

New Covenant Fellowship

January 18, 2026

Giving Thanks in (not for) All Circumstances

by Ron Simkins



Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

ORDER OF SERVICE

Woke up this Morning
Welcome (Bonnie Zamora)
Great and Wonderful
Reparations Update (Pastor Renée)
Up to the Mountain
Prayer (Sharon Chubbuck)
Where Your Treasure Is
Philippians 4:4-9 (Ruth Myers-Dunnum)
I Delight Greatly in the Lord
Teaching (Ron Simkins)
Holy Ground
Go Down, Moses
Benediction (Caroline Helton)
Soon and Very Soon

BENEDICTION

O God,
in your Son Jesus the Anointed
you richly bless us with all that we need,
bread from the earth and the bread of heaven,
which gives life to the world.
Grant us one thing more:
grateful hearts to sing your praise,
in this world and the world to come.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLK Reparations Offering—In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, we are collecting a special offering for our Reparations Fund in January. Donations to NCF with "Reparations" in the memo line will support this ongoing work of racial justice.

Celebrate the Library!—Does the phrase "Library Collection Development Policy" make your eyes roll up in your head? You're not alone! And yet a statement of what we want our library to say about us—what our library should and should not contain—will help our library thrive and serve us better. So we're having a Policy Party, and we invite anyone who has an interest in the NCF library to join us for coffee cake and conversation: Tuesday, Jan 20, 10am-noon, at Paige's house. RSVP to Paige.

Spring is Coming!—Mark your calendar for January 25 when Spring Initiative will join us!

Support our Immigrant Neighbors—Some students in Champaign Central High School's Multi-Language Learners (MLL) program could benefit from tutoring in their classroom setting. Volunteers do not need to be bilingual. This will be a new endeavor to improve opportunities for immigrant youth. If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact Kathy Kearney-Grobler

February Fellowship Meal—Plan to stay for a potluck brunch and meeting immediately following service on Feb 1. Sign up for setup, serving, clearing, or dishwashing in the [fellowship meal tab of the volunteer document](#). And update your other signups for 2026! Thanks!

MLK Celebration Today!—Jeff Trask will receive the James R. Burgess, Jr./Susan Freiburg Humanitarian Award on Sunday, January 18, 5pm, at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. Get there at 4:30 for great music!



Upcoming Events:

1/25	Spring Initiative Visit
1/25	Prayer in the Library, 9:45-10:15am
2/2 to 3/2	Pastor Renée working remotely

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December tithes: \$27; Reparations: \$310; Family fund: \$50;