

# The Communicator

First Christian Church, Russellville, KY November, 2019

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Dear Thankful people,

Thanksgiving is upon us. Soon we will be making plans for family gatherings, community Thanksgiving meal and worship services to celebrate our nation's thankfulness for God's great goodness. As a child I was taught that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims and Native Americans at Plymouth Colony in 1621. That has been the tradition in much of our country; however, there are several other traditions in other parts of the country that are also celebrated as the beginning of Thanksgiving. I encourage you to research the beginnings of Thanksgiving for yourselves.

The official beginning of Thanksgiving as a national holiday began with a proclamation by President George Washington marking November 26, 1789 as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Between 1789 and the Lincoln presidency, the celebration of Thanksgiving was left to the individual states. There was no national holiday. It was not until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation marking the final Thursday of November as the day to celebrate Thanksgiving. It had already been celebrated informally in many states on that day. The southern states of the Confederacy refused to accept Lincoln's proclamation. It was not until the end of the Reconstruction era that the date was celebrated in every state. On December 26, 1941 President Franklin Roosevelt issued a proclamation changing the day to celebrate Thanksgiving from the last Thursday of November to the fourth Thursday. This was done as an attempt to stimulate economic growth (that is where Black Friday came into being for you avid shoppers).

When I think of Thanksgiving I am always reminded of the beautiful scripture known as the "Thanksgiving Psalm" found in Psalm 100. This psalm is a regular part of Jewish, Catholic, Anglican and Protestant liturgies, and has been set to music many times over centuries.

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his 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."*

I pray that as you sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, you will remember this Psalm, maybe even read it as your prayer before beginning your Thanksgiving meal. I pray also for peace, love and understanding between all people and all nations. May you have peace and love within your family.

Our Logan County Ministerial Association sponsors a Community Thanksgiving meal. Please call the church with a name and address if you know someone who we can share God's love by feeding them. I look forward to seeing everyone in worship Thanksgiving weekend November 24th. I will be preaching a message entitled "Come Before Winter" here on Sunday morning. There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service 6:00pm Sunday Evening at Second Baptist Church.

Pastor Bill

## Home Coming

Sunday, November 10th

10:45 am

Lunch following service

Bring all your family and friends



Daylight Saving  
Time Ends  
Sunday November 3rd



## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 27th

FCC will be preparing 30 pans of sweet potatoes

See Jesse Tapp for information on preparation

## Community

Thanksgiving Service  
at Second Baptist Church  
Sunday, Oct 24 6pm

## Elders Meeting

Wednesday, November 6th  
6 pm



## Bible Study

The Unshakeable Truth  
Part 2  
Make Plans to Attend,  
See calendar for dates  
All Are Welcome

## BOARD MEETING

Sunday, November 17th  
After services

## First Christian Church

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Moderator-Elect: Gayle Goley

Treasurer: Ellen Nealy

Secretary: Vicki Kemp

Accompanist: Shannon Gorrell

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship Service: 10:45 am

## CWF at

Creekwood Nursing Home  
Nov 26th—10:15 am  
November Birthdays

## Veterans Program

at First Presbyterian  
Tuesday, November 26th  
6pm

## Serving in November 2019

Elders: Johnnie Mantlo, Vicki Kemp

Deacons: Buddy & Frankie Smith, Donna Bryan

Greeters: Volunteers

Prayer Concerns:			
Danny Anderson	Jean Gragg	Micky Hicks	Lana & Bud Lawson
Bob & Patricia Hedges	Donna Riley	Jean Kirkpatrick	Lauren Riley Stafford
Connie Brown	Ken Mercer	Sara Grayson	Donna Greer
Cindy & Paul	John Blandford	Lori McClure	Katlyn
Charlie Cornelius	Charles Browning	George Whitson	Louise Colston
Neil Webb	Louise Coleman	Hunter Holloway	