

Franklinton UB

Family Facts

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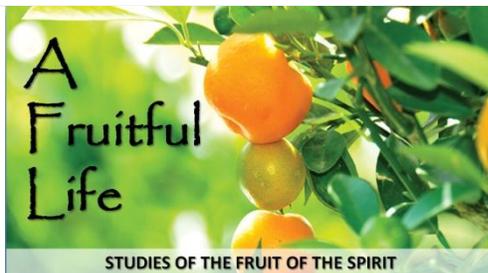
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

I love the season of Fall, as I am overwhelmed with wonder at the changing of the colors of the tree leaves, the cooler temperatures, and the smell of fresh-pressed cider and pumpkin pie. What is most important to me, however, is Thanksgiving Day, instituted in our nation to give thanks to our Creator for all of his rich blessings to us. It was President Abraham Lincoln who, at the height of the Civil War, proclaimed Thanksgiving as a day to “commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal the wounds of the nation.” He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939. Ironically, President Franklin Roosevelt wanted to spur retail sales for Christmas, and changed the holiday to a week earlier (www.history.com).

Unfortunately, many retail establishments have been open on Thanksgiving Day in recent years. I can remember that Black Friday was the start of the sales in the stores, and people would get up at ridiculously early hours to try to score some bargains. Then the stores backed things up to midnight, and then Thanksgiving evening, and now Thanksgiving Day is the day to “shop until you drop.” I understand that some merchants are now pushing back against that trend, wanting to give people time to be with their families. It waits to be seen if change will occur.

However, all of this is a serious misunderstanding of the meaning of Thanksgiving. It is not merely a day of feasts, football, and family fun. It is definitely not a day to shop, but to remember our Creator, and consider all the ways he has blessed us.

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator Triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us Protected and stayed us Who still guides us on
To the end of our days. (Katherine Davis)*



November: The Fruit of PEACE

Nov. 5 Praying for our Leaders

Nov. 12 Praying for our Nation

Nov. 19 Thankoffering Sunday: Speaker Jeff Bleijerveld, Director of UB Global Ministries

Nov. 26 Thankful in all Things

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 PM Prayer 7 PM Choir	2 9 AM JOY	3	4
5 9:30 Communion 10:45 Sunday Sch Noon – Youth 3 PM UB Connect @ Rhodes Grove	6 Pastors' Resource Day @ Rhodes Gr.	7 1 PM CIA	8 6:30 PM Prayer 7 PM Choir	9 7 PM LIFT	10	11 Ladies' Tea
12 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Sch Noon – desserts for Fire Company	13 7 PM Baumgardner's	14 1 PM CIA 7 PM Board Mtg	15 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer 7 PM Choir	16	17	18
19 9:30 Thankoffering Svc w/ UB Global 10:45 Sunday Sch Noon Luncheon	20	21 YAH @ Bakers 1 PM CIA 7 PM Dillsburg Thanksgiving Svc New Creation Ch.	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25 6 - 10 AM Pancake Breakfast
26 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Sch	27 7 PM Baumgardner's	28 1 PM CIA	29 10 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer 7 PM Choir	30	Notes:	

November Birthdays:

3 Carson Snyder
5 Marlet Hawkins
Cookie Smith
18 Garrett Trostle

19 Kiera Mull
Paige Roof



November Anniversaries:

7 George & Patsy Smith
Eric & Angie Fisler

Please notify the church office (717-432-5461) of any corrections or additions. Thank you!

“Let your light so shine before people, that they might see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16)