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Christ
Offers
Forgiveness
For
Everyone
Everywhere



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Bob's Beliefs

Wilmington Emmaus

1 Thessalonians 5:18: in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

If you are like me you are thinking this year has flown by, we are about to turn over to November - four and a half weeks until Thanksgiving.

We host about 30 people to our home for dinner. My wife is already working on the menu and stocking up on some food for the dinner. Once the day gets here, we will wake up early to begin cooking and to finish the baking, it is pure rush, rush, rush. Everyone gets here and we eat, do the dishes and watch some football or a movie. We never take the time to say what we are thankful for so I would like to mention a few things that I am thankful for this year.

I am thankful for God's love and mercy in my life. I am thankful for my wife and all the things that she does for me throughout the year. I am thankful for my health. I am a cancer survivor for 12 years. I am thankful that I have a good job to go to everyday. I am thankful for my family I am thankful for my 3 dogs, Sadie, Sam and Maggie because they give me so many hours of joy. I am thankful for my friends. I am thankful for my Church. And finally: I am thankful for this Emmaus community. For the last year you have entrusted me with the Community Chair position. (see page 2 to finish)

More from Bob's Beliefs:

I wish each and every one of you a Blessed Thanksgiving Day.



Bob Brown

Maurice's Musings

Read Ezra 3:10-13.

On October 3, 1863, at the height of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation of Thanksgiving, calling the nation to observe a "day of Thanksgiving and Praise." This proclamation eventually led to the establishing of our national day of Thanksgiving.

The document began by listing multiple blessings the nation had experienced through the course of the year, even in the midst of a severe conflict. It called the American people to recognize the Source of those blessings and to respond collectively to the Giver in gratitude, repentance, and intercession. Here's an excerpt:

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

"And I recommend to them that... they do also with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience ... fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

Set against a background of divisive conflict, our nation's leader in the 1860s was humble enough to know that our nation needed God and needed to be grateful. This kind of heart is no less needed in our nation today than it was then. Our nation is engaged in physical combats in several parts of our world, and there is an ongoing war of words, here at home, that has become more heated by the day.

The call for gratitude goes beyond the church and into every avenue of life. Pray today for a humble, grateful, repentant spirit to be born in our own hearts, and among our leaders at every level.

Maurice Mitchell

WELCOME to EMMAUS, LADIES

Beth	Allering	Leesburg	OH	45135
Barbara	Apple	Xenia	OH	45385
Bertha	Baker	South Lebanon	OH	45065
Elaine	Balsley	New Vienna	OH	45159
Cheryl	Brothers	Morrow	OH	45152
Susan	Browning	Wilmington	OH	45177
Kristina	Burns	Washington CH	OH	45135
Michelle	Caldwell	Leesburg	OH	45135
Patricia	Lambcke	Wilmington	OH	45177
Christina	Dell	Wilmington	OH	45177
Becky	Ferrell	Hillsboro	OH	45133
Carla	Ford	Martinsville	OH	45146
Shanna	Gentner	Jamestown	OH	45335
Lori	Honeycutt	Wilmington	OH	45177
Heather	Johns	Wilmington	OH	45177
Susie	Kerns	Wilmington	OH	45177
Georgia	Marburger	Wilmington	OH	45177
Shana	McFadden	Lynchburg	OH	45132
Kari	Miller	New Vienna	OH	45159
Stacia	Rumbarger	Waynesville	OH	45068
Rose Marie	Scott	Midland	OH	45148
Angie	Smith	Sardinia	OH	45171
Sharon	Smith	Rushsylvania	OH	43347
Rebecca	Sorg	Wilmington	OH	45177
Betty	Steele	Bethel	OH	45106
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Highland County Emmaus Gathering
The First Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro (201 E Main St) will be hosting a Gathering for the Highland County Emmaus Community. [The Highland County Emmaus Community is simply made up of those from Highland County who have attended a Walk to Emmaus and meets whenever there is a fifth Tuesday – and of course, non-Highland County residents are welcome!] The next Gathering will be Tuesday evening, November 29th @ 7:00 pm. Like the Gathering in Wilmington it is a time of worship, sharing Holy Communion, and refreshments. You'll come!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kathy Snowball	Lynnette Shanton
Melissa Elmore	Shepherd Hamilton
Jeff Elson	praise Marian Hamilton
Abigail Price	Dawna Jo Kiesling
Jordan Foster	Jill Nunnery
Amanda Foster	Tony Williams
Lasley Wilkinson	our Military

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relationship with family
our country
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