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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

His love endures forever.

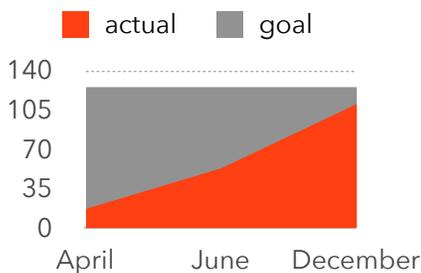
In a time of renewed hunger for scriptural knowledge and deep spiritual insight, somewhere amongst our physical and digital storehouses of translations and lexicons, we unfortunately often overlook or overcomplicate just how perfect God's word and in instruction truly is. The Holidays are just around the corner, students are making their final academic push before year's end, businesses are teasing us with red tags and extended hours, fridges and pantries are stocked and the family is on their way; all things and situations that should lead us toward gratitude and thanksgiving, however, we sometimes need a reminder that in and around every season we serve and worship a God worthy of praise. The writer of the *136th Psalm* was on to something here,



Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events and dates to keep in mind.

- **December 1st**, Christmas toy drive begins
- **December 7th**, Bible Talk leaders meeting, 2nd English
- **December 8th**, New Members Lunch, Long Reach
- **December 14th**, Teen Christmas party
- **December 15**, Christmas Concert
- **December 18th**, Christmas dinner celebration, All Midweek



We've collected approximately \$110,000 towards our special missions goal. To God be the glory! Lets continue giving to surpass our goal of \$125,000.

give thanks to God because he is and always will be the most consistent presence of goodness in your life and in addition he showers us with a love that will survive far passed the expiration dates of human favor.

When Jesus healed the ten men with leprosy in *Luke 17*, we have to assume that all ten of the men healed from their physical ailment were grateful and thankful for what had been done in their lives. We have to assume that joy and excited filled their hearts and the anticipation of what they were now allowed to do made them giddy like children on Christmas Eve. We have to assume that families gathered in thanksgiving as they received back a brother or son or father or uncle of friend who was previously banished from their presence due to the contagious nature of their disease. It is also then assumed that only the Samaritan truly understood that gifts are not only meaningless but impossible without the giver.

There could not have been better timing for the closure of our study on worship to fall the week of Thanksgiving. The Greater Baltimore Church of Christ has been given-through powerful preaching from our leaders and explosive teaching and demonstration from our talented worship team-reasons and instructions for complete worship and adoration of everything that our God is. Though witty themes and series may change, one thing that remains constant throughout is that God is amazing and needs to be treated accordingly. We worship because he alone is good, we give thanks because he alone is good and his incredible love for us will endure forever.

Stephen Oguagha

