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| 5—Blake Hurley      | 7—Tenley Gresham      | 8—Kenzi Gold         | 8—Evalyne Lewis     |
| 8—Aidrea Mullen     | 8—Kaitlyn Ruiz        | 9—Jocelyn Adams      | 9—Connor Joyce      |
| 11—Kendall Childs   | 13—Patrick Gilles     | 13—Micah Shaneman    | 14—Audrey Allen     |
| 14—Joshua Morrison  | 17—Landon Beard       | 18—Colton Murphy     | 20—Kim Meek         |
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| 29—Kim Allen        | 29—Yohan Garcia Lopez | 29— Julia Lane       | 29—Anthony McCoy    |
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Lord, we pray for a heart overflowing with *thanksgiving*. You are our constant reason for joy. You are *faithful* when we are unfaithful. O Lord, renew within us the *joy* of thanksgiving. Encourage our spirits with the *truth* that you are always with us. Fill our souls with grateful joy that nothing, nothing can separate us from the *love* you have for us in Christ. Thank you that you have called us to a life of *praise*. Overwhelm us with *gratitude* that we can show your love to others. Humble us so that we will *bless* your great name with each moment. Father, you are good. Your *unfailing love* continues forever. Your faithfulness extends beyond the limits of time. May our lives be those that shout *thanksgiving* for who you are and what you have done. With deep *gratitude* and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.  
~ Prayer Based on Psalm 100

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Sundays - 9:15 & 11:00 am

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**Scripture of the Month** (1st-5th grades)

But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22



November 11-19 – Operation Christmas Child (collect boxes)

November 21—No Wednesday Night Activities

November 22-23—Thanksgiving (Church office Closed)

December 2— Parent-Child Dedication, 9:15 & 11:00am

December 16 – Rehearsal for Christmas Program

GIVE Thanks WITH A GRATEFUL heart







## G I V E T H A N K S

Sometimes it's a challenge to convince children that Thanksgiving Day is really not all about the food. Sure there's turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberries, and pie. Oh yeah, don't forget the pie! But hidden inside this palate-driven holiday is an opportunity to teach the meaning behind the celebration. It is, after all, a day to remember God and give thanks.

The scriptures are filled with passages calling us to maintain a thankful heart. From Psalm 106:1, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good," to Paul's letter to the Thessalonians urging them to "give thanks in all circumstances" (5:18). It was this latter verse that sustained the Pilgrims, venturing to the New World, who ushered in the Thanksgiving Day celebration.

In the winter of 1620, Pilgrims, traveling by sea, settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts. They came for religious freedom — a desire to worship God and live according to Holy Scripture. But the country they found was bleak and uninviting, with several inches of snow already on the ground. Of the 102 passengers aboard the ship, the *Mayflower*, nearly half died during the first winter of the "great sickness." Yet, according to settler Edward Winslow, they were grateful to God for his provision in their lives. A year later, the group celebrated with a feast of thanksgiving.

So, this year as the guests arrive, in addition to a bountiful meal, try these fun-filled age-appropriate activities that will direct children, and adults, back to the true meaning of the holiday, and also create Thanksgiving Day memories that will last a lifetime.

### Ages 0-3

For the very young, holidays are about the nurturing and extra attention received from grandparents and other close family and friends. Try to provide time for fun interaction, with songs and hymns that celebrate the season. Provide toddlers with some crayons and color books, and invite grandparents to color along. Be sure to include *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, a picture book by Liz Curtis Higgs, for an after supper story time.

### Ages 4-7

Make your young guests feel special when Thanksgiving dinner is served atop a custom-made tablecloth they designed. Break out the color crayons, or markers, and allow each child to draw their own artwork depicting a thankful day. Later, play a game of "Alphabet Thanks," where children draw from a bowl of letters, and then tell God thanks for something that begins with the letter they picked.

### Ages 8-12

This age group is ready to put the spirit of thanksgiving into practice by canvassing their neighborhood, collecting canned food items for those in need. For fun on Thanksgiving Day, have this age group use a video camera to film their own home movie about giving thanks. Guests can be entertained as they view the finished work on the TV during dessert. Or, for the more musically minded, have the kids borrow the tune from their favorite pop or rap song and replace the lyrics with a seasonal message.

### Age 13-18

This age is perfect for hands-on community service. Visit the local rescue mission or nearby retirement home, and have them pitch in by serving the holiday meal. Another fun idea is to invite these teens to compete in a pie-baking contest, with Gram and Gramps deciding the winning recipe.

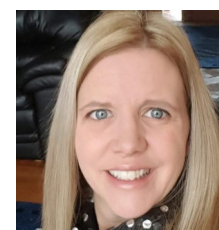
### All Ages

Ice Breakers are a fun way to get everyone talking. Write something to be thankful for on a small sheet of paper and tape it to the back of everyone who comes in the door. They must ask yes or no questions from other guests to guess what is written on the paper.



## Shoebox Collection November 11-19

Samaritan's Purse is an international relief organization who reaches out to children around the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Fill up a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc., and bring it to church. They will be shipped to children who are affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. Find more information at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

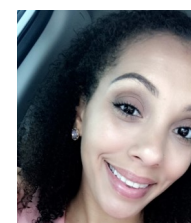
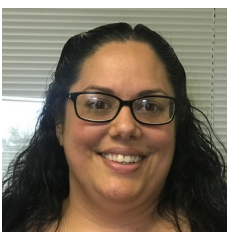


### Shelly Wolfe—11:00 3rd Grade

Shelly and husband, Jason, moved to Apollo Beach from Minnesota this past August. Living in MN her entire life, Shelly is enjoying the beautiful Florida weather. They have 4 children (Tanner, 13; Audra, 12; Shayla, 9; and Bria, 5). Working in the children's ministry at previous churches, she enjoys working with kids. Shelly is excited to get involved at Bell Shoals and see what God can do through her. Shelly loves helping kids learn about our Lord and Savior. As a family they enjoy boating, swimming, waterskiing, downhill skiing (which won't be as often anymore) and family movie nights.

### Selina Irizarry—11:00 5th Grade

Selina Irizarry, is a mother of 3 wonderful children. She enjoys spending time with them, watching movies, playing board games and video games in their spare time. Selina was saved in November 2007 and baptized in January 2008. Since then God has called her to minister to the children. She served as a Sunday School teacher and a children's church teacher for 10 years and loves teaching children about Jesus and all the miracles He has done.



### Marissa Galeno—11:00 Kindergarten

Marissa and husband, Robert are both from Tampa, and recently moved to Ruskin. They feel very fortunate to live in such a beautiful state. They have 3 children ages 8, 7 and 5. As a family, they love going swimming, to the beach and doing outdoor activities. Marissa's daytime job is working with senior citizens and she loves it so much! She enjoys leading and teaching the little ones about Christ, and to witness the children sharing their love for our Lord is so heart warming.