



COMMON GROUND

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“Thank Ya, Lord

Versel: I drive a gold 1970 Impala Chevrolet.

They call it the GOLD GOOSE, it ain't much on
looks,

but it gets me on my way.

I live in a one room, it's my little Chalet.

Four walls, warm in the winter, well, I'm doin
okay.

Bridge1: It seems to me that we've got a lot to be
thankful for.

So many crying out in need, you've been awful
gracious to me, Lord.

I wanna thank ya, Lord.

Chorus: Thank ya, Lord, I'm alive and kickin'.

Thank ya, Lord. I'm alive and breathin'.

Thank ya, Lord for these friends here with me.

Family and friends, you know ~ you know,

I need 'em.

Verse 2: My money situation ain't so good,
but I think I'll get by.

Momma keep sendin' \$20 bills in letters
that make me cry.

Bridge 2: They still got faith, even when I ain't.

They keep on telling me, "You're gonna be a
superstar",

No matter what you do or who you are, You're
gonna be great.

This song talks about my life when I was about your age. I had a car that was a four door beast that my family called the "Gold Goose" It was not exactly a chick magnet but it had a very nice passing gear and it was pretty darn dependable. I had an ugly little one room apartment painted a very tasty yellow. It certainly wasn't beautiful but it was a place to lay my head and it did keep me warm. In the second verse it talks about my lack of funds and my mother sending me \$20 to get my hair cut before a talent show. It talks about my parents faith in me as a musician, but more importantly as a person. There are so many in need in our world it is important for us to be thankful for all that God has given to us. It is also very important to say thank you to those whose have supported us and encouraged us. I hope that as you reflected on all that you have been given that you will take an opportunity to give back to those around you.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Game Night ~ Friday, November 7th we will meet at the office at 7pm and go to the home of Spencer Audie for games, food, and fun. Please bring games that you want to play and either bring a snack or a drink to share.
- Food Basket for Salvation Army ~ Saturday, November 22 we will meet at the office at 9:30am and go to the Salvation Army to help with packing and distributing food baskets. Lunch will be provided and we will return to campus around 3:30.
- Thanksgiving Day Preparation ~ Wednesday, November 26th we will meet at the office at 5:30pm and go to Clarice's Kitchen to help prepare for Thanksgiving Lunch on Thursday.
- Thanksgiving Day Lunch ~ Thursday, November 27th we will meet at the office at noon and go to the home of David and Clarice Moore for a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. We will eat, play games, eat, maybe watch some football and eat. Come join in the fun!
- Game Day at the Pioneer Home. ~ Saturday, November 29 We need 5 volunteers including 1 or 2 drivers to go to the Pioneer home to play games with the residents. Meet at the office at 2pm and the games will begin at 2:30. You should be back to campus by 4:30.



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It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare.
It is because we do not dare that things are difficult.

~ Seneca

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY: "Lunch Bunch" -- Have a free lunch with friends in the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall) Drop in anytime between 11:30 and 1:30pm.

MONDAY: Music Ministry -- Come to the office at 4:30pm to sing, play guitar or just listen as we practice the music for Tuesday's Vespers service.

TUESDAY: Vespers -- Come join us for an informal worship service held upstairs in the **Wood Center Room E & F** every **Tuesday night at 7:30 PM**. It's a great opportunity in the middle of your busy week to "take time out" for God!

THURSDAY: Dinner and Bible Study -- is what's happening on Thursday evenings this Fall. **Meet at the UCM office at 5:30PM** and we will head over to the Moore's for a fine home cooked meal. This semester we will be studying the book of Acts.

SUNDAY: Leadership -- will meet **Sunday at 6PM**. We will be reading A Love Worth Giving, by Max Lucado. We are looking for a few good leaders...so come with your fresh outlook and ideas.