

Westgate Witness



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Greetings in the Name of our Lord!

Dear Westgate Church Family,

Yesterday we had a wonderful Prayer Vigil at the church. A few people spoke with me regarding my prepared remarks that were given at the beginning of the service. In place of my pastor's article for this month I am including the quotes on prayer which I shared—and three impactful prayers that have immensely touched me over the years.

Peace and Blessings,

Robert Zimmerman, Pastor



Quotes on Prayer

The single most important piece of advice about prayer is one word: Begin! **Peter Kreeft**

Work as if you were to live a hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow. **Ben Franklin**

Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused. **Spurgeon**

If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled. **Catherine Lewis**

Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer. **Charles Finney**



The great people of the earth today are the people who pray, (not) those who talk about prayer. **S.D. Gordon**

Work, work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer. **Martin Luther**

God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede. **Oswald Chambers**

To desire revival... and at the same time to neglect (personal) prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another. **A.W. Tozer**

History is silent about revivals that did not begin with prayer. **Edwin Orr**

It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart. **Mahatma Gandhi**

And so, I urge you: carry on an ongoing conversation with God about the daily stuff of life, a little like Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof. For now, do not worry about 'proper' praying, just talk to God. **Richard J. Foster**

God is looking for people to use, and if you can get usable, he will wear you out. The most dangerous prayer you can pray is this: "Use me." **Rick Warren**

We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving. We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud. We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting. We are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient. **Billy Graham**

We must talk to God about men before we talk to men about God. **Bill Bright**

Three Prayers that Have Supremely Impacted My Life

God grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the Wisdom to know the difference.

Living [one day at a time](#),
Enjoying one moment at a time.
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,

Taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would like it.



Trusting that he will make all things right,
If I surrender to his will.
That I may be reasonably happy in this world
And supremely happy in the next.

Reinhold Niebuhr.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying [to ourselves] that we are born to eternal life.

Francis Of Assisi



The Lord's Prayer from the Message Paraphrase

Our Father in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best—
as above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.
You're in charge!
You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty!
Yes. Yes. Yes.





Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

WATER STREET RESCUE MISSION

Westgate's ABW will be supporting the food drive for the Mission.

For several years we collected canned goods; now we donate a monetary gift because Water Street can purchase foods they urgently need for a better price.

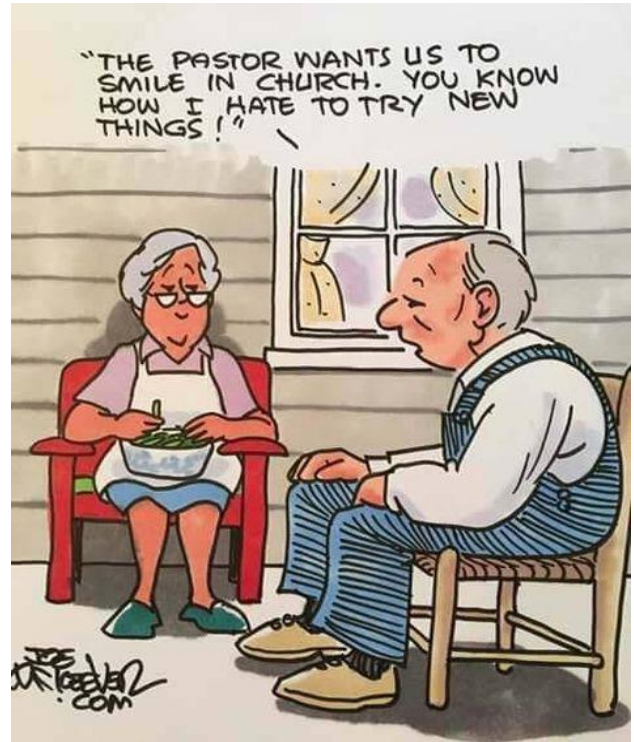
The Mission provides food, clothing and shelter. Your generous gift can help feed many during the upcoming months. It costs the Mission \$2.96 to provide a nourishing meal. It provides nearly 300 meals/day. Spread the love of Christ and support dignified living for those who need it the most.

Donation envelopes will be in church bulletins
Nov. 10 and Nov. 17th

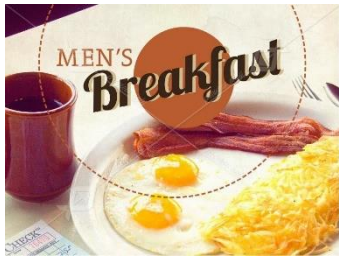
Give cash or a check
made out to Westgate Baptist Church.



*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **Luke 6:38***



**ABW Meeting Thursday,
Nov 7th @ 1:00 pm**



AB Men's Breakfast - Our next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be on November 19th @ 9:00 am. We will meet at the Family Fare Restaurant, 5921 Main St., East Petersburg PA 17520 for a casual Christian Men's fellowship time. Womens Bible



November 28th



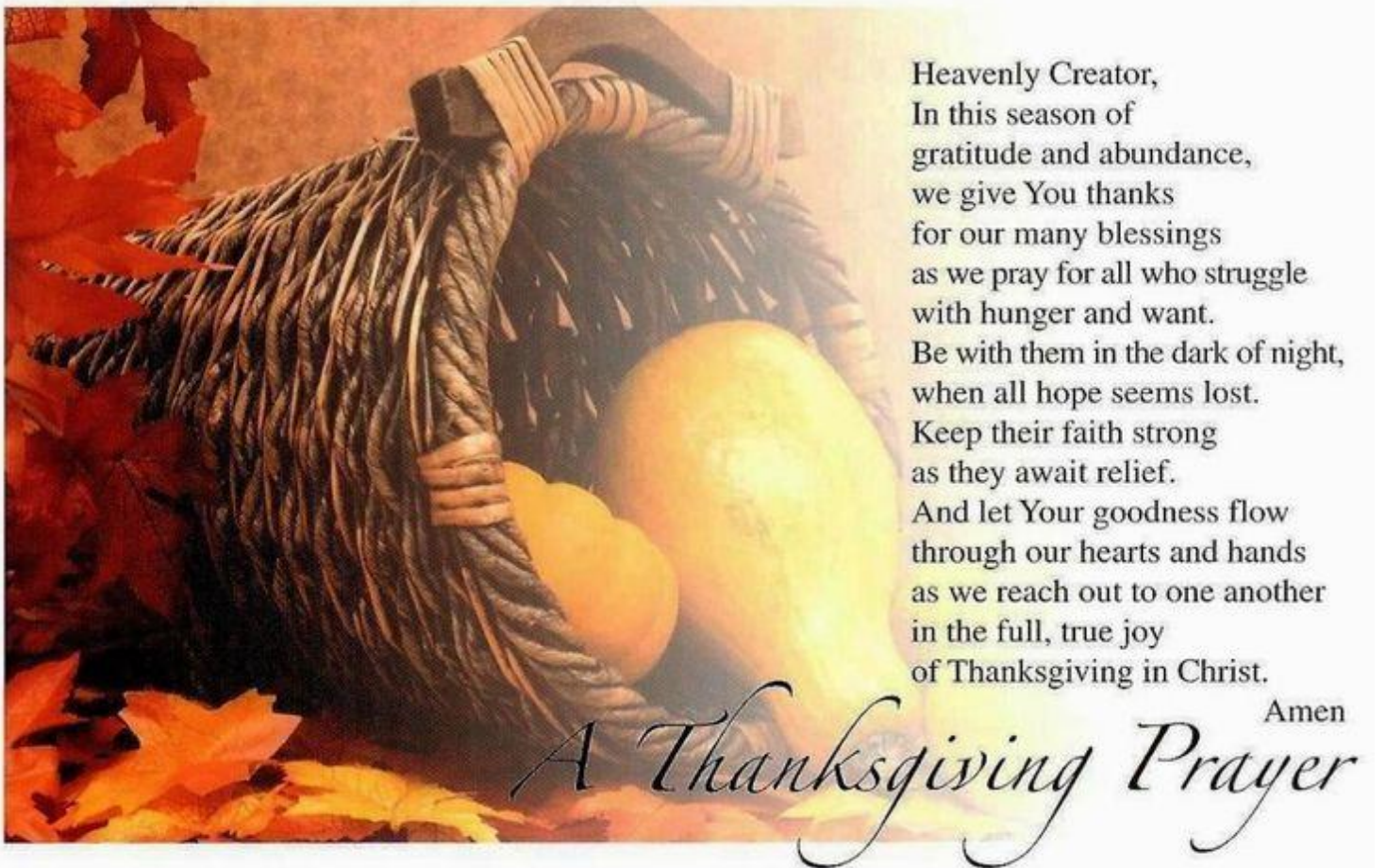


Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday November 24th at 7 p.m.

Temple Beth El is hosting an interfaith ecumenical Thanksgiving service. Westgate along with 4 other protestant churches will be joining our Jewish friends for service followed by a desert reception.

Service will include special prayers, readings and music. This promises to be a festive and meaningful addition to our Thanksgiving observance.



Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer



Shoeboxes are available
Oct 20th – Nov 10th
Must be returned by Nov 17th

Bears and jumpropes have been crafted by Westgate ABW so please consider making a donation payable to Westgate Baptist church and we will add a bear and jumprope to your box!

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

Wow Items: Soccer balls with pump, dolls, stuffed animals, shoes

Toys: Toy cars, yo-yos, musical instruments, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Personal Care Items: Toothbrushes, washcloths, combs, hairbrushes

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, note-books, coloring and picture books, solar calculators

Accessories: Socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war related items, seeds, foods, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, anything in aerosol cans.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.



ABW- consider baking some goodies for the November bake sale and we will be looking for crafts and donations for our Christmas Tree



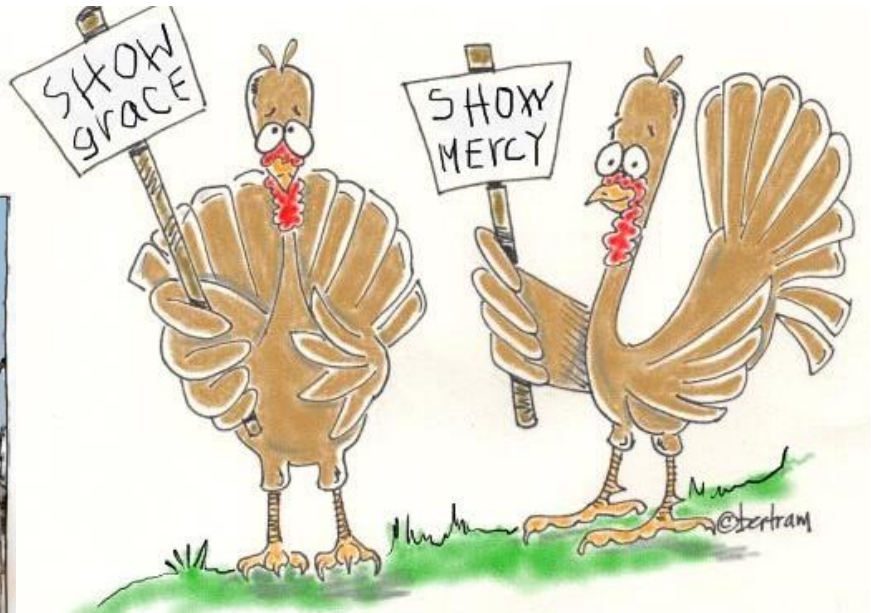
May your stuffing be tasty.
 May your turkey be plump.
 May your potatoes and gravy
 have nary a lump.
 May your yams be delicious
 and your pies take the prize,
 and may your
 Thanksgiving dinner
 stay off your thighs!



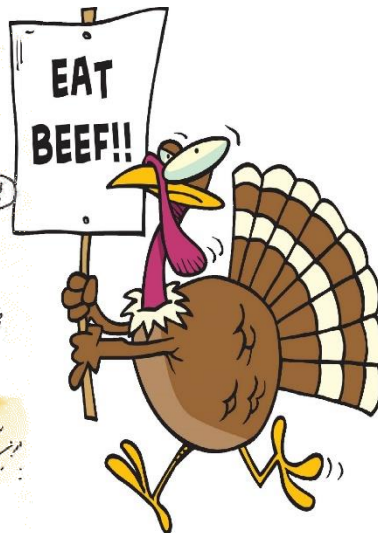
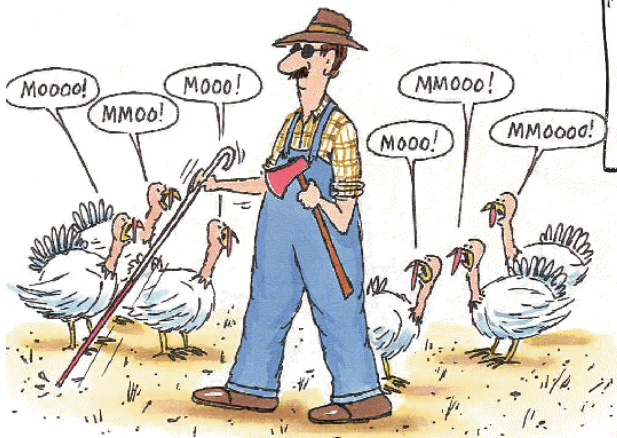
Happy Thanksgiving

Fun Facts About Thanksgiving!

1. The first Thanksgiving was in Plymouth, MA in 1621 and it lasted for three days.
2. Abraham Lincoln officially made Thanksgiving a National Holiday in 1863.
3. George H.W. Bush was the first US president to formalize the pardoning of a turkey in 1989.
4. There are four towns in the US named Turkey. They are in Arizona, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Texas.
5. Turkey was not on the menu at the first Thanksgiving.



Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16



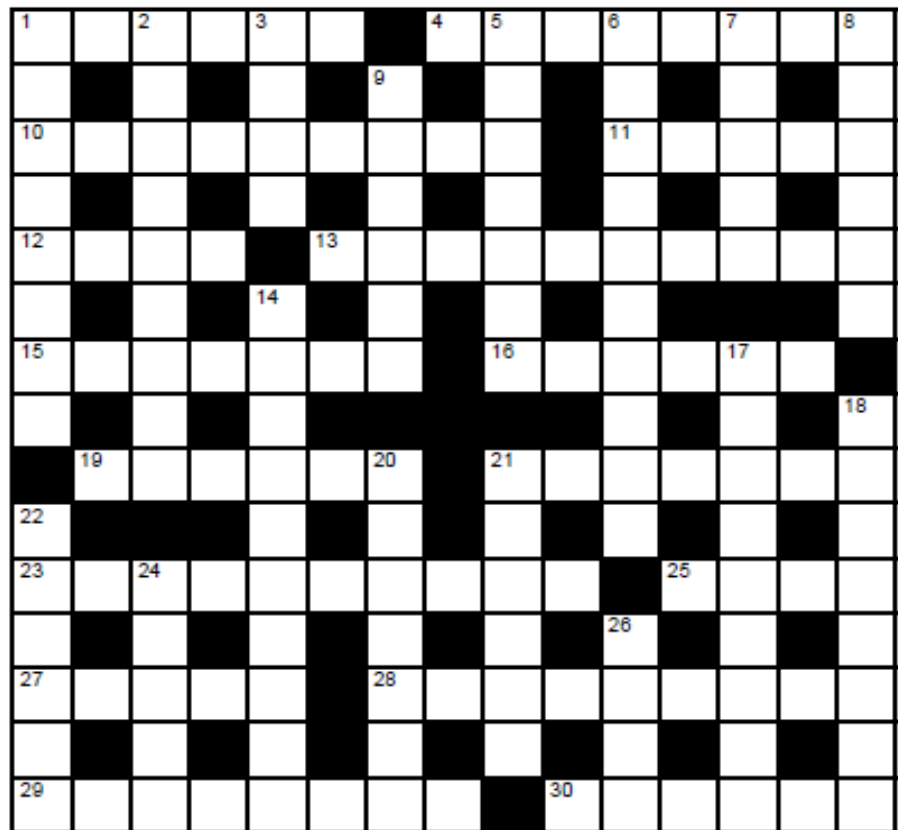
BIBLE CROSSWORD I

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a ____ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)

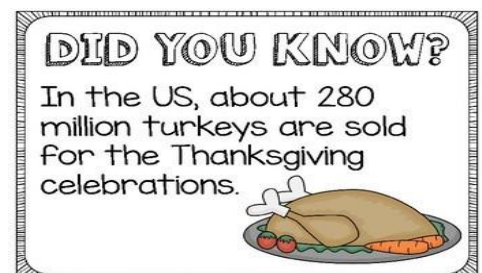


by Philologus

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- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

Check your answers on next page



Happy Birthday

11/6 Kaiden Vital
 11/15 Hannah Tebie
 11/21 Drew Sklenar
 11/22 Richard Adams



Happy Anniversary

11/7/1981 Stephen & Connie Appleby
 11/27/2010 Rich & Laura Schramm



Treasurer's Report

October	\$5,827.00
Budget Income	\$5,382.00
Non-Budget Income	\$445.00



Answers to crossword puzzle

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