

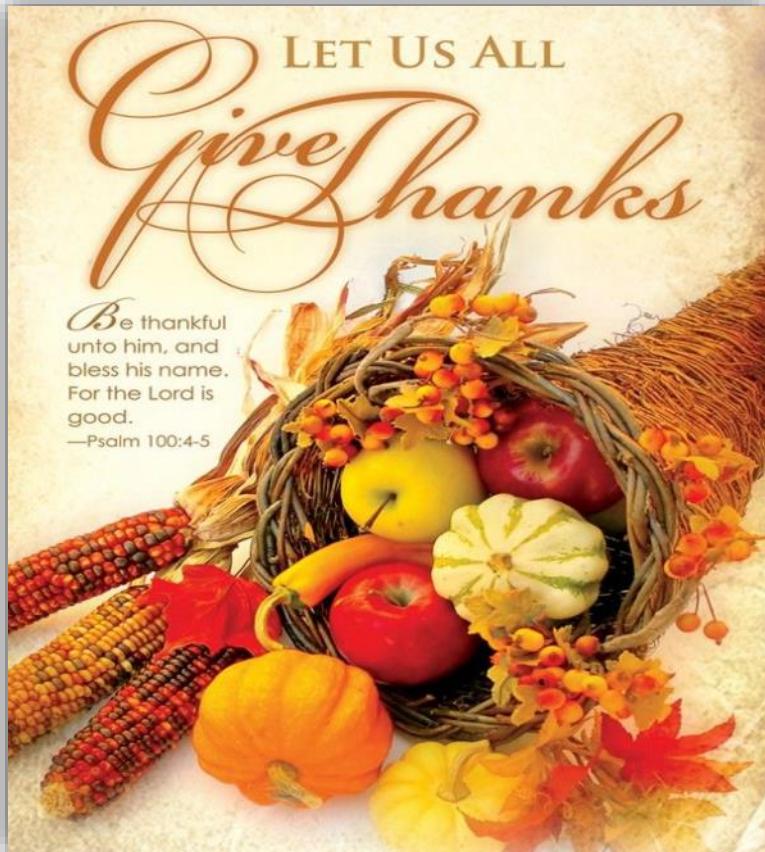


Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the
Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane
Seymour, TN 37865

November 18, 2017



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



THANKSGIVING A Short History

In the United States, Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November each year. The history of Thanksgiving is a bit sketchy, but there are some things we can know.

The Pilgrims landed in America aboard the Mayflower in December of 1620 after a crossing of 66 days. Their first winter in the new land was brutal. About one half of the original group died of exposure, scurvy, and outbreaks of contagious diseases. The people spent a great deal of time fasting and praying in those early months.

Fortunately, with some help from the native Americans (primarily an Indian named Squanto, who had spent time in London and could speak English), things began to look brighter. The Plymouth Colony began to grow stronger, the fields were set to provide a bountiful harvest, the rivers were full of fish, and they finally had the one thing they had sought in leaving England—religious freedom.

In November of 1621, Governor Bradford organized a feast of celebration and invited a group of Native Americans to attend. The Pilgrims did not use the term, but it is remembered as our country's "first Thanksgiving."

Special days of Thanksgiving followed the harvests throughout the New English Colonies, but on different and varying dates. The custom was kept alive by proclamations of state governors.

George Washington proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving on November 26, 1789. President Lincoln set the last Thursday of November to be a day of Thanksgiving in 1863. It was Franklin D. Roosevelt who proclaimed the third Thursday in November as our national Day of Thanksgiving. In 1941, by act of congress, the date was changed back to the fourth Thursday in November.

The history is interesting, but the most important thing is for us to always be thankful to God for His wonderful blessings.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Suzanne Cronin's 20-year-old nephew, **Jacob Cawood**, has been having fainting spells. It was thought he would need a pacemaker, but now it has been determined that Bata blockers will take care of the situation. . . . **John McBroom, Chris Wentworth, and Lynn Whitaker** were all ill last Wednesday evening and unable to attend services. . . .

Be sure to keep **Sharon Simpson** in your prayers. She began her chemotherapy last Monday. She is experiencing weakness and tiredness but seems to be progressing nicely. . . . **Deone LaFollette's father** continues to have problems following his recent double knee replacement. He will be confined to a wheelchair for the next few weeks. . . . Melissa McBroom requests prayers for her cousin, **Jay Waters**, who is battling lung cancer. . . . Kella Whitaker asks us to pray for a co-worker's husband, **Ken Brock**. He is dealing with the return of his multiple myeloma.

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 49; Morning Worship, 67; Evening Worship, 52; Contribution, \$1,740; Wednesday Bible Study, 57 . . .



BOXES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS—To submit names or to bring items that will be needed, please see **Trish Curtis**.

ATTENTION, LADIES—The monthly **Ladies' Devotional** will be **Thursday, November 30, at 7 p.m.**



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, November 18

A.M.— “Praise & Thanksgiving, # 3”
(Psalm 103:1-5)

P.M.— “Power for Our Mission”
(Luke 10:17-20)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	Morning	Evening
Announcements:	Jeff Cronin	Jeff Cronin
Song Leader:	Tim Wheeler	Tim Wheeler
Bible Reading	Joseph Wheeler	
Opening Prayer:	John McBroom	Chris Bragwell
Preside at Lord's Table:	Brian Lane	Brian Lane
Serving at Lord's Table	Chris Bragwell, Jeff Cronin Kenny Brown, Andrew Fleenor	
Closing Prayer:	Kenny Brown	Jim Husband

Wednesday: *Singing, Kenny Brown; Prayer, Joseph Wheeler
Devotional, Rusty Curtis*

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*Services: Sunday—9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*



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"Next Sunday, if an usher asks if we would like an upgrade to first class, say 'No!'"