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November 21 Marie Todd
November 22 Kyle French
November 25 Colt Tootle
November 27 Carlyle Clifton
November 27 Kathy Riley

Celebrating an Anniversary

November 23 Mr. & Mrs. Doug Burkhalter
November 27 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Britton



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Thank You

I would like to thank my church family for your prayers,
calls and visit during my recent surgery. I am doing very
well, please continue to prayer for my recovery.

Warren Oglesby

OPPORTUNITIES

You're Invited to Join Us! Sunday, November 21, 2021

9:30am – Church Library Open
10:00am – Sunday School Groups

11:00am – Morning Worship

Thanksgiving Meal

following morning worship

*(In-Person or multiple Saturday & Sunday
opportunities for Church Online at FBCGC.live)*

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

No Activities or Service at church
tonight



VITAL SIGNS

Budget Gifts Sunday\$7,657.77
Budget Gifts to Date\$20,487.77



MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE:

- **In-Person on Sundays**
You can give using the offering plates at each Sunday service.
- **Online Giving**
Give easily and securely at any time on our website: www.FBCGC.net/giving
- **Text-to-Give**
Using your smartphone, text the Amount You Want to Give to 84321
- **Mailed-in Giving**
Mail your gift to the church office at:
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A SEASON OF THANKS

With the autumn season upon us – and a little cooler weather – it’s the time of year when we’re reminded to give thanks. Whether it’s turkeys on display at the grocery store, plans to gather with loved ones, or (like me) looking forward to turkey day football, it’s hard to miss that it’s almost Thanksgiving!

Here in the U.S., our annual day of Thanksgiving finds its roots with the Pilgrims in November of 1621, when these early settlers invited a group of their Native American allies to celebrate the harvest. Here are a couple of tidbits of info from the feast they enjoyed:

- A diary that recorded the first Thanksgiving mentions how “fowlers” successfully hunted. Their haul most likely included (wild) turkeys, as well as ducks, geese, & swans... yum!
- Dessert was different for the Pilgrims in 1621, as they had already used the sugar they brought across the ocean. Instead, they probably ate plums, grapes, and various types of berries.

As Christ followers, our Thanksgiving tradition is even richer! The concept of giving thanks to God dates to the Torah (the first 5 books of the Old Testament). The most common Hebrew word for “thanks” (*todah*) shares a root with “to praise/confess” (*yadah*).

Leviticus records that by that time, the Israelites had included a thanks offering in the sacrificial system (see Leviticus 7:11-15). Several of the Psalms focus on thanksgiving. Some demonstrate an individual giving thanks (like Psalm 116) and others are geared to communal thanksgiving (like Psalm 100).

The New Testament connects thanksgiving to the concept of grace (Greek: *charis*) and we see and are instructed to give thanks:

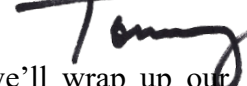
- In Worship (1 Timothy 2:1)
- During Personal Prayer (Acts 28:15)
- At Meals (Matthew 15:36-37)
- For Other Believers (Philippians 1:3-8)
- In Response to Jesus’ Redemption (Rom 7:25)

Throughout the Bible, we see the principle of thanksgiving – not just once a year, but every day. However, we do have a clear opportunity each fall to focus on giving God thanks.

Your challenge for this Thanksgiving: *Count your many blessings and thank God for every one of them!*

And an invitation: Please join us immediately after morning worship *this Sunday, November 21, for our FBC Church Family Thanksgiving Meal*. We will provide drinks, paper goods, and Turkey (sorry, no swan this year – ha!), and if you’re able, you can bring a side or dessert to share.

Thanking God for You,



P.S. This Sunday, November 21, we’ll wrap up our “*Greatest Stories Ever Told*” teaching series. The topic is “Great Stories about Eternal Living,” looking at 4 truths about eternity from Jesus’ parables.

You can join us In-Person THIS Sunday at 11:00am, or Church Online at [FBCGC.live](https://www.fbcgc.live) (multiple service times on Saturday evening and Sunday).

I do hope you will join us in-person this Sunday (if possible) and hang around for our *FBC Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner*. This is a great Sunday to bring someone along with you and stay for the meal!



Church Family Thanksgiving Meal Sunday, November 21, 2021 (Following Morning Worship Service)

We are asking you to prepare side dishes/desserts to share with your family and others. The church will be providing turkey and beverages, all paper goods.



Great Stories about...
Nov 21 – Eternal Living



May you have a wonderful time with family and friends during this holiday time. Our church office will be closed on November 24th & 25th.