



## Illinois Campers On Mission

November 2022

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### President's Letter—

Hi, COM family,

Thanks to John & Francie and all executive officers for a great year.

I am looking forward to keeping up with my new office duties and leading COM to new adventures, making new friends, leading people to the Lord and adding to the Kingdom for Christ.

I would like to wish everyone a great thanksgiving and I will see you all at Christmas dinner at Farina, Illinois.

Several of us are heading to the Annual Meeting and Illinois Baptist Convention in Edwardsville, Illinois on Nov 1 to set up our Com booth and be prepared to meet and greet pastors and people from all over the state. The convention lasts through November 3rd.

Fred

[Editor note: I will soon get new photos of our president and chaplain so you can see them and recognize them. Please be in prayer for all of the new executive board members as they work together and learn how their jobs function.]

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- 27 Debbie Shelton
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**Powerful Bible Verses About Gratitude - Scriptures on Giving Thanks**

Gratitude is a word used to express thankfulness and praise. The Bible teaches us about the power of having a grateful heart. An attitude of thanksgiving has the power to fill us with hope and joy. These Bible verses about gratitude will help focus on the blessings of God and on finding blessings in your every day living.

The apostle Paul is well known for writing Scriptures about being thankful. Some of his most well known passages are focused on gratitude including: giving thanks for all things, in all circumstances (Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18), being thankful even in suffering (Romans 5:3-5; James 1:1-4), and to do everything in the name of Jesus out of a spirit of gratefulness (Colossians 3:17). You can also use Bible verses about thanksgiving and Psalms of thanksgiving to help you experience the power of grateful living no matter what you are facing.

When we give thanks to God in prayer, even when it's hard to, we are promised comfort and provision for our needs. Use this prayer as you mediate on the collection of Bible verses about gratitude:

**A Prayer for Gratitude**

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that your Word teaches us the power of gratitude. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## 2022 COM SCHEDULE

December 3, 2022

Christmas Luncheon

### Chaplain's Corner

As Marilyn is away working with the Illinois COM team at The Great Passion Play this week, we will have a note from her and a photos in December. Pray for her as she takes over the task of being chaplain to all of us.

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**Watch your email for more information on this event but plan to come if you can.**

### Christmas Luncheon

It is time to plan for the Christmas Luncheon for our Illinois COM family. Catherine & James Rentfrow have graciously agreed to host us again. Please put it on your calendar!

**Date: Saturday, December 3**

**Location: Farina First Baptist Church, 400 W. Adams Street, Farina**

**Time: Lunch will be served buffet style at 1 PM**

Cost and menu will be determined very soon.

Please make reservations with **Catherine**

**(618-267-7399) by November 18** so

they can have a number for the caterer.





Some great recipes from Francie that she served at Streator

### CHEWY BUTTERSCOTCH BROWNIES

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
1 3/4 cups packed brown sugar  
1 Tbsp. vanilla extract  
2 large eggs  
1 2/3 cups (11-oz. pkg.) NESTLÉ® TOLL HOUSE® Butterscotch Flavored Morsels, divided  
1 cup chopped nuts

**PREHEAT** oven to 350°F.

**COMBINE** flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Beat butter, sugar and vanilla extract in a large mixing bowl until creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 cup morsels and nuts. Spread into ungreased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining 2/3 cup morsels.

**BAKE** for 30 to 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. **Makes 3 dozen brownies**

### Ann's Apple Cake

In-season apples, cinnamon and minimal prep make this a perfect fall dessert.

**PREP: 10 MIN | COOK: 45 MIN | TOTAL: 55 MIN | SERVES: 16**

3 eggs  
1 3/4 cups sugar  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking soda  
3 cups peeled, thinly sliced apples (tart varieties like granny smith work best)  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
Confectioners' sugar (optional)  
Vanilla ice cream (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 9x13-inch baking pan.
2. In large bowl, beat together eggs, sugar and oil until light and fluffy.
3. Stir in flour, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Gently fold in apples and nuts.
4. Transfer mixture to baking pan. Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
5. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar while warm and serve with vanilla ice cream, if desired. Store leftovers in an airtight container.

**PER SERVING:** 380 Cal; 22 g Tot Fat; 5 g Sat Fat; 0 g Trans Fat; 60 mg Cholesterol; 230 mg Sodium; 44 g Carb; 1 g Fiber; 31 g Sugar; 5 g Protein



MICHIGAN CAMPERS ON MISSION  
host of the  
2023 COM NATIONAL RALLY

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,  
and bless the Lord."  
Psalm 134:2

**Don't forget to put the 2023 National Rally on your new calendars. Pray for their preparations this year.**