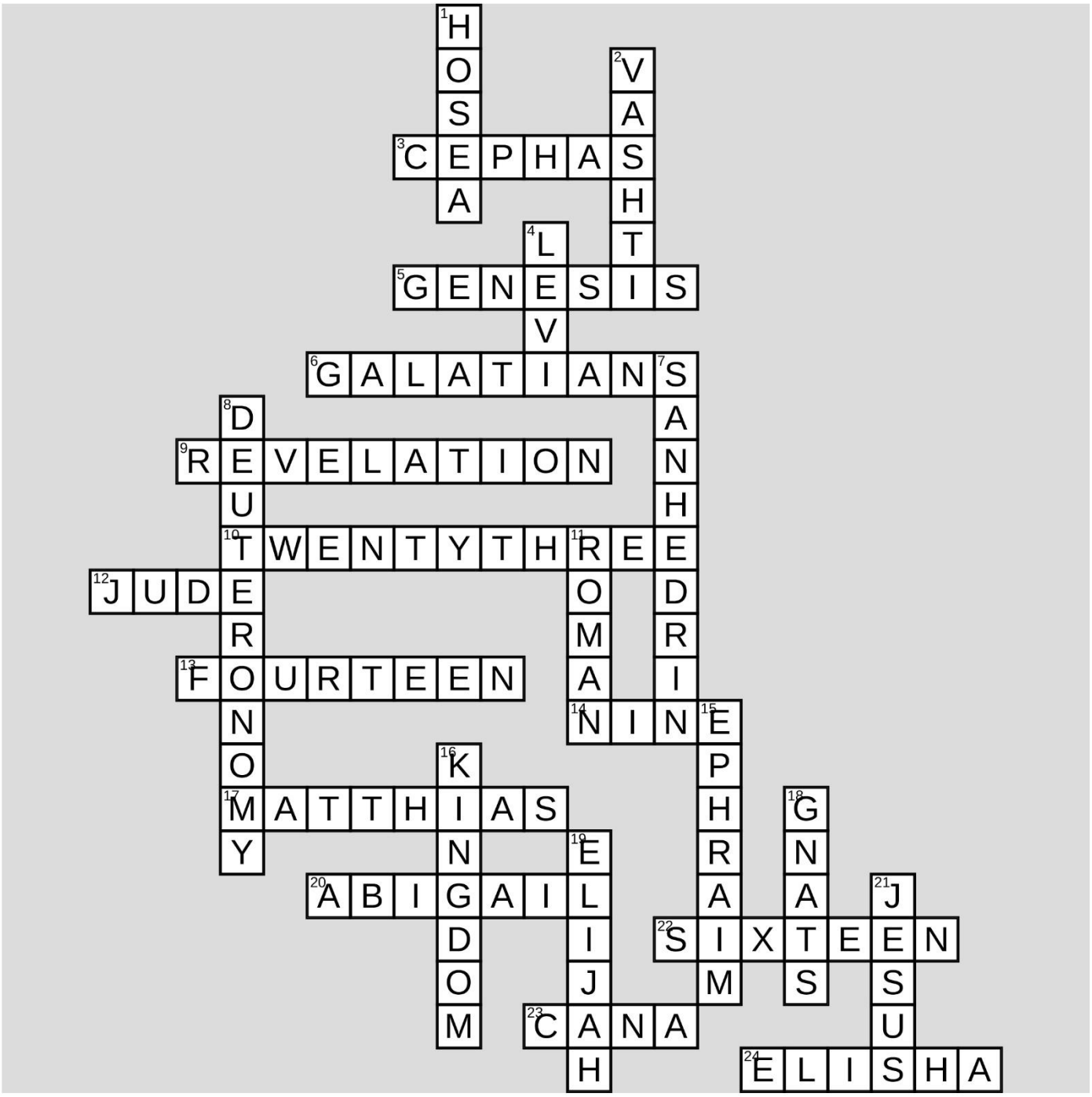
Answers to Bible Crossword