

Sunday 9:30am Men's and Ladies' classes
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Midweek Service 7:00pm
Nursery and Children's ministry are always available

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| | 1 | 2 Noon Prayer | 3 Mid-week Service 7:00 PM | 4 Noon Prayer Staff Meeting 1:00 PM | 5 | 6 |
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| 21 Men's and Ladies' 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM | 22 | 23 Noon Prayer | 24 No Mid-week Service | 25 HAPPY THANKS-GIVING Office Closed | 26 Office Closed | 27 |
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November 21, 2021



Give Thanks

1 Chronicles 16:34
 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
 For His mercy endures forever."

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for visiting us today! We hope you help yourself to a refreshment in the Hospitality Area before or after the service.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

"Oh, **Give Thanks** to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." -Psalm 136:1 (KJV)
"In everything **Give Thanks**, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We all have so much to be thankful for, and I trust that you and your family will **Give Thanks to the Lord** during your Thanksgiving Turkey Feast!! This is a great time to determine to be more thankful to the Lord every day for His blessings. It is a beneficial exercise to try writing down 100 things you are thankful for, or even 1,000 things over the course of a few weeks, or months!! I did this several years ago, more than once. It was awesome and brought great joy and thankfulness to my heart and life!! Remember: **Thankfulness is a power** that can bring you victory and strength as you make giving thanks part of your daily life!! All Glory to Jesus!!!

Another side to the tradition of Thanksgiving in America is to know our History!

In September 1620, the Pilgrims, consisting of 101 people, known as the "**Separatist**" (people looking for religious freedom to Worship God) and the "**Strangers**" (people that wanted political freedom) boarded the **Mayflower** in Plymouth, England, and set sail for the New World. After more than 2 months at sea, during which the passengers faced many hardships, the **Mayflower** finally reached the shores of North America. A bad storm had caused them to be blown off course, but on November 11, they maneuvered the **Mayflower** into Cape Cod Harbor. Governor William Bradford documents what happened next:

"Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safely to land, **they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven** who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean.... "

Before the settlers went ashore, 41 men signed the **Mayflower Compact**, that served as a temporary charter for a form of civil government. It began, "In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are under-written,..... having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant, and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation" In other words, they came to America to serve God and to glorify His Name!! Hallelujah!! America was founded upon godly heritage!!

On December 21, 1620, the Pilgrims finally stepped ashore at a place they named Plymouth (after Plymouth, England, from which they had sailed). The boulder which tradition says they used as a stepping stone has become known as "**Plymouth Rock.**" It was here that several of the Pilgrims, under the leadership of Rev. Hunt, knelt down and committed this land and new nation to the Lordship of Jesus, and pledged to bring the Gospel to this land, and then to all other nations of the earth. Praise God! The United States of America has sent more missionaries around the world than any other nation, along with financially helping more nations than any other country on the earth. Today, we give Jesus the glory for what has been done, but believe more building of the Kingdom of God is coming!!

The Pilgrims' first winter in the cold North American wilderness was difficult. Food and shelter were inadequate, and the settlers were plagued by illness. By spring, half of the settlers had died. None of the Pilgrims would have survived if it were not for the Grace of God, and the help of the Indians **Samoset**, **Squanto**, and **Chief Massasoit**, that helped them learn how to survive in the wilderness! In the fall of 1621, less than a year after their arrival, Governor Bradford called for a 3 day feast, which we remember as the 1st Thanksgiving. Indians joined the Pilgrims as they celebrated, feasted, heard the Bible read publicly and **GAVE THANKS to GOD** for His many blessings!! May we determine to continue to do the same!!!

I love you all. -- Pastor Joslyn (with the help of *American History* by A Beka Book Publishing)

What's Happening at VCF?

Welcome!

Pastor Joslyn will be ministering this morning.

No church this Wednesday, November 24th, so that families can prepare for their Thanksgiving plans.

The Church office will be closed on Friday, November 26th

Did you know you can donate online? Just visit our website (vcf.orgreeley.org) and click "Donate".

Also, all of our services are on line for you to listen to.

Upcoming Events HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Toys for Tots

Sign up by December 5th.

You must be signed up to shop for your child/ren.

Shop for your child on December 19th.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Friday, December 24th, 6:00 PM

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

Spend time thanking your Father God for all of your many blessings!

