

# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

November, 2023

## Powered Gratitude

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,<sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Col. 2:6-7. NIV*

So, this is the time of year we are expected to be thankful. My question is this: where does that thankfulness come from? How do you muster up gratitude to God, and maybe more importantly, how do you *stay* grateful to God? There are several ways that thankfulness can emerge from our hearts.

First, thankfulness can come from a blessing inventory. If you sit in solitude for just a few moments, you can quickly find a wealth of reasons to be grateful. The second source of thanksgiving can come from a difficult time. If you go through a challenging or even traumatic experience it can tend to alter your priorities. We might end up grateful because we realize what we had taken for granted, and then appreciate all we have left that God has blessed us with. A third common source of thanksgiving is a blessing on a grand scale. We might call this a significant life moment such as the birth of a child or grandchild, or it could be the healing of a sickness. Such events almost always elicit a response of gratitude to God.

These can all be effective motivators for thanksgiving, but they have one limitation that can make them short-lived and even superficial: they all typically generate gratitude through circumstances. Even significant and life changing circumstances can fail to produce long-term gratitude in us. Life has a way of returning to a predictable routine even after the most significant experience. All of these conditions can create grateful moments, but do not have the power to sustain a grateful life.

This takes us back to Colossians. Paul mentions thankfulness, but only after listing some deep spiritual realities that precede it. He mentions the lordship of Jesus Christ and a life lived *in* Christ. Some translations use the word “walk” but the preposition is always “in” not “with”. This is the mystical union of the believer in Christ that he taught his disciples in John 15. He said, “*remain in me*” or “*abide in me*” and you will bear fruit. Our life is meant to be lived in communion with Jesus continually. Paul also mentions “*rooted*”, “*built up in him*”, and “*strengthened in the faith*”. All these terms are pointing to an ongoing awareness and allegiance to Jesus as a life lived in him. Then, Paul says, “*overflowing with thankfulness*”. Thankfulness becomes an outcome of those previous realities. It is a second nature response from the ongoing force that emerges from a life lived in Christ. Paul says nothing about circumstances or life events. It all comes from being solidly in Christ and growing deeper in that relationship. Then thankfulness flows like water over the rim of a pot that has reached its capacity. Circumstantial thanksgiving is like an appliance running on batteries. The batteries are eventually drained. But powered gratitude is like that appliance being plugged into an electrical outlet. It just keeps going because there is endless power.

As a boy, I remember my dad had a 68 Chevy truck. It was the base model with a “three on a tree” manual transmission, no air conditioning, and an AM radio. Those were the days before digital radios that locked in the station. I remember tuning that radio to a station while dad drove. When you found some music you wanted, you had to keep turning that dial ever so slightly until the clear sound of George Jones or Glen Campbell came through. Then you would have to tune it some more as you traveled in order to stay on that frequency and hear the melodies and singers you wanted.

Thanksgiving is always a voluntary act. It is not robotic, but it can become the consistent music of our lives. Not sporadically through blessing inventories, challenging experiences, or significant life moments, but flowing through us by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to live tuned in continually to our Savior and Lord.

Randy

**NOTE: WEARING MASKS IS OPTIONAL. USE YOUR GOOD JUDGEMENT.**



**Each Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM Options: Inside; Tune in to: FM 88.9; Facebook Live**

Submitted By Ginger Holt:

Special Music:

November 5 – Phyllis Barnes  
November 12 – The Choir  
November 19 – Rachel Nishio  
November 26 – The Choir



Choir Practice:

Sundays, November 5 and 19 – 3:00-4:00 PM

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Nursery Volunteers – Worship:

November 5 – Donna Barber  
November 12 – Sarah Ray  
November 19 – Donna Raines  
November 26 – Rhonda Moran

Submitted by Angie Brendle

Nursery - Sunday School

9:30-10:30 AM

November 5 – Priscilla Shore  
November 12 – Donna Raines  
November 19 – Cathy Shore  
November 26 – Jean Hutchins

Greeters for the month of November:

Charlene Taylor, Don Steelman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday, November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends**



**November 17<sup>th</sup> @ Worship – Friend Day**

Invite someone to church with you. See Pg.4

**November 19 at 8:00 AM – Christian Education Committee will meet**

All new members are invited to attend.

Devotions and breakfast by Angie

Angie Brendle, Chair

**November 19 – Monthly Meeting**

**After Worship**

**\*Each Committee needs to have at least one representative present.**

November 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10-Handbell Practice



**Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM**

**Quaker Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

Guest Speaker - Georgianne Hartline; Hostess: Angie Brendle. Others are welcome to join us.

**November 23 – Happy Thanksgiving**



**November 28 – Ministry & Counsel will meet**

**Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM**

**Finance Committee will meet.** We will be planning the budget for next year.

From Ginger Holt, Clerk: **THOUGHT for November Turkey Surprise**

I have gone to many Thanksgiving meals, but the one Thanksgiving that still puts a smile on my face occurred when I was about 8 years old. Granny and Grandad King hosted the feast. Granny had worked all morning fixing the turkey and homemade stuffing. She cooked the stuffing inside the bird (this is important to the story).

Around 11:00 AM or so the rest of the family started showing up with additional fixings and desserts. By noon everyone had arrived, prayers were said, the turkey was carved, and people lined up to fill their plates. As people started going through the line to fill their plate, they got turkey with a serving fork, and scraped out some stuffing. I am not sure who pulled out the surprise inside, but I remember that one lucky soul pulled out what ended up being the parchment paper containing the neck, liver, gizzard, etc. (you know, the part you take out before cooking the bird). I can still see that bag being slowly lifted from the turkey like a foreign object being removed from a patient by a surgeon. It had stuffing mashed all around it, and was very messy (Granny had stuffed that bird with authority!). The look on Granny's face was priceless. Everyone started laughing (except Granny). She got a little mad at everyone for finding it funny, and since laughing at it was taboo, we laughed off and on for the rest of the meal (stifled, of course).

I know that was not my Granny's favorite Thanksgiving because everything was not perfect. She wanted everything to be perfect before her family came to the table. The effort she had put into the meal was overshadowed by the surprise. But, it remains my favorite Thanksgiving of all time.

We often want everything to be perfect before we invite God to the table. We work for a long time to try to clean up our lives and get it all in place. But, you know, He says to come as you are. I would not be surprised if His favorite memories of our lives will turn out to be when everything was not perfect, and maybe even as messy as that turkey surprise. After all, those times tend to be when we turn to Him the most, and I bet it puts a smile on His face.

*Matthew 11: 28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Happy Thanksgiving to One and All!



## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark Your Calendar December 17 - Everyone Invited:**

**You can still join the Yadkin Community Chorus to perform *The Messiah* on December 17 at 3:00 PM.**  
Ginger Holt reminds everyone that **Rehearsal is each Thursday evening 7:00 – 9:00 PM, except for Thanksgiving.**  
AND Rehearsal is at Yadkinville United Methodist Church.  
**Except,**

**November 16, the Yadkin Community Chorus will be rehearsing in Deep Creek Friends Meeting Sanctuary from 7:00 until 9:00 PM.**

*Can You Help in Some Way??*

### **North Carolina Friends Disaster Service**

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### **Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief Nov 5th - 10th , 2023 New Bern, North Carolina**

*This November trip to New Bern will be a continuation of our past September trip. We will be continuing to work on Cathy and Steve's home. This couple lost the roof of their house during hurricane Florence and they did not have any homeowners insurance. The home owner fell and broke his back while trying to do the repairs himself. Tragedy struck again in June 2023 when their house was destroyed by fire and the homeowner received third degree burns. He had to be sent to the UNC burn center in Chapel Hill. Now they are homeless. We will be continuing to help these people change their lives forever.*

*As we have done in the past we will be working with the Baptists On Missions Disaster Group. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center. The accommodations will be dormitory style with women in one area and men in the other. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the Co-Coordinators listed above **as soon as possible.***

Lodging : Baptists on Missions – New Bern Rebuild Center  
2108 Old Cherry Point Rd.  
New Bern N.C. 252-571-6347

Meals will be provided by the Baptist on Missions group.  
(Prepared by our wonderful cooks !!!!!)

Plan on meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov 5th at 5:00 PM at Moore's BBQ 3621 MLK Blvd New Bern NC for a group meal.

We will not be able to check in early at the Baptist on Missions facility.

**Please share this information with everyone at your meeting/church.**

Thank You for your continued support of the

**North Carolina Friends Disaster Service**

The Yadkin Arts Council Presents  
*The 20th Annual Performance Of*  
**GEORGE F. HANDEL'S**  
**THE MESSIAH**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

YADKINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
204 WEST MAIN STREET, YADKINVILLE, NC 27055

*Directed by Dr. Ginger Holt*  
Featuring the Yadkin Community Chorus

### **Looking Ahead**

**Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 3:** Youth, Young Adults and Children will help lead worship service.  
*For questions see Jean Hutchins or Angie Brendle*

**Christmas Card Mailbox Will Open**  
December 3 through 31: Drop in 25 cents per card – All donations go to missions.  
(Sponsored by Quaker Women)

Quaker Women **Caroling** at Patriot Living, Yadkin Nursing Center and in the community  
**December 5.** Let us know if you can join us.

Quaker Women hosting **Christmas Lunch for our Seniors** in Fellowship Hall **December 7 at 12:30 PM**

**Youth Christmas Play** - will be held at Deep Creek - Sunday, December 10 at 6:00  
**Everyone Meet in the Fellowship Hall** after the play for fellowship and **Christmas snacks.** Please bring a snack / food to share. *See Hospitality Committee for more information.*

**Friends Of Jesus Christmas Program**  
during **10:30 AM Worship December 17**

### Life in the Furnace

Study in 1 Peter continue

“These are difficult times”

Are we listening to the counsels and encouragements in the book of I Peter? Are we yielding our struggles to God? Are we finding what He is offering us during painful times?

### Final Friend Day of 2023! November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am

This year we have 4 Friend Day Sundays. Our final Friend Day for this year will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Invite someone to come with you on this Sunday. This is a great way to focus on our “3 in 23” people. Let’s make this the best Friend Day at Deep Creek ever!

#### One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting: FELLOWSHIP

We seek to encourage by ministering to spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

**Thank You** Christine Blamer for doing the prayer calendar each month.

*Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:*

FCNC Prayer Calendar		NOVEMBER 2023			<i>“To Know God And Make Him Known”</i>	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.</i> Romans 13:11-12</p>			1 Bethel Church No Pastor FEMAP	2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Carlene King Ricky Lovelace Trish Belton	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson	4 Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown
5 Centre Friends No Pastor No Youth Pastor FCM	6 Concord Friends Greg Creed	7 Connection Church Mike Wall	8 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden Sydney Matthews	9 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	10 Goldsboro Friends No Pastor QUAKER MEN	11 Harmony Grove No Pastor
12 Hunting Creek No Pastor	13 Hood Swamp Friends No Pastor East Africa YM	14 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	15 Liberty Friends James Moore QUAKER LAKE	16 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	17 Mar Mac Friends No Pastor USFW	18 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers
19 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales	20 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	21 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	22 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	23 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding FDS	24 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	25 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball Jamaica YM
26 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	27 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby Social Media Co Jenny Gullion	28 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	29 Back Creek Friends Jon Voncannon	30 Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi	<p><i>The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.</i> 1 Peter 4:7</p>	

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me Matthew 25:4

# The Annual Walk for Hunger Thanks to everyone!



Great Success: Beautiful Day, Delicious Ice Cream, Great Music and Donations

Music by Anointed By Grace, Greetings by Pastor, Randy Quate and Gail Mock, Susan's daughter

A NOTE From Janet Robbins, daughter of Susan Steelman, who was sick and unable to attend:  
Thank You to everyone who participated in the Walk for Hunger 2023 to support Yadkin Christian Ministries. Your time and donations are greatly appreciated since government support has decreased by 50%. The money you gave will help feed so many Yadkin County families who need help, as well as provide some medical and heating assistance. To date, the Walk for Hunger in memory of Susan Steelman has brought in over \$19,000. This is the largest amount that the Walk has ever received and we are so grateful. Thank You also to Anointed by Grace who provided music. Mark your 2024 calendar for next year's Walk on October 6. Anointed by Grace has graciously offered to sing again.



Walkers



Children Play



Some Lounge



Ice Cream - Enjoy all Flavors



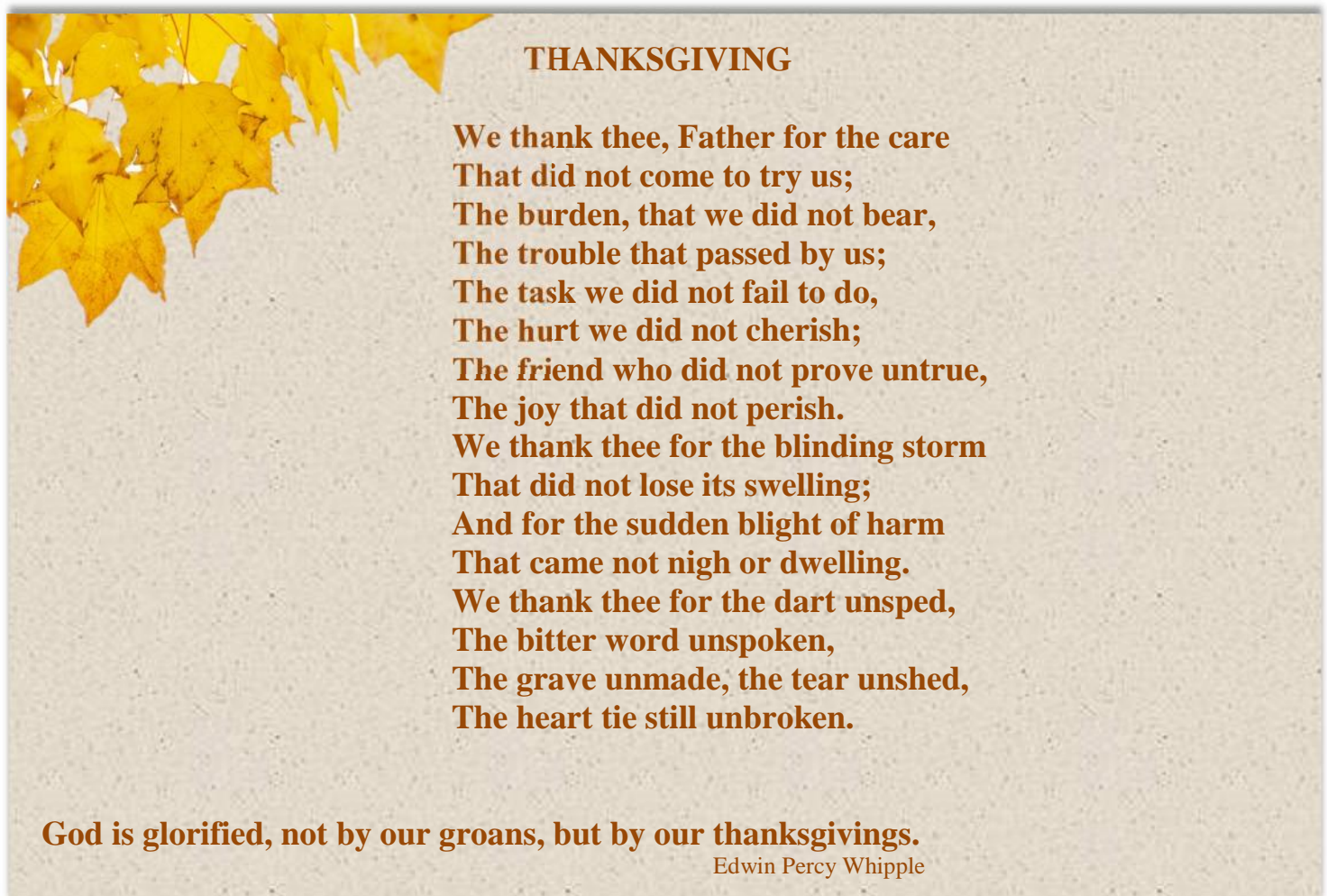
**Making More Room for God**  
**21 Day Fast @ Deep Creek Friends**  
January 7-27, 2024

*But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*  
*Matthew 6:17*

Andrew Murray, a noted Christian author from the past, once wrote: *"Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts"* Note that phrase, "give the Spirit room in our hearts." As we recognize the bounty that God has given us all this Thanksgiving we should be prompted to think, "What can I give back to God?" The answer to that may be, "more room".

As we quickly approach a new year, this will become a focus at Deep Creek. As a church family, we will be encouraging each other during a time of fasting in order to be open to the Lord together. To make more room for God together. You will be hearing more about this, but start thinking and praying about what you may give up in order to make more space for Jesus! During this Thanksgiving ask yourself, *"How can I make more room for God in my heart?"* Then listen for His response!

Randy



# Young Adult Weekend Retreat in the Mountains - October 13-15

## Theme: Connected to others through Christ



The Young Adults spent a weekend in a beautiful area of Burnsville staying in an antique home built in the late 1800s, and enjoyed the quiet peacefulness of the area while spending time with each other and with God. We spent time in devotions together, sitting in the piano room around the piano, playing card or board games, prayer time and a glow in the dark hunt Saturday night.

It was a fun and learning time of working together in groups to purchase apples at the local farmers market and then each group preparing a dish to serve with our dinner that evening.

We also visited a local Unprogramed Friends Meeting on Saturday to sit a bit in the pews and think about open worship and the leading of the Holy Spirit on when to speak or when to be quiet, while reading and discussing our Quaker history / beliefs.

It was nice to be in a place of less business and be able to truly enjoy connecting together while taking in the beauty of God's creation. One of my favorite things was sitting down together at the huge table for meals and listening to the conversations and laughter around the table.

*I speak for the young adults and myself to say a huge thank you to our Deep Creek Church family for the support, encouragement and prayers for this ministry. We are truly blessed to be together and to be part of a church family that loves Jesus and loves each other.*  
*In Christ, Angie & Jay*



Meditating



Cooking





Some Young Adults enjoyed an evening in Winston-Salem at Carolina Classic Fair and checked on Gwyn Shore Warden's Needle Work that earned Second Place



**From Tracy Shore: Thanks to Everyone Who Helped With Feeding the Football Teams**

I greatly appreciate everyone that helped make this happen. "The Soup Church" is both teams favorite meal. Randy and Jared did an awesome job with their message to the young men.



Forbush Falcoms



Starmount Rams  
Some Helpers:





# CHILDREN

From Sydney

Trunk 'n Treat Enjoyed by All, Thank You!

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## EVENTS and Looking Ahead:

11/05 Children's Church

11/12 Friends Of Jesus Christmas play practice starts

11/19 Children's Church

11/26 Friends Of Jesus

12/15 Friends Of Jesus Christmas party

12/17 Friends of Jesus Christmas play



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## **Coming up...**

**November 3-4th** - FCNC Youth Retreat at Quaker Lake - Let Jared know ASAP if you are interested.

**November 5th** - Christmas Play practice begins at 6:00 And will run each Sunday at 6:30.  
Come eat at 5:30

**Youth Christmas Play at Deep Creek on December 10th at 6:00 PM** followed with Christmas snacks

**Youth Christmas Play at Union Cross on December 17th at 6:00.**





Great Fun  
Good Food  
A Beautiful Day



## CONGRATULATIONS

### BROCK MORAN RECEIVES RECOGNITION



Brock Moran, pictured with his proud parents, Ricky and Rhonda Moran

Brock is a student at Starmount Middle School. This year he played Center and Guard for the Starmount Rams and was recently recognized for playing his Eighth Grade Football Season. Brock is also an Honor Student making the “A” Honor Roll and a member of the Beta club.

### MAGGIE RAY IS HOMECOMING QUEEN

Maggie Ray, a senior at Starmount High School, was selected as the Starmount Homecoming Queen.



### DESTINY RAY ON HOMECOMING COURT

Destiny Ray was chosen as a Representative on the Wingate University Homecoming Court.

**Ray Family Enjoys Family Day at Wingate** with a football game. Mom says, “It was nice to have everyone together again.” . . . .



. . . . Olivia is enjoying the beach at UNCW and doing well at school and Anthony is enjoying APP & doing great in school.

Rules to Live By: The Queries from the Faith and Practice of Friends Church of NC

**PERSONAL LIFE AND CONDUCT**  
Does your personal conduct reflect the true dignity of Christian character as set forth in the Scriptures? Do you strive to live so that others see Christ in you?

*He that would live in peace & at ease, must not speak all he knows, nor judge all he sees.*

-Ben Franklin

## What President Began the Pardon of the Thanksgiving Turkey?

Abraham Lincoln began the practice of unofficially ‘pardoning’ a turkey in 1863. But it wasn’t for Thanksgiving. The bird was given to Abraham Lincoln for Christmas Dinner. On Christmas Eve, Lincoln’s 10 year-old son Tad tearfully begged his farther to spare the turkey he had named Jack. Lincoln wrote a presidential pardon to appease the boy. The president was also a big animal lover

The presidential pardon of the Thanksgiving turkey has become an annual event, but the peace pact between the fowl and the White House is a relatively new thing. And in fact, a few presidents actually ate their guests!

But Lincoln didn’t start a tradition, and neither did President Harry S. Truman, who is often credited as the father of the presidential turkey pardon.

Since Lincoln's time, there had been a steady parade of turkeys heading to the White House as the entree for the President's holiday dinner. Horace Vose of Rhode Island provided many of the birds, starting with President Grant and ending with President Wilson.

Photos from Truman’s administration show the President happily receiving a turkey as a gift from the Poultry and Egg National Board at a public event. President Dwight Eisenhower also was photographed receiving his bird from the turkey lobby.

An article that later appeared in *The Washington Post* revealed the real reason the men were smiling: They [served up their guests on Thanksgiving Day](#) as the main course! In one image from *Time* magazine, Eisenhower is grinning widely as he's carving a very large turkey.



John F. Kennedy then started a trend by publicly sparing a turkey given to the White House. He decided after receiving a bird on November 19, 1963, that it shouldn’t stay as dinner. The turkey was wearing a sign that said, “Good Eatin’ Mr. President.” JFK spared the bird just three days before he was assassinated in Dallas.

Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan were all photographed at turkey press conferences with their guests of honor. It’s not 100 percent known if any of the birds survived their White House tour--without being stuffed, dressed, and served on a platter. Reagan joked about pardoning a turkey during the days of the Iran-Contra affair, but the bird was already scheduled to live out its life at a zoo.

It was President George H.W. Bush who made the turkey pardon official when he took office in 1989. Since then, turkeys across the United States have rejoiced, at least one day a year, as the leaders have spared a lucky bird from the Thanksgiving table.

Part of the confusion over the origin of the turkey pardon came from statements made by President Bill Clinton, who said the pardon as a tradition started with Lincoln and Truman. It's true Lincoln did a one-time turkey pardon, but Truman aficionados say there's little evidence the president spared his birds.

But the turkeys, who are bred to be eaten, have a very short lifespan. The National Turkey Federation, which raises birds for the presidential pardon ceremony, says a pardoned bird will be lucky to live two years after it's saved by the President.



## REMEMBER TO **PRAY** – Prayer changes things!

The following information is included by request. **Be specific when you pray** and send notes.

\*This color indicates an addition or change from last month.

### Among those requesting prayer:

Pray for special needs of members, friends and relatives and celebrate God's care.

*Contact the editor for information*

In all things  
**GIVE** thanks!





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**“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.”** Psalm 4:19

**Do you have a friend or relative that would enjoy *The Encourager*?** Send address (PO or e-mail).

- Send suggestions, news, information, announcements or materials that you would like included in *The Encourager*.
- Please send any change of address.
- Are you receiving *The Encourager* in error or you no longer wish to receive it? If so, let us know.

**Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.**

**Next issue – December, 2023**

**Deadline for news – November 26**

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