



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 5.3 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.5 million
- Waterford's population over 60,000
- 69% still claim to be Roman Catholic

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Dear Friends,

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Last Sunday we looked into I Thessalonians 5:18 concerning the giving of thanks. We would like to express our thanks for all your prayers and support as well as special gifts throughout 2025. It was a very challenging year for us in family and ministry. God was very good and gracious concerning the life and death situation for our son Kevin and the liver transplant. At nearly one year on, we thank God that Kevin is doing well.

Our 2025 ended with a great celebration of the birth of Christ with our church families. Several of the church folks have shown some good progress in their walk with the Lord. We had really good receptivity to our Gospel gift packets this year. These packets have caused many recipients to think about things concerning their own individual lives spiritually. In December two of my daughters put together a music train evening for our church. This was a great time to help folks see the importance of structure and order in the music that we sing to worship the Lord.

The new year, though not so new at this point, has brought several events already at church. Lisa hosted a ladies fellowship, the girls did a second music train evening, and we had a great Friday night game night activity. I have just finished up a men's study on who we are in Christ. My hearts desire is to build up men as men who are confident as to who they are in Christ with the intention of developing leadership qualities in their lives. This has moved on into a new study that we are doing about abiding in Christ in our everyday lives. On a side note, 2026 has brought with it the rain season which has been abnormally rainier! Ireland has passed the 50-day mark with rain going on across the country somewhere everyday but mostly the whole country getting rained on as a whole all at once. Severe flooding has devastated many homes and businesses particularly in towns and villages that have rivers flowing through them.

As the months continue to roll by, we will have things coming up such as St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Resurrection Sunday. Lisa is looking to plan another Ladies tea/Bible study, and I will be planning another men's Saturday Bible study and prayer time. Pray with us for the Lord to bring a new family to church this year. We have had a few visitors pass through church over the past few months. Pray with us concerning men to be leaders in the home and at church. Pray as well for our young people. I do not know if it is just me but it sure seems rather challenging to get at the heart of many young people. I think we are really up against the prince and power of the air due to the phones/internet with all that is coming out with AI and life like virtual relationship of all sorts. I find this very disconcerting concerning young people as well as adults. So, we are grateful for your continued prayers with us and for us in these challenging days in which we live.

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & Family

Philippians 1:3-5 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.