



# THE VISION

November 2019

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”*

*Amen. Matthew 28:19-20*

2019

### Thanksgiving Day Is Ours

(From a CBN article by Gene Markland)

When was the first Thanksgiving celebrated in America? Some say it was in Virginia in 1610, and others hold fast to our traditional first Thanksgiving celebrated at Plymouth Plantation, Massachusetts, in 1621.

Whichever side of the debate one chooses to embrace, the fact remains that Thanksgiving Day is ours.

Before America existed as a nation, the hardy souls who persevered to found this great country made the effort to thank God Almighty for His provision and grace. Giving thanks in Virginia, Massachusetts, and many other settlements across the new world was a spontaneous act by grateful people. They experienced a life so rugged, that without the providence of God they would have surely not survived. They were grateful for God’s favor and blessing.

Our first President, George Washington, acknowledged God as the source of our Nation’s strength and very existence. He felt so strongly about this that he made a proclamation for a national day of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th, 1789.

He believed in the importance of setting aside a day to honor God and give thanks individually and corporately as a people. Our sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln, made it a national holiday on Thursday, November 26th, 1863.

This day is meant to be a time to stop, take notice of our blessings, and acknowledge God with a grateful heart. We all share in the responsibility for the national event that Thanksgiving Day has become because it is our day.

I am so thankful to God that He has given us the freedom to worship Him with our thanks. The blessings that we enjoy over this holiday are truly from Him.

I believe God continues to bless us in part because we do take a day to give thanks. The Bible says: “Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done,” (I Chron. 16:8).

Let us pass on to the next generation the knowledge of how blessed we are as individuals, families, and as a people. Speak of the mighty and wondrous things that the Lord has done, and share our thankful hearts one with another. “Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power,” (Psalm 145:4).

Gene Markland concludes by quoting from author O. Henry who wrote, “There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American.”

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Pastor Bud Goude

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# Deacon's Devotional

## Thanksgiving

When the month of November arrives, most people today begin to think of Thanksgiving Day with families getting together for a big turkey dinner with all the trimmings, finishing with pumpkin pie and other special desserts. We recall our early school years with stories and pictures of the Pilgrims and native American Indians celebrating God's blessing of a successful corn harvest. History records tell us this 3-day event occurred in November 1621 and a second fasting and Thanksgiving feasting celebration was held again in 1623. Annual and occasional days of Thanksgiving became a common practice in the New England colonies after this. President George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation on 3 October 1789 for Americans to express their gratitude (to God) for gaining independence and ratifying the U.S. Constitution. Subsequent proclamation of special days of Thanksgiving, although individual states did not always observe their celebrations on the same date, followed. On the last Thursday of November 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared a national holiday of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens"..."to commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation". This national day of Thanksgiving was celebrated on this date every year until 1939 when President Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday to the fourth Thursday of November and signed a bill to that effect in 1941. To this day, we continue to observe Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November.

Though some fail to remember, and non-Christians may not be aware, our Thanksgiving celebration is much more than family gatherings and feasting. As Americans we celebrate our unique freedoms, especially our religious freedom. But more than that, it is a time when Christians express our gratitude and thanks for God's love, mercy, blessings, and promise of eternal life, and patience with those of His creation. It is true that God causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall on all; but not all are His children. We only come into the family of God (as His children) when we accept His Plan of Salvation through Jesus Christ His Son. In John 14:6 Jesus said the following:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the  
Father except through me."

Bill Breeden, Deacon

### Deacon of the Week

11/3—Sonya Anthony  
11/10—Keith Martin  
11/17—Bill Breeden  
11/24—Al West

### Nursery Workers

11/3—Mallory Wagner/Youth  
11/10—L. Walton/G. Breeden  
11/17—Devan/Elyza Willard  
11/24—Connie/Beverly West

### November Ushers

Keith Belvin  
Leslie Belvin  
Chris Hutson  
Barbara Mangrum



## CHURCH WORKERS

### November Tellers

Bill Breeden  
Helen Spence

### Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

### Younger Children's Church

11/3—Tim Owens  
11/10—S. Anthony/N. Dyson  
11/17—Janis West  
11/24—L. Sentz/R. Wells

### Older Children's Church

11/3—Paige Belvin  
11/10—Jennifer/Lauren Hall  
11/17—Madison/Denise Ganee  
11/24—Charlene/John West





Mark your calendars for **December 1, 2019** to join us for the first Sunday of Advent at 11:00am, for Hanging of the Greens. This special service will include beautiful Christmas music with readings to explain the meaning of the traditional decorations, as we decorate our beautiful sanctuary. The decorations will include wreaths, garland, poinsettias, the Advent wreath, and the Christmas tree with Chrisoms.



**Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex. Please donate \$1 for each plastic shoebox, no cost for each cardboard box. Boxes, with your \$9/ \$10 (plastic) donation, should be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, November 24.**

Please do not pack candy, gum, or toothpaste as they are not allowed.



**ONE DAY ONLY!!!**

We have an opportunity to make a difference right here in our community on **November 3rd!** Many of our neighbors need our help. As hard as it is for most of us to imagine, many households lack sufficient food for their family. Food insecurity affects approximately 14 percent of households in the U. S. due to lack of resources.

Won't you help to resolve this problem in Gloucester. Please bring **canned goods** or **non-perishable** items on **Sunday, November 3rd** and place in the bins labeled **Harvest Food Drive**. The items will be delivered to and distributed by the Salvation Army to those in need. God bless you as you show and share His love!

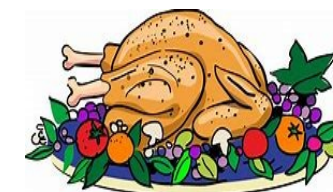
“And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.” (Isaiah 58:10)



**Thanksgiving Dinner and New Member Recognition**

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and New Member Recognition on **Sunday, November 24, 2019,** immediately following the morning worship service.

The meat, bread and beverage will be provided!  
Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert  
(enough for 10-12 people)  
and of course, your family and friends!



### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages)- 9:40 am  
 Worship Service— 11:00 am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry—2:00 pm

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### Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm: Teens Living For Christ  
 6:00 pm: Children's Choir  
 6:30pm: Children's Bible Study  
 6:30pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30 am AA 8:00 pm	2
3 Lord's Supper 11:00 am <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b>	4 American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm FELLOWSHIP HALL	5 Building & Grounds 7:00 pm FELLOWSHIP HALL	6	7 Girl Scouts 6:00 pm	8 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30 am AA 8:00 pm	9
10 S.S. Breakfast 9:15am (Children & Youth) Veteran's Day Recognition-AHG 11 am Youth Council 12:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 3pm	11 American Heritage Girls Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13	14 Girl Scouts 6:00 pm	15 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30 am Homeschool Co-op-10 am AA 8:00 pm Vision Articles Due	16 Emma Crawford Quilting 9 am—4 pm
17 Church Council Meeting 12:00 pm	18 American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm	19 Armstrong Circle Meeting <b>ONLY</b> 6pm	20 Christmas Shoebox Packing Children/Youth	21 Acree Circle 10:00 am Girl Scouts 6:00 pm	22 Seniors' Morning Out 9:30 am AA 8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	23 Thanksgiving Distribution Day 11:00 am Angel Tree/Youth Fellowship Hall Reserved
24 Thanksgiving & New Member Dinner 12:00pm Shoebox Deadline	25	26	27 NO CYM ACTIVITIES	28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Warwick Forest Service (leave church 10 am)	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AA 8:00 pm	30 Hanging of the Greens Practice 6:30 pm

### November Birthdays:

Angie Crummett	11/4
Madison Gandee	11/4
Barbara Fryer	11/7
Virginia Dawson	11/8
Robert Wray	11/8
Melissa Ashe	11/10
Elizabeth Bynum	11/12
Emma Cirillo	11/15
Margaret Sarratori	11/19
Donna Phillips	11/21
Jimmy Diggs	11/27
Debra Martin	11/29



### Anniversaries:

Bill & Judy Cahoon	11/3
Dale & Amy Jacobson	11/10
Barbara & Gary Mangrum	11/16
Charlie & Queenie Holt	11/21
Julia & Russell Dawson	11/29
Gene & Ann Smith	11/30