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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church

**Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner
5:00 PM, FLC**

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday

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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

*Bro. Harold
Ms. Denise
Ms. Claire
Jennifer
Greg*

*We give thanks with
grateful hearts*



FORERUNNER

November 17, 2022

The JOY Door!

The original thanksgiving celebration was held by the Pilgrim settlers during their second winter in America in December, 1621. The first winter had killed 44 of their 102 travelers. At one point, their daily food ration was down to five kernels of corn apiece, but then an unexpected trading vessel arrived, providing for their severe need. Instead of anger, these Pilgrims gave thanks to God for His provision.



The book of Psalms is filled with songs of thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy to His children. Paul reminds us in the New Testament, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6. Little did we know that 2020 would usher in a worldwide pandemic, riots, rampant crime, increased political hostility and financial instability. Today we look around and see mass shootings, cancer, dementia, suicide and the breakdown of the Biblical definition of home and family. Instead of feeling thankful, we often feel anxious and overwhelmed. God's Word tells us we live in a fallen world and we will have trials and tribulations.

There will always be those things we can be afraid of, or bitter about, but like the Pilgrims, we have a choice. We can focus on our secular, ungodly society which is speeding away from the Lord like a runaway train, or we can remember Jesus Christ, our precious Savior who allowed Himself to be the ultimate sacrificial lamb for our sins, so we would be allowed to enter the door into eternal life. **The JOY Door!** In *Practicing Thankfulness* by Sam Crabtree, he writes, "Thankfulness is not trivial. It is the difference between maturity and immaturity. It is the mark of faith; birthed out of your humble submission to God's sovereignty. It is our honest pursuit of His holiness." Jesus said, *"I have told you these things that in Me, you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33

With a grateful heart, Claire

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Claude Burch

By Sue Burch Together We Build

In Memory of Rev. Bill Stowell

By Sue Burch Budget

In Memory of William Wood

By Myrna Wood Budget

In Memory of Riley Ornston

By Denise Palmer Together We Build
Gene Taylor Together We Build

In Memory of Wyatt Ramsey

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Mexico

In Memory of Charlie Marable

By Sammy and Penny Duncan Budget

In Memory of Frances Waddell

By Ron and Diane Denny Budget

In Memory of Charles Folkes

By Ron and Diane Denny Budget

In Honor of Phail Dean Jones, Allison Lane and Cheryl Jones

By Floyd Jones Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, November 18

Ezekiel 29 - 30, Hebrews 13

Saturday, November 19

Ezekiel 31 - 32, James 1

Sunday, November 20

Ezekiel 33 - 34, James 2

Monday, November 21

Ezekiel 35 - 37, James 3

Tuesday, November 22

Ezekiel 38 - 39, James 4

Wednesday, November 23

Ezekiel 40 - 41, James 5

Thursday, November 24

Ezekiel 42 - 43, 1 Peter 1

Friday, November 25

Ezekiel 44 - 46, 1 Peter 2

Saturday, November 26

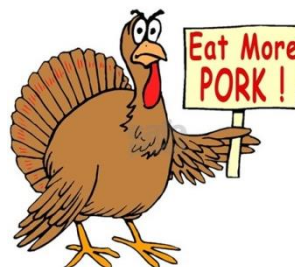
Ezekiel 47 - 48, 1 Peter 3

Bro. Lane's sermon this Sunday Morning will be found in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Can We Really Give Thanks in Everything?"

Your Sunday School Literature for the Winter Quarter (December, January, February) has been distributed to your classrooms.



CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER



We will be having our annual EBC Thanksgiving Dinner, this Sunday, November 20th at 5:00PM. You may bring your side dishes, etc. to the FLC at 4:30PM. Jerry Gilcrease and our lawn service will

be graciously providing delicious turkey from Springridge Market in Keithville.

Please remember to return your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes by this Sunday November 20th. We will be taking them to our local collection center after that date. Thank you for making a loving difference in the life of a child! May the Lord bless each and every box and the hands who packed them.



Prime Time Choir will meet this Tuesday at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities this week.

upcoming events

Deacon's Meeting – Sunday, November 27th, 4:30PM.

BRANSON AT BETHANY – Tuesday, November 29th, 9:30AM at Bethany Camp and Conference Center. The EBC Van leaves here at 8:30AM.

Business Meeting – Wednesday, November 30th, 6:00PM.