

President Abraham Lincoln is correctly credited with making Thanksgiving an annual celebration. However, the impetus to do so was provided by a contemporary of his, the writer Sarah Hale. In a letter to the President, Hale wrote:

“Let us be consecrated now to our Father in Heaven, for His bounteous blessing bestowed upon us, as a perpetual Day of Thanksgiving for the American people.”

The President accepted the recommendation and on October 3, 1863 he proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving — a section from that proclamation reads like this:

“No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

Perhaps we have forgotten the original intention and significance of the Thanksgiving holiday. It was brethren, to give thanks and praise to our almighty God for his benevolence and mercy. Although the Christian should offer such on a daily basis (Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:1-3), it is great that we live in a nation where we enjoy the freedom to celebrate this on a special day every year.

Colossians 2:6-7

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS **on KPOC:**

Sun: Thanksgiving Pilgrims
Mon: The Story of Thanksgiving -1
Tue: The Story of Thanksgiving-2
Wed: Why Thanksgiving Matters
Thu: Thanksgiving Thoughts
Fri: Black Friday

Remember the shut-ins and those in the nursing home with a visit, call, or card. Also remember them in prayer

Residential

Jenafee Brunner, 1502 W Pyburn
Mary Sue Greer, 2102 Lee St

Randolph County Nursing Home

Elsie Prewitt 106
Earl Hagar, 109
Jennifer Burr, 204
Charlcie Hufstedler, 223
Anna Lemmons, 332
Bonnie Kellett, 335
Gwen Futrell, 419

BULLETIN INFO:

Please give “News and Events” to **Tom and Carolyn Towell**. You can call 892-5087, 870-930-7344 or 870-930-7355 and leave a message. Email address is tctowell@centurytel.net

ITEMS for November
CHILDREN'S HOME
Canned Chicken/Cream of Mushroom Soup
UKRAINE MISSION
Toy (Beanie Babies)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Louise Riddle is feeling a little better after being in the hospital last week. She got to come home Saturday.

Remember **Josh Dement and Don McGuirt** Monday, November 26. Josh will have surgery at NEA and Don's will be at St Bernard.

The ladies will not be meeting for Bible study this week. They will resume again the next week at 10:30, November 28. They will also work on mats at 9:30.

The **end-of-the year fellowship** will be December 9. Plans are to have finger foods at 6:00pm and then have a short devotional following. If you have any questions, talk to Nancy Knotts or Jill Burkheart.

Directory updates are on the table in the foyer. There is a new elders' page and update of David Futrell's family. Please pick these up and put them in your directory

This morning following the invitation song we will be installing David Futrell and Tom Towell as elders.

The afternoon radio program will be moving from 3:45 to 4:55 in the near future.

December singing will be December 1st at Main Street in Walnut Ridge at 6:00

Those requesting prayer

Jenafee Brunner, Grant Killion, Carol Killion, G W Allison, Fran Allison, Bonnie Kellett, Elsie Prewitt, Earl Hagar, Frances Hagar, Anna Lemmons, Charlcie Hufstedler, Leroy Crutcher, Martha Spikes Rampey, Harold and Yvonne Galbraith, Richard Rapert, Carroll Venable,

Plan of Salvation

Hear – Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”.

Believe – John 8:24 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”.

Repent – Luke 13:3 “I tell you, nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”.

Confess – Romans 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”.

Be Baptized – I Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

Local Missions

KPOC 104.1 FM–RADIO PROGRAMS

Sunday morning @ 8:00 AM
Mon. – Fri. @ 6:15, 11:55, & 3:45

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 13 (Memphis)
Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 4 (Little Rock)
Sunday-7:30 AM on Direct Channel 367

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Sunday-9:00 AM on Cable 9 (KAIT 8)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sunday-6:30 AM on Dish Channel 267

World Missions

Ted Knight, Romania
John Reese, World Bible School, Africa
Eddie Cloer, Truth for Today
Ted Lingren, Cambodia

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www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com

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Announcements: Mike Dunn
Song Leader: Tom Towell
Speaker: Joshua Dement
AM Sermon: Before the Beginning
Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2
PM: Anointing With Oil
Presiding at Table
Joey Bryant

East	West
Jeremy Burgess	Don McGuirt
Elton Fielden	David Dement

Sunday Evening: David Futrell

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Ed Stormes
Closing Prayer: Jay Don Wilson
Read Scripture: Wayne Smith

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Max Long
Closing Prayer Arkie Pierce

Wednesday Night (November 21)

First Prayer David Futrell
Closing Prayer Ed Stormes
Invitation Josh Dement

Preparation of Communion for November

Arkie and Georgia Pierce

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 9:50 AM
Evening Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

Mats for Haiti Wed break
Ladies Bible Class Wed break

Elders

David Futrell 870-378-3513
Tom Towell 870-892-5087

Minister

Joshua Dement
870-378-5551

WELCOME VISITORS!!

**We appreciate our visitors
and encourage you to fill
out a “Visitor’s Card”
located on the back of the
pew in front of you.**

November Birthdays

Doyle Athy--3
Shirley Gillean--11
Dortha Gregory--12
Billie Keech--16
Wayne Smith--17
Edwina James--20
Carol Killion--20
Gwen Futrell--24
Charlcie Hufstedler--26
Tom Towell--29
Vicky Smith--30

In the Footsteps of Jesus

Pyburn Street church of Christ

305 Pyburn Street, P.O. Box 187, Pocahontas, AR 72455
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Thanksgiving and Giving Thanks

By Mel Futrell

What is now referred to as the “First Thanksgiving” was celebrated long ago in 1621 by the pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Only two eyewitness accounts of this occasion have survived. In the one by Edward Winslow, we are moved by his closing words of thanksgiving to God, “By the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.” What a wonderful start to an American holiday.

Our National and annual observance of **Thanksgiving** in the United States has not always been an annual celebration by any means. Nor has it always been on a fixed date. The popular writer Kenneth C. Davis has recorded this brief treatment on the subject:

“The first national Thanksgiving was proclaimed by George Washington in 1789. The country celebrated the holiday off and on — mostly off— until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln established it as a yearly national holiday. In 1941 Congress set the date of the fourth Thursday in November, the day on which Americans celebrate today.” (con’t)