

## 'Giving Thanks Together' to be Citywide Gathering

The Operation Andrew Group and the YMCA of Middle Tennessee will again co-sponsor "Giving Thanks Together," a free community-wide time of praise, prayer and thanksgiving at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, at First Church of the Nazarene, 510 Woodland St.

The service will bring together leaders and members of area churches representing multiple denominations; YMCA members, staff and volunteers from throughout Middle Tennessee; and all others who wish to join hands and hearts in this service of thanksgiving.

"Giving Thanks Together" is free, seating is first-come, and free parking will be available at the church (I-24E to Shelby Street exit, right on Shelby at the end of the ramp, left at 5th, three blocks to the corner of 5th and Woodland).

"Once again we're thrilled about this opportunity for Middle Tennesseans of many backgrounds, cultures and denominations to gather in thanksgiving and prayer," said Charles McGowan, president of The Operation Andrew Group. "We look forward to rejoicing in our many blessings while also remembering in prayer the many needs of individuals and

families in our communities."

"It is an honor and a privilege for our YMCA to be part of this time of thanksgiving," added Journey Johnson, president and CEO of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee. "Bringing people together to thank the good Lord and to pray for others in our community is right in line with the Y's mission of helping people to grow in spirit, mind and body."

The service will feature worship in song (including an appearance by members of the Nashville Choir), powerful testimonies, prayer for the community, and an offering to benefit Bridges Academy, a tuition-supported, Christ-centered, college-preparatory middle school and high school designed to transform inner-city male youth into community leaders.

Sponsors of the event include LifeWay, Purity Dairies, Faith Financial Planners, Inc. and American Constructors Inc.

For more information about the service, please visit [www.ymcamidtn.org](http://www.ymcamidtn.org) or [www.operationandrew.org](http://www.operationandrew.org), or call 352-1805.