



Youth Happenings



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BLESSINGS FROM GOD

This month, I'm drawing from the book "101 Things You Should Do Before Going to Heaven." #56—"Count Your Blessings".

"Count your blessings" is a phrase so overused and under contemplated that it's lost much of its true meaning. But the truth is, the gifts you've received from God are beyond measure. Trying to count them, or even take note of them, is certain to have a positive impact on you. It will fill your heart with gratitude and praise.

You can start this very minute and continue on throughout eternity. Take a moment to consider the blessings of your body—such as your beating heart, pumping blood, and exhaling-inhaling lungs. Look around you. Thank God for the possessions you own and the finances He provides to help you pay for

your basic needs. Picture the faces of those you love. Praise God for the unique person He has made each one of them. Continue by considering blessings such as God's gift of the Bible, His promise of heaven,



His unfailing love. Then recall all the little things God does every day to bring joy and purpose to your life. Your personal list could go on and on.

To make counting your blessings a regular part of your life, begin a blessings book. Take a few moments

every morning or evening to write down what you want to thank God for that day. Every Thanksgiving, sit down and read through what you've written over the past year. Set aside some time that day to do something other than stuff the turkey, eat pumpkin pie, and wash dishes. Set a date with God to thank Him for how he has blessed you over the past year. The more things you find to thank Him for, the more open your eyes and heart will be to see even more blessings that you may have missed in the past—and the more you'll realize how deeply you are loved.

God loves us like no other and fills each day with blessings if we just take the time to notice—or count them. I challenge you to start and end each day with a "shout out" to God and while you're at it, say "thanks!". Counting my blessings—Kris



Attention parents and youth! ALL camping information and registration forms and cost of camp can be found on the web site. Broken down by age group:

Current 2-3 graders attend SEEDS *	June 22-24	Cost:	\$140.00
Current 4-6 graders attend WAPO	June 24-29	Cost:	\$390.00
Current 10-12 graders attend TIM Team**	June 23-29	Cost:	\$400.00
Current 9-12 graders attend Luther Dell Roots Program	July 22-27	Cost:	\$370.00
Current 7-12 graders—Journey of the Cross - Out of Ox Lake	July 29-Aug 3	Cost:	\$385.00

*First time Seeds Campers pay only \$70

**Second time Seeds Campers pay \$110

**TIM Teamers pay \$100—balance paid by Family of God Youth Program

Registration Dates:
Wed, Feb 29, Mar 7
Sun, Feb 12, 19, 26 & Mar 4

Deadline to register:
Wed, March 7
\$100 due at registration

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Which means February has 29 days!!!!!!!