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Talking Turkey



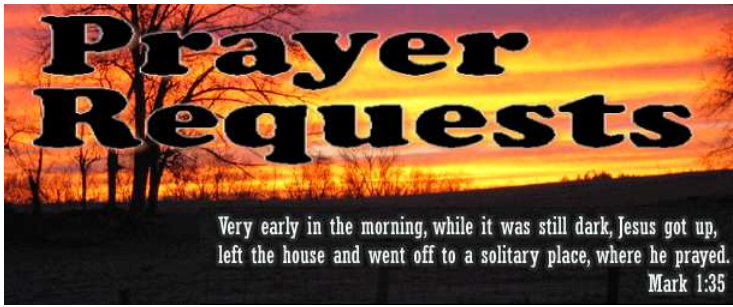
Thanksgiving is a time of traditions. Our Sunday bulletin last week featured a Presidential proclamation issued by George Washington declaring a national day of Thanksgiving. Most of the traditions we observe in relation to Thanksgiving are like that. Relatively thoughtful, reserved and properly reverent, but there is one "national tradition" which started about 20 years ago that annoys me just a bit.

I'm talking about the annual Presidential pardoning of a Thanksgiving turkey. Whose harebrained idea was this? Why does a turkey need a pardon...a Presidential one at that? This has to be one of the most absurd things around; comparable to the hoopla surrounding Punxsutawney Phil seeing his shadow every February 2nd. From the admittedly limited research I've done on the subject, the idea goes back at least to 1947 when Harry Truman was President, and possibly even as far back as Abraham Lincoln. George H.W. Bush did it "officially" for the first time in 1989 and every President since has granted a turkey amnesty for some sort of unspoken evil deed at least once during their term in office. President Obama carried on the tradition this year, granting forgiveness to a butterball from Princeton named "Courage." As one wag put it, it's the *stuffing* of legend.

Benjamin Franklin thought the turkey was a noble bird and felt it should have been the national bird instead of the bald eagle. I'm fairly certain it was the wild turkey he was enamored of though; I've been told that domesticated turkeys are pretty stupid birds. The word "turkey" has come to mean a failure, a dud, someone who is totally useless. It may be an urban legend, but I've heard that they can drown if you let them stand out in the rain. Sort of like two-legged sheep with wings and feathers instead of wool.

Perhaps God looks at us like that. He calls us his sheep, but I suppose you could call us a flock of turkeys. Too stupid to follow the rules he gave us, so he relaxed the rules and gave us some forgiveness and grace. A heavenly pardon, so to speak.

— Al Graff



For our nation as we are going through troubled times
For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Todd Fulkerson (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)

Toni Ruch is at home in Memphis doing well in her recuperation.

Kylie Berry's surgery went well and the gas bubble is in place. She should be able to start seeing letters and images by this weekend. Please continue to pray for complete healing and that 100 % of her eyesight is restored.

Steve Miller remains at home trying to recuperate from a back injury.

Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's grandmother) is now in the nursing home and adjusting to her new home.

Mary Marshall (friend of Ruth and Janine Morris) had hernia surgery at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO on Tuesday of this past week.

Karren Griffith continues to recuperate at home. She is adjusting to her new heart medications.

Carolyn Walker (teacher at Minford Middle School) has been diagnosed with bone cancer and is starting treatment right away.

Chuck Rowe (uncle of Ira Coriell) was in an accident and totaled his truck. While in the hospital for that, stage 3 lung cancer was discovered. He is currently receiving chemo and radiation treatments.

Arthur Sullivan was taken to the hospital for shortness of breath early this week. His lung has a hole in it and there are several other problems that are being checked out. He remains in SOMC.

Praise Report: Sean McCray has healed rapidly since his surgery and will be going back to work Monday. PTL.

Praise Report: Garnet Lindeman is feeling much better since seeing the doctor but remains under treatment for neuralgia. PTL

Budget Time at Sunshine

Between now and December 1, our deacons will be gathering budget requests and information from the congregation in order to construct a budget for 2010. If you are a ministry leader/coordinator, be sure to check in with your deacon to make sure they know how much you need and for what purpose for 2010. If you have new requests/ ideas to be considered for 2010, see the deacon in charge of that area and give him the information.

Special Thanksgiving Service Today

This morning our services will be dedicated to thanking and praising the Lord for the blessings which He has poured out on us. Four of our men from Sunshine will be sharing with the congregation the special ways that God has blessed them and their families. This morning we will be hearing from **Roger Cooper, Jon Coriell, Shane Mougey and Todd Borland**. We are expecting a great day of worship and praise and thanksgiving.

Homeless Shelter Needs

There are currently about 20 people in the county Homeless Shelter—5 are children: 3 boys ages 4,6, and 10 and 2 toddlers. The shelter is currently needing the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, large garbage bags, personal hygiene supplies and food items such as milk, bread, juice, cereal, etc. If you have any questions see June Book.

To All Bible Class Teachers

The next quarter begins Wednesday December 2nd. The materials are now in the classrooms.

Ladies Ministry Survey

Ladies-if anyone has a ministry survey to give to me, I need them back no later than Sunday morning, Nov. 29. Thanks! Heather Gragg

Sweet Monday Coming

December Sweet Monday-12/7 at 7:30PM White Elephant Gift Exchange-for those who wish to participate and bring a favorite holiday candy (homemade or store bought)! See Heather Gragg for more details!

Health Ministry Meeting

The Health Ministry team is having a meeting next Sunday (Dec. 6th) after morning services in the annex.

NO Spirit Club Meeting Today

NO Sunshine Girls Meeting Today

The Sunshine Girls met yesterday for their project. Please note that the communion bread we are using today was prepared by our Sunshine Girls.

NO Children's Bible Time today so the children can attend the special Thanksgiving service this morning.



Haiti Mission Trip Needs

The following is a list of items the mission team needs for the trip to Haiti in January. We have collected all the crayons we need. Sunshine members donated most of the crayons.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 200 scientific calculators
- Protractors (need 160)
- Compasses (need 50)

HYGIENE ITEMS

- Trial size toothpaste (800 needed)
- Tooth brushes (800 needed)
- Deodorants (trial size is best because of the weight issue) This is the most requested item from the older kids. (350 needed)

Here are some items to think about:

- Ball caps and bandanas
- Hair ribbons and pony tail holders
- Small sets of dominos (great for developing math skills)
- Balloons or even the punch balloons that we have done in the past
- Kazoos
- Small bouncy balls
- Small dolls (for the little girls)
- Small cars (for the little boys)

Questions? See Scott Gampp.



 **Bible Study Curriculum**

Sunday

- 11/29 James 3
- 12/06 James 4
- 12/13 James 5

Wednesday

- 12/02 1 Samuel 28-29
- 12/09 1 Samuel 30-31
- 12/16 2 Samuel 1-2



Coming Events

- 11/29 Thanksgiving service
- 12/7 Sweet Monday - White Elephant Gift Exchange

Verses of the Month

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Matthew 21:9, 11 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna in the highest. This is Jesus.

Matthew 22:37, 39 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.



THOSE WHO SERVE

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>November 29</u>	<u>December 6</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Tom Kelley	Don Coriell
Song Director	Nick Davis	Ralph Gampp
Scripture Reading	David Gampp	Jerry Gampp
Prayer	Jason Coriell	Bill Gammon
L Server 6	Shane Mougey	Derek Gampp
O Server 5	Dave Coriell	Terry Grashel
R Server 4	Roger Cooper	James Jacobs
D Wine	Aaron McCray	Shaun Gragg
S Bread	Gary Glispie	Tyler Jones
U Server 3	Dewey Cordle	Eric Miller
P Server 2	Michael Dixon	Lane Raiser
E Server 1	Dale Gampp	Davey Coriell
R Message	Special Service	Unknown
Closing Prayer	Rick Coriell	Mark Villinger

Sunday Evening

Song Director	Rich Book	Gabe Coriell
Scripture Reading	Matthew Hoskins	Ira Coriell
Lord's Supper	John Berry	Mike Gampp
Assist	Tim Coriell	Greg Coriell
Prayer	Jack Jennings	Josh Coriell
<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>James 3</i>	<i>James 4</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Derek Miller	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Don Ramey	Jamie Veach
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>1 Samuel 28-29</i>	<i>1 Samuel 30-31</i>

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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SCRIPT O GRAM

A verse from First Thessalonians has been scrambled with a letter substitution code at the right. Replace each letter with the correct one to decipher the verse.

Hint: F=T, R=O

Solution to the puzzle may be found at the bottom of page two.

YI TUTPX FGYIB BYUT
FGEICV: ZRP FGYV YV FGT
MYDD RZ BRS YI QGPYVF
ATVNV QRIQTPIYIB XRN.