

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY:

	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Sherrill Smith	David Brasher
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	Mark Wright	David Brasher
Closing Prayer	Dylan Holt	Nick Bryant

NEXT WEEK:

Opening Prayer	Freeman Mahan	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Dale Ballentine	Keith Peevyhouse
Scripture Reading	David Bryant	Noah Brasher
Closing Prayer	Sherrill Smith	Dale Aden

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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**SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each fifth Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM

**Trezevant Church of Christ**

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# The Follower

November 21, 2021

## A Time of Thanksgiving

This week marks the annual observance of Thanksgiving in our country. While rooted in a celebration after the first harvest in the New World in 1621, it was George Washington who first proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1789. Abraham Lincoln determined in 1863 that it be observed the last Thursday in November, and the date was officially moved to the fourth Thursday in November by Franklin Roosevelt in 1939. The holiday was not unanimously recognized by all states until Texas joined the celebration in 1956. The annual observance is usually focused around family gatherings, and it includes traditional meals such as turkey and dressing, candied sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. In more modern times, watching football games has become a regular occurrence in many homes.

In the early observances, expressing thankfulness to God for the many blessings of life was the main focus, but over the years, thanks to God has become more a passing word than a real expression of gratitude. We take so much for granted in our society that we have put God on the back burner to be kept

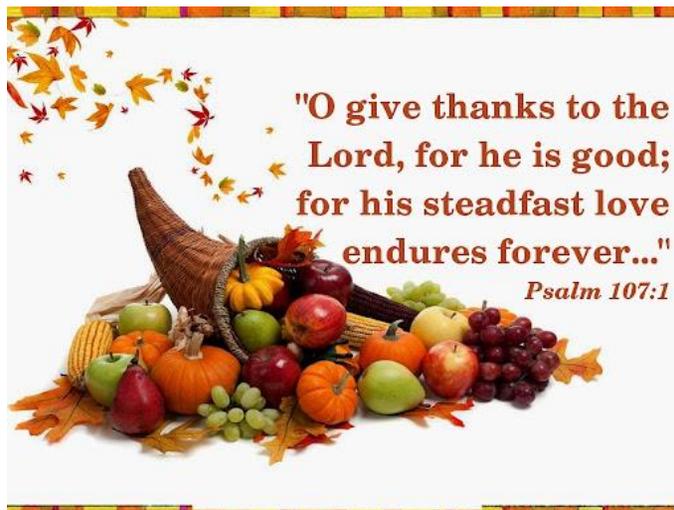
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in reserve for real emergencies instead of making Him the main focus of our daily lives.

As we anticipate the upcoming Thanksgiving Day observance this year, let us truly devote more time to God. We have so much for which to be thankful. We live in a country that affords us the legal right to worship God without fear of being persecuted, beaten, imprisoned, or executed. We have a God who loves us so much that He is willing to forgive all our sins, and He has provided us a means to receive the benefit of His grace. His Son, our Redeemer, is preparing a place for those who are walking that narrow path that leads to heaven (**John 14:1-6**). Our heavenly Father has provided all spiritual blessings in Christ (**Eph. 1:3**), and all things pertaining to life and godliness (**2 Pet. 1:3**). All thanks and all praise are due Him.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, and may we remember God in all we do.

*~Freeman*



## *Remember in Prayer . . .*

- **Olivia** continues to have issues with her throat.
- **Jennifer Waldrup** has been in Vanderbilt since being struck by a car last Sunday. She is the mother of Monte's son.
- **Jeff Wallace** (Nick's friend) has Covid and is on breathing treatments.
- Continue to remember the family of Pam's uncle **Billy Cox** in his passing last week in Texas.
- **PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; Joann Moore; James Powell (Barbara's brother); baby Dawson Young; Dean Kelly (Cane Creek for rehab); Mandy Brewer (pancreatic issues); Frances Nell Forest's granddaughter; Orvaline; Lois Arrington; Jeff Hutcherson; Craig Ballentine; the school system and assisted living facilities as they continue to deal with Covid...

## *News and Notes . . .*

- **Welcome to our assembly!** We encourage our visitors to stay following services and let us get acquainted with you.
- **Wednesday night devo: Freeman**

### **MEMORY VERSE - John 11:25:**

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. . . .*