

WELCOME

Our Mission is ONE REAL PASSION

- Each **ONE** Matters
- Be **REAL**
- Follow the **PASSION** of Jesus

Our Goal is to

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

New to Foothills? Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at [208-853-0011](tel:208-853-0011), or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

Baptism - One important step in your faith journey is baptism. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at [208-853-0011](tel:208-853-0011) and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills Moms Community- MomCo - Foothills Church](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **KidMin Volunteers needed** – Contact Pastor Steve Botsford at steve@foothills.org
- **MOMENTUM**: Find out more here [Momentum | Foothills Christian Church](#)
- **NEW! CHURCH CENTER App** – Watch sermons live, follow along with the message and take notes, join a group, register for upcoming events, chat with your small group. The app is available in the App Store or Google Play -- search for *Foothills Christian Church*
- **Meet our New Lead Pastor Joshua Adsit** – Friday, Nov 14, 7:00 pm – Come for worship, prayer and Q&A, and hear his heart, story and vision for Foothills (he will also be preaching that Sunday)
- **Host the Adsit Family** – [Adsit Home Stays - Foothills Church](#)
- **Christmas PREP Decorating Setup** – November 25, 12-2pm @ Foothills. We need strong bodies to unpack, lift & organize. Click here to sign up: [Christmas Decorating: Prep & Manual Labor - Foothills Church](#)
- **Christmas DECORATING Day** – November 28, 2-6pm @ Foothills. Sign up here: [Christmas Decoration Day - Foothills Church](#)
- **Cookie Decorating Party** – Dec 6, 6-7pm @ Capital Church, [2760 E Fairview Ave Meridian](#). No experience necessary except **a desire to bless foster kids**. Partnering with **Foster + Heart**. [Sign Up Here](#)

Roots: GRRRRATITUDE

Pastor Trent Renner

Story of Able the Janitor

The janitor: Abel Rodriguez, a beloved custodian at Community High School in Collin County, Texas.

Students describe him as a constant happy and supportive person, often seen cheering on the school's sports teams. Unbeknownst to most students, Rodriguez did not have a car and relied on rides to get home, sometimes having to wait for a ride at school until 1 a.m. He never complained about his transportation issues.

The girls' volleyball team, the Lady Braves, heard about Abel's struggle, so they started a GoFundMe campaign with the goal of buying him a new car.

After raising over \$9,000, a local dealership heard about it and joined in to secure a new champagne-colored Ford Escape. The story grew and a local business provided insurance and gas money.

On what Abel thought was just another afternoon, he was called outside for a fake "emergency" where over 100 students and community members surprised him with the new car. Chanting his name and holding signs, the students and community celebrated the gift.

Overcome with emotion, Able doubled over and covered his face. He expressed his gratitude by simply saying, "I love you". Abel soon used his new wheels to visit family in Mexico that he was not able to see for years.

Do you believe it is a gift to be alive? To wake up and take a breath, to hear the sounds of the morning, to feel the warmth of the rising sun, to smell fresh coffee, toasted bread, bacon, all the gifts that each morning OFFERS.

OUR GOAL is to lead us all into thinking, feeling, and acting in accordance with the Bible's truth about GRATITUDE.

CHOICES are DECISIONS

- To decide, literally means to "Cut Away"

This series has 4 R's to it, and clearly you can see the logo has a growl to it. GRRRRatitude! Do you have the grit and growl to choose Gratitude?

In last week's sermon, Steve said...

"If you don't intentionally surrender to God, you will unintentionally surrender to the world."

I want to build on that thought...

"Whatever I am not changing...I am choosing."

Gratitude is a choice and can be a sacrificial offering to God.

“Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.” Hebrews 13:15 (NLT)

An offering...A sacrifice...PRAISE?

- Gratitude is PORTABLE
- Happiness is CIRCUMSTANTIAL
- It's WHO, not WHAT

“The most painful thing to bear is gratitude not discharged.” —Henry Ward

“Gratitude changes the pains of a memory into a tranquil joy.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- CHAR = Well-being/JOY
- CHARIS = Grace (Lightning!)
- EUCCHARISTIA = Gratitude (1 Corinthians 11:23-24) (Thunder!)

GRACE is the lightning and GRATITUDE is the thunder! They belong together and one always follows the other!

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem — The crowds went wild with praise and joy. The religious leaders commanded Him to tell the crowd to keep silent. Jesus's reply was, “*If they don't praise me, the stones will!*” Luke 19:40

Isaiah 55:12...When the word is sent out...Isaiah says this will happen...

“You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and the hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands!” Isaiah 55:12

Demonstration of true gratitude....10 Lepers

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “*Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?*” Then he said to him, “*Rise and go; your faith has made you well.*” Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)*

Take Home:

- Internal gratitude FORCES an external response
- Gratitude is only possible through humility and dependence (I don't own everything, and I'm a benefactor of good)

- **Philippians 4:4-8 (NLT)**...Root leads to Fruit...
 - List 10 things that you're absolutely grateful for

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! 5Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. 6Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

8And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of 11/2/2025

CENTRAL THEME: Choose to think, feel, and act in accordance with the Bible's truth about Gratitude.

ICEBREAKER:

1. What do you think is more important -- more positive thinking or less negative thinking? Discuss (Trent will address this question in next Sunday's sermon).
2. Do you understand the GRRRR in the Gratitude logo? (There is more to it than the literal 4 R words that title this 4-part series: Roots, Restrictions, Rooms, and Reputation.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you take any notes during this weekend's worship service or message? Share what you wrote down or remember (e.g., "Eucharistia" is the root word for Gratitude. "Char" is the root for Joy, and "Charis" is the root for Grace -- they are all connected.)
2. At the end of the message, the "Take Home" asked you to write down 10 things you are grateful for. If you are willing, share the list with the group.
3. Discuss these thought-provoking quotes: "The most painful thing to bear is gratitude not discharged," and "Gratitude changes the pains of a memory into a tranquil joy."
4. Read Luke 7:36-50 and Philippians 4:10-23. Discuss their connection with Gratitude.

Now What?

Remember: **Gratitude is a decision that requires grit. If we are to rejoice always, then choosing gratitude is sometimes a sacrificial offering to God that involves some pain.**

PASTOR NEXT: It is official: Joshua and Jessi Adsit, along with Jonah, Jeremiah, and Jamie, have accepted the role of Pastor Next! They will ALL be at Foothills Church on Friday, Nov 14th at 7 PM for the “passing of the baton,” prayer, worship, and a Q&A with Joshua. On Sunday, Nov 16, Joshua will be preaching at both services.

Prayer requests

We love to pray for all types of situations (sickness, hospitalization, tough times, etc.). Let's also pray for those who are disconnected from God and for the courage to invite them into our community. Pray Foothills Church remains strong through our transition.

The Momentum Spiritual Growth Challenge is a primary focus of ours from July 2025 to July 2027. These things help build an unshakable community amongst us.

- Pray, Wednesdays, 1:16 PM
- 2-year Bible reading plan
- Serve once a month: [Me - Foothills Church](#)
- Join a Foothills Life Group: [Me - Foothills Church](#)
- Invite one person a quarter to attend Church
- Give financially above and beyond regular tithes and offerings.

Close in prayer: Keep that empty chair in the circle to remind us that we can reach one more. Pray for the chair to be filled with a person who crosses one of our lines of sight or is in our circles of influence.

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