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"Therefore I will give thanks unto you, O LORD, among the wicked, and I will sing praises to Your name." II Sam. 22:50

Just the other day I was listening to a reporter as she shared the weather, at the end of her report she looked at the camera and said, "Everyone have a happy 'Turkey-day'!" I wonder if people are misled by this way of thinking. While I may have called it turkey day myself in moments of being silly, I wonder if people really know why we celebrate Thanksgiving? It was after this that I began noticing all the signs which bore the words "Turkey-day." In stores and shops, there seemed to be an abundance of "turkey-day" banners.

So why do some call Thanksgiving-day, Turkey-day? I was once asked to explain the difference between Thanksgiving and Turkey-day. I was at a loss for words. I couldn't say what was so important about not changing the name. So, I began to study, searching for the answer! Much like Christmas becoming Xmas, Easter becoming a celebration of rabbits, All Saints Day (An old celebration of Christ following saints) becoming Halloween.

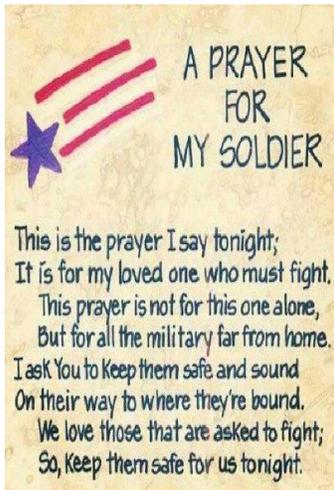
The answer is simple. Satan desires to remove all reference to God from anything that is for the purpose of worshiping God. Satan wants to divert all worship to him alone, therefore, he begins by chipping away at the stones that seem less important. Scripture warns: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Ps. 11:3) The Devil slowly takes away some here and a little there and the Christian fails to see the importance of such building blocks. We seem to be "ignorant of his devices" (II Cor. 2:11), we willingly refuse to see the impact of Satan's deceptions. Satan doesn't want people to realize that they are supposed to be worshiping God by giving thanks to God. Instead the devil desires to make humans worship the creature more than the Creator. Think about it! Just look at the difference in the meanings of the words.

1. Thanksgiving - to give thanks (especially the one worthy of thanks).
2. Turkey-day - popularizes the feast and times that are spent edifying the flesh (the enemy of God).

Thanksgiving tells us to remember to worship God and the term Turkey-day tells us to think about the feast. Satan just sits back and laughs as Christians lazily go along with his lies. It is time we quit looking at the war between us and the devil as a "futuristic Armageddon" and realize the battle is now! The serpent continues to destroy Christians in the world and we allow it to happen simply because we don't want to "rock the boat" or be called a "fanatic."

I have news for us Christians! God did not call us to be popular in this world; the Almighty did not call us to be successful; but he called us to be faithful. Faithful in preaching the gospel of Christ, the power of God for salvation (Rom. 1:16).

We do not celebrate Thanksgiving for a turkey feast, or even as a day to gather together and be family. No!!! We celebrate Thanksgiving for the sole purpose of giving thanks and glory unto God, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and he plainly declares that ". . . I will not give my glory to another." (Isa. 48:11). If we try to give the praise that is supposed to be given to God to our own desires, then we are worshiping ourselves (the creature) more than the Creator Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:25). Let's make every effort as "The Church", to give our worship to Christ the Creator!



Our Church Families Long Term: Phyllis Adams, Charlie & Becky Allen, Linda Benjamin, Mike Crist, Lois Gebert, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, Jim McAllister, Wilma McIntosh, Bob Meliza, Linda Miller, Nelda Potter, Reed Richardson, Steve Watkins

Extended Family & Friends Long Term: All her family (request by Wilma McIntosh), Debra Bailey (Angie Wright), Shirley Hermreck (wife of Joe Hermreck / daughter-in-law of Norma Hermreck), Jo Lowe (Ken & Barbara McMillan, Judy Tisor), Judy Meyer (Nancy Horn), Waunita Porter (Larry Porter), Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), Becky Roush (request by Carol Hermreck & sister Carolyn Schuster), Bill & Lola Thornton, Jack & Arlene (Mersman) Udelhofen (Nancy Horn)

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers: Guest Home Estate - Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young, Betty Penn, Gladys Zwiener; **Parkview Heights -** Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Marcene Jasper, Ruby Schuster; **Residential Living Center -** Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams);

Comfort Care Home - Ottawa, KS - Birdie Zentner

Our Veterans and Military - Those at home, overseas, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marines, Coast Guard: Italy: Matthew Schryer - Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring; **Air Force:** Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole; **Air Force / Korea:** Jesse Hale, nephew of Rosemary Turner; **Army:** Ethan Bilderback, grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback; **Marine:** Noah Kuder, grand-nephew of Reid & Karen Miller

Our Church Families / Friends

November 19 – Week 1: Lee Miller (Mary Martin) ~ Ardis Comfort & Nancy Lake (Gayla Corley) ~ Andrea Huza daughter of Charlie & Becky Allen ~ Sondra Grieshaber

PRAISES: (1) Praises and thanks to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner evening. Orville & LaVerne Cole (2) Thanksgiving dinner, so good – thank you to everyone who helped. Gary & Kim Stapp

November 12 – Week 2:

November 5 – Week 3: Barbara Robbins (Jason Sjolund) ~ Elaine Conard, & Greg Kropt (Gayla Corley) ~ Paulabeth Henderson (Karen Miller) ~ ~ Helen (great niece of Nelda Potter)

If you wish continued prayers: After 3 weeks, your prayer request will be removed unless you write it on the Sunday flap or email Marsha Dulin at marsha@fccgarnett.org.

O Lord, Great Spirit, We thank you for all the good gifts You share with us. We thank You for the food we eat, for the beauty of the seasons and for the wonders of Your creation. We thank You for our friends and families and ask You to bless and watch over us all. Most of all Lord, we thank You for sharing Your life with us, and for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Amen

CHURCH INFORMATION

November 19 - Financial Update

General Fund ~ \$2736 To Date ~ \$12758

New Building ~ \$245 To Date ~ \$1879

November 19 - Worship Attendance

8:00 a.m. Worship Services – 59

10:30 a.m. Worship Services – 142

November 19 - Sunday School Attendance

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes – 70

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

OPPORTUNITY CLASS: There were 4 present Sunday, 3 had Bibles and 3 daily readers. Prayers requested for Charlie & Becky Allen ~ those fighting cancer ~ those who have lost loved ones ~ our leaders & the military ~ Darwin & Mary Hamilton, Jim Jordan and Alice Leim. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer and led the lesson, "Meditation of the New Covenant" Hebrews 12:14 - 15 & 18 - 29. The class closed with prayer.

SOS CLASS: There were 11 present Sunday with 10 with Bibles and 3 daily readers. Prayers were requested for Lee Miller, George & Jeanine Zentner, Orville Cole, Norma Hermreck & Nelda Potter. Gary Benjamin opened the class with prayer. The class was small so we discussed our blessings. The class closed with prayer.

NOTE: Sunday School Party @ Prairie Belles will be Monday, December 11, 2017 at 11:30 am. Remember to bring your white elephant!!!

Guests Sunday, November 19 - FCC Welcomes You!

We are grateful that you came to be with us Sunday morning. We pray that you felt the love of Christ and His presence during our worship and pray you will visit us again real soon! Blessings to you! Camryn Crawford granddaughter of Karen Brinkmeyer ~ Sam Croucher grandson of Mike & Kathy Croucher ~ Susie Bassani sister of Jay Velvick ~ Sophia Jones guest of Suzanne Finn family ~ Reuben Harmon & Christen ~ Camryn Wilson grandson of Phyllis Adams ~ Bronson, Madison, Chaya & Kellin Sparks ~ Candis McDowell and Kahne & Hayzlee guest of Val Todd



Please be in prayer for the family of Sylva (Huffman) Strain, age 80 who passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017 in Phoenix, AZ. A celebration of life will be held in January 2018. She is survived by her husband Carl and children.

THE GREATEST BLESSING IN THE WHOLE WORLD IS TO BE A BLESSING!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✚ The Men's Breakfast & Devotions meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at the Annex. If you would like to come or wish more information please contact Burke Rogers.
- ✚ The Christian Woodworkers meet at the shop of Darwin Hamilton on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to come or wish more information contact Darwin Hamilton or Gary Hoke. If you didn't know they make wooden ornaments and take them to the children at the Children's Mercy Hospital...such a special ministry!
- ✚ The Prayer Group of FCC meets at the Annex on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you wish more information please contact Charlotte Cox.
- ✚ Please note there **will not be** ROOTS / Jr High Discipleship Wednesday, November 22.
- ✚ Mission Haiti will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 22 in the Annex.
- ✚ Thursday, November 23 – Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Day
- ✚ Due to Thanksgiving Day being Thursday, November 23, we have had several cancelations so they may all enjoy this special time of Thanksgiving with family and friends: **NO** Christian Crafters at the Annex ~ **NO** Small Group at Born's
- ✚ Please note there **will not be** Jr High – Sr High Legacy Sunday, November 26. They will be participating in the FCC's FCC event that will be going on here at the church. More information in the Visitor.
- ✚ **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (FCC'S FCC)**
Sunday, November 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. will begin a new annual event called FCC's FCC! This will be a fun time for all generations in preparation for the Christmas Season! Our hope is that we will have many people from every age group come get to know each other! FCC's FCC will be a time when we prepare our building and our hearts for the Advent season! First thing we will decorate the church followed by lots of fun activities and good "ole" fellowship. Please bring a soup, sandwich or snack for a potluck to share followed with some Christmas movie trivia, festive music, Christmas movies, and popcorn to end the evening. There will not be Legacy that evening so please bring your family and friends and enjoy the festivities.
- ✚ Wednesday, November 29 the ROOTS program will meet in the Family Life Center & Jr High Discipleship will meet in the Annex from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- ✚ The Community Meal – Comfort Food for the Soul will be held in the Family Life Center from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday November 30.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Hey everybody, hope you're having a good start to your week! I've got a couple of different announcements for you,

1. This upcoming Sunday, November 26, we will NOT be having Legacy. Have a good last night of your break with your family.
2. We will NOT be having ROOTS this Wednesday, November 22 either. Many students and staff will be gone given that it is the first day of their Thanksgiving break.
3. Summer schedules for both Legacy and Roots age students are available on the "Youth Bulletin Board" in the Fellowship Hall (look for the bright yellow paper)
 - a. Take note on those schedules that the names of some of the Hidden Haven camps have changed to alleviate some of the confusion
4. Our Christmas Program is approaching! Sunday, December 10th we will be doing a "Keepsake Christmas" where students and their families will be able to interact with the Nativity Story and hear some unique perspectives from some of the major players of the Christmas Story.

Side note: The Christmas season is upon us, and for many people this is a hard and trying time, our students are not immune to these feelings. Please be in prayer for our students and for me and the Legacy/Roots staff as we minister to these amazing kids. Thank you for doing all that you do for our youth, you are amazing!

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



CRAFTERS' CHRISTMAS SALE: The Thursday Morning Christian Crafters have been "needling up" for Christmas! They want to help make your holiday shopping a little bit easier. Saturday, December 2nd, they will have their annual Christmas sale of handmade items (pillowcases, tea towels, stocking stuffers and so much more) available for purchase in the meeting room at Parkside II. We'll be set up from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Do plan to drop by if you get the chance!

- + The Community Meal – Comfort Food for the Soul will be on Thursday, December 14 and December 28 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- + Christmas Program and Tasters Party will be on Sunday, December 10
- + Local Nursing Home Worship Services will be Sunday, December 24
- + Christmas Eve Services will be held here at FCC Sunday, December 24
- + The Food Distribution at the Quonset Hut has been scheduled for December 28 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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