



Faith Fellowship


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‘Enter with Thanksgiving’



November: thanksgiving!

*-when things going well.
-in all things.*



*“In everything, give thanks; for this is
God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

-in all circumstances.



**"Enter His gates with thanksgiving & His
courts with praise"**

Psalm 100





What are the facts?

- America today: revisionist
- Turkey Day
- Pilgrims thanked the Indians

so...just a holiday. We are self sufficient,
self reliant, self sustained.



On September 6, 1620 the Mayflower set sail from England:

- trip took 10 weeks.**
- target was Virginia.**
- landed at northern tip of Cape Cod.**
- Mayflower Compact.**

**‘Having undertaken for the glory of God
and advancement of the Christian faith...a
voyage to plant the First Colony...we
solemnly...in the presence of God and of one
another, Covenant...ourselves together into a
Civil Body Politic...’**

-Covenant is a Bible word!

In 1621, William Bradford called for a special day of Thanksgiving:

-invited about 100 Indians to join them.

-together they gave 'thanks' to:

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and made known in Jesus Christ!!

‘be careful that you do not forget the
LORD, who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery.’

Duet. 6:12

“In the future, when your children ask you,
'What do these stones mean?'”

Joshua 4:6



National WWII Memorial



‘The loveliest flower that blooms in the garden of the heart is the flower of gratitude; and when gratitude dies on the altar of a man’s heart, he’s well nigh gone!’


Bob Jones Sr.





Psalm 100:4

**‘Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise; be thankful unto him
and bless his name.’**




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Praise: for ‘who’ He is(being)

**Thanksgiving: for ‘what’ He has done or
not done!**

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**‘When he was at table with them,
he took the bread and blessed and
broke it and gave it to them. And
their eyes were opened, and they
recognized him. And he vanished
from their sight.**


Luke 24:30-31





Joy stealers:

1. Pride

- I've worked hard...
 - no one gave me anything...
 - on one to thank but myself.
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Joy stealers:

2. A critical spirit:

-constant complainers.

-lady with great crop of potatoes.



Two Reminders:

- We grossly underestimate the awesome power of an “affirming word.”
- We grossly underestimate how deeply those around us are hurting.

A blessing: words or deeds!

- God bless you friend!**
- you did a great job.**
- you are really good at...**

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America's spiritual blessings:

- God's people yesterday/today.**
- Parents, churches.**

“Come before Him with joyful songs.”

Psalm 100:2

How do we thank Him?

- a. Stop complaining.
- b. Express your thanks.
- c. Submit to his will.
- d. Give of your time, treasure & talent.
- e. Serve His people.

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Faith Fellowship:

- good Leadership Team.**
- excellent music.**
- great women's ministry.**
- Awana.**
- good givers.**
- small groups.**
- youth work.**

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Faith Fellowship:

- missions program.**
- old but clean building.**
- trustees.**
- Central District EFC**
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