

# Thanksgiving And Thanks Living

By Mike Riley

Thanksgiving has been observed in some manner since the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, in late November 1620. At that time, the Puritans remembered the protecting and guiding hand of a providential God that led them over the weary waste of divided waters to a new land of great opportunity and freedom. They set aside the American custom of Thanksgiving to which they expressed gratitude to the God of harvest, who had so bountifully blessed them.

To the Christian, Thanksgiving Day (as in all other days) should be used as a day of prayer and thanksgiving (Phil 4:6; Col 3:15; 1 Tim 5:5; cf. Luke 2:37). We should remember precisely what Thanksgiving stands for — thanksgiving for all of the spiritual and physical blessings we have in Christ Jesus our Lord (Eph 1:3; Acts 14:15-17; Acts 17:25; Acts 17:28).

Knowing this, we should thank God for the following:

**-Our Savior** who came to provide us remission of our sins so that we might stand justified and not condemned before God (Rom 5:9; Rom 8:1).

**-The saving gospel of Christ**, the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16).

**-The Lord's church** — that spiritual body He purchased with His own blood (Eph 1:22-23; Acts 20:28).

**-God's plan of salvation**, (1) believing in Christ (Jn 8:24); (2) repenting of our sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30); (3) confessing Christ as God's Son before men (Matt 10:32; Rom 10:9-10; cf. Acts 8:37) and (4) being baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom 6:1-6; Gal. 3:26-27; Col 2:12; 1 Pet 3:21).

If we are truly filled with thanksgiving in our hearts as the Bible teaches (Ps107:1; Ps 50:14; Eph 5:20; Col 3:15), we will obey the Word of God and daily live as it instructs us to live — a life of thanks living (Matt 6:33; Matt 7:21; Hebrews 5:9; Js 1:21-27; 1 Pet 1:13-22).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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# Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

## Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

## Preacher:

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve Today

**Announcements-** Lyle Russell **Lord's Table-** Charles Fricke  
**Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

## November 27th

**Announcements-** Travis Rogers **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler  
**Opening prayer-** Wes Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

## Announcements

**Due to Thanksgiving, there will be no Wednesday evening services this week.**

— **The Ark Replica and Creation Museum trip:** The new dates are April 17-21, 2023. **The deadline to sign up is now November 30th.** This trip will be taken by bus with locally owned Mayo Tours. Contact Bro. Kenny Solley at 318-547-4545 for details and costs. All costs except traveling snacks are included.

— **Question & Answer Series: December 4th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

— **Children's Christmas Program:** Our children will be performing a Christmas Program at the building on Saturday December 10th at 2 PM. Everyone is invited. Come support our youth!

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer.

# Please Pray For:

Bettye Flowers, Olive Buckley, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Gail Sewell, Shelia McMannus, Jeremy Granger, Deb McInturff, James Johnson, Willie White, Joe Phillips, Jasper Snell.

**Bereaved:** Families of Woefud Conatser, GW Harris, Bennie Freeman, Katie McClinton, Brenda Thomas.

# Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel, Roosevelt Rogers, Cindy Eaton, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



## November birthdays

3 - Elaine Reppond  
5 - Glenda Wells  
6 - Sandra Nappier  
8 - Brad Smith  
10 - Bo Dalrymple  
11 - Tommy Wells  
13 - Susie McGough  
20 - Dana Fowler  
25 - Dan Ross Jr.  
26 - Brock Dalrymple  
28 - Dena White  
30 - Ayden Richardson

## November anniversaries

3 - Ronnie and Dena White  
17 - Buddy and Carlton Hollis  
18 - Randy and Kathy Manning  
21 - Travis and Rhonda Rogers  
26 - Dwain and Bettye Flowers

