

*"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Corinthians 2:5*

## "GOD IS THINKING ABOUT YOU"

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**Psalm 139:17-18** "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee."

At any given moment, the universe is bursting with incredible phenomena. Stars are born and die in distant galaxies. Galaxies are colliding and merging. Supernovae erupt, briefly outshining entire galaxies. At the same moment, cells divide and multiply, molecules bond and react, creating new compounds. The microscopic world is a complex, fascinating realm of intricate processes and interactions that sustain life itself. The number of events happening in the universe at any given moment is inconceivable. And yet, God has time to think about you!

What an amazing concept! The thoughts of God **toward you** are more in number than the sand.

Let's create a picture. Take a jar down to the beach and fill it with sand. Bring it home, dump it out and start counting. How long would it take you to count each individual grain?

According to AI, if you could spend eight hours per day with breaks for rest, food and other activities, and you could count one grain per second, it would take approximately 578.7

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days to count every grain of sand in a quart jar. That's roughly 4.75 years to count all the grains of sand in that one jar – assuming you didn't wear down with fatigue and lack of focus!



And that doesn't begin to tell you how often God thinks about you. His thoughts toward you are "more in number than the sand!" David said, **"Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."** (Psalm 40:5) The reality is, there is no time that God is *not* thinking about you!

### God's Precious Thoughts

God's thoughts toward you are *precious*. God's thoughts for you aren't distant or indifferent. In the eyes of God you have value and worth. His thoughts are loving and personal. You are so precious that God sent His Son to save you from Hell, He predestined

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### SCRIPTURE MEMORY

#### *November Scripture Memory* **Psalm 95:1-2**

*"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."*

***"If Jesus Christ be God,  
and He died for me, then  
no sacrifice can be too great  
for me to make for Him."***  
**C.T. Studd**

### Monthly Events

**Phebe's Fellowship**  
(Women's Missionary Society)  
1st Wed of the Month 7:00 PM

**Spanish Bible Study**  
2nd Wed of the Month 7:00 PM

**College and Career Bible Study**  
3rd Fri of the Month 6:30 PM

**Street Preaching**  
Last Sat of the Month 12:00 PM  
(NOTE: Changed to Nov 22 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)

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you to be conformed to the image of His Son, and no power in the universe can separate you from His love. **(Romans 8:30-39)** What could be more valuable and precious than that? We can praise the Lord continually for His love and watch care over us knowing that His thoughts to us are precious, peaceful and perpetual!

### Weekly Schedule of Church Services

Sunday School 9:00 AM (Classes for all ages)

Sunday Morning Preaching Service 10:00 AM

Sunday Evening Preaching Service 5:00 PM

### Thursday

Scripture Scouts (Ages 4-12) 7:00 PM

Prayer and Bible Study (Adults and Teens) 7:00 PM

Services are broadcast on YouTube. Go to: *Central Baptist Church of Orange County*

### Do Gospel Tracts Work?

These are some of the testimonies from people who accepted Christ after reading a Chick Tract:

\* Someone left a Chick tract on a restaurant table, which I read and a friend also gave a Chick tract to me. With that combination I turned from being a Hindu to a Christian. That was 10 years ago. I am now a pastor.

\* I'm a pastor. I was saved in jail in 1984 after reading a Chick tract!

\* Your tracts planted the seed that led me to Christ. I was saved after seeing tons of tracts laying all over Wal-Mart while working and shopping.

\* I came to Christ out of a totally heathen background and one of the most instrumental ministries in my life was a Chick tract given to me by my brother.

\* In 1989 I was depressed and even suicidal. I was walking the streets of Nashville one night and I happened upon THIS WAS YOUR LIFE! laying on a grease spot in a parking lot. I read it, threw it down and then came back and read it again. In the months that followed I repented and was saved.

\* Many years ago I was saved by reading the tract CREATOR OR LIAR? I now use Chick tracts as the outreach evangelist for my church.

\* In 1972 I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ through your tracts. I am now an ordained minister.

\* I was handed some of your tracts. At first, I rejected the message as being too naïve and simplistic! But I could not bring myself to throw them away, instead keeping them and bringing them out a few times a year just to have a good laugh. But six years ago, I received Jesus as Lord and Savior, your tracts having played a big part!



**ABOVE:** Our Missions Conference in September featured (left to right) the Has Family (Southeast Asia), Sister Faith Duke (Bible Translation), Bro. Peter Duke (Mexico), Bro. Ethan Donoho (Bolivia), Bro. and Mrs. Michael Veldhuis (Cocopah Indian Reservation), Bro. and Mrs. Jay Dempsey (Missions Evangelist) and the Meach Family (Cambodia).



**LEFT:** Teens enjoy some fresh, hot pizza after an evening of fun and bowling.



**RIGHT:** The ladies present their "perfectly prepared pumpkins" from the last Ladies Activity.