



# Central Church of Christ

November 18, 2012

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

*VERNA DUTTON* had surgery Wednesday, November 14th. She is recovering well and in room 208 at Covenant in Plainview. *GIGI BARLOW* is going to have a cat scan and eeg.



## Also keep these people in your hearts and prayers:

*SERVICE MEN & WOMEN*, Gale Stephens, Jim Ober, David Finch, Clayton Williams, Paul Cox, Gale Stephens, John Brookins, T.A. & Gene Hayhurst, Jay Weddel, David Tucker, Linda Hayhurst, Mabel Sadler, Jimmie Scott, David George, Frances Lemoine, Darla Young, Steve Dickey, Ray Jennings, Callis Love, Ed Workman, Billie Watson, Jennifer Berkheart (Ross James' niece), Gigi Barlow, Dwight & Nelda Whitwell's daughter Julie Stephens, Trish Cooper and Donna Barlow.

Mark Your Calendars  
For Our  
*Ladies  
Retreat*



NOVEMBER 30, 2012  
There will be a sign-up sheet on the Activity Table.  
There will be lots of FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP!!!

## MISSION SUNDAY

December 9th.

Our goal is \$32,500.00.

Please pray and plan on how you may be able to help.

## BABY SHOWER

for

Jennifer Smith

December 8, 2012

at the home of Phala Tole

from 2:00-4:00 pm



Records for 11/11/2012

Bible Class: 85

Worship: 125

Contribution: \$3,106

Budgeted Contribution: \$3,560

## Morning Service

Singing-Toby

Song

Song

Song

## REFLECTION & LORD'S SUPPER WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

Song

Song

Prayer

Song

~Bruce~

Song

Announcements

Bob Colson



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

20th-Donald Adams

22nd-Bob Colson

## Our Annual Christmas Party And Talent Show

Is Sunday, December 2nd,  
at the Senior Citizens Building.

Please mark your calendars. There is a talent sign-up sheet on the Activity Table.



## MONTHLY REMINDERS: NOVEMBER

Mission Contributions

18th-Potluck Luncheon

21st-Wednesday Morning Bible Study

DEVOTIONAL this evening/No class

28th-Wednesday Morning Bible Study

From what I understand there are only two contemporary accounts of the 1621 Thanksgiving: First is Edward Winslow's account, which he wrote in a letter dated December 12, 1621. The complete letter was first published in 1622, and is chapter 6 of Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

*“Our corn [i.e. wheat] did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.”*

The second description was written about twenty years after the fact by William Bradford in his *History Of Plymouth Plantation*. Bradford's History was rediscovered in 1854 after having been taken by British looters during the Revolutionary War. Its discovery prompted a greater American interest in the history of the Pilgrims, which eventually led to Lincoln's decision to make Thanksgiving a holiday. It is also in this account that the Thanksgiving turkey tradition is founded. *“They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty. For as some were thus employed in affairs abroad, others were exercising in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they took good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had about a peck of meal a week to a person, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion. Which made many afterwards write so largely of their plenty here to their friends in England, which were not feigned but true reports”*

What has come down in American tradition as the "First Thanksgiving" was actually a harvest festival. In the spring of 1621, the colonists planted their first crops in Patuxet's abandoned fields. While they had limited success with wheat and barley, their corn crop proved very successful, thanks to Squanto [Tisquantum] who taught them how to plant corn in hills, using fish as a fertilizer.

In October of 1621, the Pilgrims celebrated their first harvest with feasting and games, as was the custom in England, as well as prayer. The celebration served to boost the morale of the 50 remaining colonists and also to impress their allies. Among the Native People attending were Massasoit and 90 Wampanoag men.

The Pilgrims would not have called the event of 1621 a "Thanksgiving." The Separatist Puritans recognized three kinds of holidays as sanctioned by the Bible : the Sabbath, days of thanksgiving, and fast days. Unlike the Sabbath, days of thanksgiving and fast days were not part of the established calendar. They were proclaimed by the governor only in response to a specific situation. A religious day of fasting could be invoked by a drought or war. A religious day of thanksgiving could be called to celebrate a particularly good harvest or providential rainfall. Although the event of 1621 is known today as the "First Thanksgiving," that harvest feast had many secular elements and would not have been considered a religious day of thanksgiving by the Pilgrims.

Whatever the day or occasion might be ... be thankful!

See Ya At The Gathering Place!

Bruce

Thanks so much for the delicious lunch that was served to our family. And a Big Thanks to all who cooked, called, visited and prayed for our family. The Church meant a lot to Herb and we know you will miss him as much as we do!

Love, The Herb Howell family

Dear Members,

Just a note to let you know how much we appreciated the dinner for Herb's family. It was delicious and so thoughtful of you to prepare it. Having a place to visit with family is so nice. Herb loved his Church family and spoke of you often. Thanks again!

Jimmie, Sue and family