

## Giving Thanks

Isn't it appropriate that November is the month before we celebrate the birth of God's indescribable gift, His beloved Son! Now this is something for which we can be thankful!

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)*

What better way to begin the celebration of Christmas than with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving expressed during the entire month of November!

*I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30-32 (NIV)*

Every day should be Thanksgiving Day. We should even be thankful in the midst of problems.

The Apostle Paul said, *"I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation."* 2 Corinthians 7:4. *He knew that God was working in all things together for his good, even though he was going through trails. Romans 8: 28*

Problems will come your way. God will see to it personally that you grow as a Christian. He will allow the storms, to send your roots deep into the soil of His word. We pray more in the midst of problems, but it's been well said that you will see more from your knees, than you will on your tip toes.

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100 (NIV)*

## Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes



On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the people of Arise church, once more, came together to fill shoeboxes for the Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child. Last year, we packed over 150 boxes and this year we packed over 200 shoe boxes to send to needy children around the world. The boxes are filled with toys, hygiene, school items, candy and lots of love. What a beautiful way to give back to those who are less fortunate.

Thank you Arise parents and children for contributing! This is a mission done yearly, so if you are interested in this ministry, please contact our coordinator, Norma Topp at [ntopp@charter.net](mailto:ntopp@charter.net).

## Food for Thought

An old farmer once had an ungodly relative visit him. After the farmer had bowed his head and thanked God for the food they were about to eat, the relative rudely said, "What did you do that for? There's no God. We live in an age of enlightenment." The old farmer smiled and said, "There is one on the farm who doesn't thank God before he eats." The relative sat up and said, "Who is this enlightened one?" To which the farmer quietly replied, "My pig."

## Just For Fun

1. Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off.
2. Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes - a building can't jump at all
3. Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside
4. Why did they let the turkey join the band? Because he had the drumsticks
5. Why did the police arrest the turkey? They suspected it of fowl play
6. What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy! I'm stuffed!
7. Why didn't the turkey play the drums after dinner? Because someone had eaten his drumsticks
8. **Q:** There is a bush, a pine tree and an oak tree and it is the fall season. If the wind is blowing towards the west, which way do the leaves on the pine tree fall?  
**A:** A pine tree doesn't have leaves.
9. **Q:** If there are three apples and you took two away, how many apples do YOU have?  
**A:** Two, because YOU took two.
10. **Q:** What happened when the turkey got in a fight?  
**A:** He got the stuffing knocked out of him.



## Parenting/Marriage

### Support Group:

Please consider attending a small group of Arise parents and couples to discuss the natural occurrences in raising a family in the Christian faith. We meet monthly, for a potluck meal, at alternating homes, the kids play, and the parents discuss whatever is on their hearts. We need strength in the Lord **and** in each other for support, guidance, and love. We would love to meet new people; all are welcome! Contact Carrie Germain at [carrie@germain.us](mailto:carrie@germain.us) for the next meeting, location, and further details if you're interested. [carrie@germain.us](mailto:carrie@germain.us) for details.

## Thanksgiving Prayer for Young Children

**Lord, thank you for the flowers and thank you for the trees.  
Thank you for my special friends and all the fun they bring.  
Thank you for the food I eat and thank you for my drink.  
But most of all, I thank you for the way you love me.**

**Amen**

Reading Vocabulary

# HOLIDAY VOCABULARY

## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving began in the 1600s with the Pilgrims thanking the Native American Indians for teaching them how to grow food. Now we celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family over a feast of delicious Fall food.

Find the words that celebrate Thanksgiving in the turkey. All words are spelled forward on the circular path.

turkey  
 America  
 bounty  
 gobble

pie  
 Mayflower

Pilgrims  
 stuffing  
 thankful  
 Indians

harvest  
 maize

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