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The View From Here

by Pastor Pam

As Thanksgiving Day draws near with all the abundance that it brings, here are a few stomach stretching facts about the food that we will consume that day. Americans raise:

- 256 million turkeys each year
- 649 million pounds of cranberries
- 1.6 billion pounds of sweet potatoes and
- 998 million pounds of pumpkin.

For all that, however, it seems that it is still not enough to feed us for we will also import \$5.2 million worth of live turkeys from Canada, \$2.2 million worth of cranberries, also from Canada, and \$2.3 million in sweet potatoes from the Dominican Republic. Who knew it took so much food to prepare a single meal, even if it is for an entire nation? Thanksgiving has long been a favorite holiday of mine simply because of the food. I lost interest in Halloween when I grew too old to trick or treat. As an adult, I never have understood the attraction of Halloween and why some adults still get all excited about it and will even spend money to decorate for it. But thanksgiving is another story. You never outgrow that if you love turkey and dressing.

But thanksgiving is about more than food. Hopefully, the abundance of our tables on that day reminds us that there are other reasons to give thanks. I was watching a brief video this week, a kind of man-on-the-street interview to find out who are the people in our lives that we would like to thank this year.

One man said that when he sees servicemen in the airport, he wants to go up and thank them.

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Another woman said she wants to thank her parents for bringing her up right.

A husband said he wanted to thank his wife for always being there for him.

Finally, a woman said she wants to thank *God* for life, for peace and for happiness.

It's always good to say thank you to the people in our lives. It is so easy for us to take them for granted. To assume that we are entitled to whatever they give us. And it's even more important that we give thanks to God who is the source of every good in our lives. As James tells us, "every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17) The people that God places in our lives to love us are his gift to us. The food that we consume, the clothes that we wear, the homes that we live in, the jobs that we work at are all gifts of God. So are the unexpected moments that make us laugh or sing with joy. Even the difficult times are a gift from God who, as Paul says, is able to cause *all things* to work together for the good of those who love him.

So, not only at thanksgiving, but all through the year, remember to give thanks to the God who made you and blesses you with good.



Thanksgiving Psalm

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's
presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and
we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts
with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service **Wed., Nov. 25, 7 p.m.** **First Baptist Church**



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NOTICE: Bakers and Candy Makers Needed

There will once again be a Cookie and Candy
Sale during the Pancake Breakfast on
December 19th. All homemade baked goods are
welcome!



Greeters

November 1 Larry & Pam Buck

November 8 Allen & Donna Williams

November 15 John & Carol Ruth

November 22 Dave & Pat Lewis

November 29 Steve & Brenda Lehr

December 6 Volunteer needed

Liturgists

November 1 & 8 Terry Mason

November 15 Jerry Bequette

November 22 Michael Witte

November 29 & December 6 Carol Bequette

Lawn Mowing

November 1 George Mason

November 8 John Norbeck

November 15 Joe Jackson

November 22 John Ruth

November 29 Larry Davis



Celebrate Thanksgiving Together

Our annual church Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Sun., Nov. 22 at 4 p.m. Feel free to bring your friends and family. We just need to know how many are coming, so please sign up in the back of the sanctuary with the number in your family who will be attending. Also indicate what type of dish you will be bringing.

This is a great way to celebrate thanksgiving with your church family!

Thank You

Thank you to all Rummage/ Bake Sale workers and everyone else who contributed! It would not have been a success without your hard work and contributions.

Cunningham Announcement

The Cunningham Children's Home are phasing out their collection of Soup Labels and will only be collecting Box Tops. They are making this switch due to the fact that a much smaller number of Box Tops were collected last year in comparison to Soup Labels, which were redeemed for a larger cash donation.

Therefore, just think what can be done if all the focus is on Box Tops!

Start collecting yours today!



the difference
i can make.

November Reading**Food for Thought:**

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.?
Generally, we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives...Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry -
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest -
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather -
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

Taken for your reading from pleasure from an e-mail.

**Pancake Breakfast**

**November 21, 2009
6:30 – 10:00 am**



Please come join us....your help is welcome!



Calendar & Events

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- November 1
8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group
- November 2-7**
Pastor Pam @ Academy for Spiritual Formation
- November 3
7:00 pm Trustees
- November 4
7:00 pm Finance
- November 5
7:00 pm Choir
- November 8
8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group
- November 10
7:00 pm Administrative Board
- November 13
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Girl Scouts
- November 12
7:00 pm Choir
- November 15
8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group
- November 17
7:00 pm UMW
- November 21
6:30 am – 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
- November 22
8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
4:00 pm Thanksgiving Church Potluck
NO WORSHIP COMMITTEE
- November 24
7:00 pm Baptist Church
Community Thanksgiving Service
- November 26
7:00 pm Choir
- November 29
8:00 am Praise Team
11:45 am Chime Choir
7:00 pm Youth Group

November Birthdays

- 6th Sarah Douglass
- 9th Richard Sinkler IV
- 11th Kyle Marshall
- 14th Cherie Hill
- 18th Carol Bequette
- 21st Jim Strake
- 25th Hyon Brancheck
- 30th Alison Smith

November Anniversaries

- 26th Steve & Brenda Lehr



Thanksgiving