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Welcoming the Cozy Season!

This Fall edition is packed with ideas, tips, and inspiration to help you celebrate the season, connect spiritually and with your community, this holiday season.

Did You Know? Bible Edition

1. The Shortest Verse in the Bible is John 11:35
2. Psalms 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.

GOBBLE Til You WOBBLE



FOCUS of the MONTH:

This Month Focus is on God's Word.
GOBBLE UP GOD'S WORD.

To help you do that this Newsletter is Jam Packed with ways to remind you of God's Word with Laughter and bucket List and Scriptures.

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Scripture of the Month:

Matthew 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Charities Spotlight 2026

The Lighthouse Mission

The Lighthouse Mission has been serving Christ and the Clovis community for over 30 years by providing shelter, meals, clothing, and support to those in need, including individuals facing homelessness or addiction. Their mission is to meet the needs of the whole person—body, soul, and spirit—through physical, financial, and spiritual aid. Every third Thursday, our church joins in this ministry by preparing and serving a meal, sharing Christ's love through service and compassion.

Matthew 25:40,44-45

40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer [a]Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

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Thank you to all that serve.



PASTOR'S PEACE

Mathew 5:16

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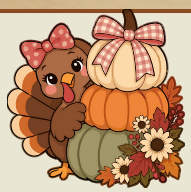
Matthew chapter five is the start of the famous Sermon on the Mount. Here Jesus begins His teaching with what has been commonly referred to as the Beatitudes. This is a list describing the attitudes of those who will inherit the Kingdom. They are a people who hunger and thirst for righteousness. They are meek and merciful.

They are pure in heart and are peacemakers. Then, after giving this list, Jesus proceeds to tell people not to lose these qualities (5:13). He tells us that we are the light of the world and a city on a hill (5:14). Then, in the verse right before our Scripture of the month, He explains that light is never meant to be hidden (5:15). This is why He says, "Let your light so shine before men". We are called to reflect the character of God for the world to see. And yet, later on in this same Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to do charitable deeds to be seen (6:1-4).

He tells us to pray in secret (6:5-6) and not to fast for others to see (6:16-18). Many people struggle to understand why Jesus would tell us to let our light shine for others to see and then turn around and tell us not to let others see our good deeds. This confusion can be cleared up by understanding that our character cannot be hidden. The sanctifying work God does in us will be evident to all who come in contact with us. However, we are not supposed to be helping others or praying and fasting for others to see. We do those things in secret for God alone. In other words, the light the world is meant to see is our character, not our works.







Linda's Corner



Rooted in Texas, Grounded in God

Growing up in a small Texas town like Friona, you learn a few things early on. You learn the value of hard work, the importance of community, and that a person's word ought to mean something. You learn to lend a helping hand and be proud of where you come from. Those small-town Texas roots have shaped me in more ways than I probably realized growing up.

But as much as Texas shaped the person I am, it is my faith in God that has shaped the way I walk through life.

Life doesn't always go the way we plan. Sometimes the road gets rough, and the things we thought we could handle on our own become too heavy to carry. I've learned that being strong doesn't mean you never struggle, and having faith doesn't mean you never shed tears. Sometimes strength means opening your Bible and reminding yourself of what God has promised.

There have been times when I had to do more than simply believe in God's Word. I had to stand on it.

When life felt uncertain, I held on to Proverbs 3:5–6, reminding myself to trust in the Lord and not lean on my own understanding. When I felt weak, I remembered that God's grace was sufficient for me. And when I couldn't see what was ahead, I trusted that the God who brought me this far wasn't going to leave me now.

My Texas roots taught me to stand tall, work hard, and keep going. God's Word has taught me where to plant my feet when the ground beneath me feels shaky. I've learned that our strongest foundation isn't found in how tough we are or how much we can handle. It's found in the faithfulness of our God.

As we move into November and our theme, Gobble Up God's Word, let's do more than read a verse and move on with our day. Let's take His Word into our hearts, hold on to His promises, and trust Him even when we don't understand the path we're walking.

I'm thankful for my Texas roots, the lessons life has taught me, and, most of all, a God whose Word gives me something solid to stand on.

Stay rooted in His Word, stand firm in His promises, and never forget that the God who brought you through yesterday will be faithful today and tomorrow, too.

November Birthdays

11/1 Hudson Hettinga

11/3 Hudson Cook

11/6 Wendy Schilling

11/11 Hayley Christian

11/5 Owen Nichols

11/20 Kate Beauchamp

11/19 Kristy Hettinga

11/23 Leefe Actkinson

11/25 Debra Beauchamp

11/27 Joyce Ketcherside

11/29 Rick Ketcherside

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

11/10 Mitch & Kathy Terry

11/19 Mark & Robin Howard



Happy Thanksgiving



Fall Bucket List 2026

🦃 Gobble Up God's Word!

My November Spiritual Bucket List

This November, let's fill our hearts with God's Word and our days with thankfulness! Just as we gather around the table to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast, let's feast on Scripture, grow in faith, and share God's love with others. How many can you gobble up this month? Check off each activity as you complete it!

□ Feast on Scripture — Read the Bible for at least 10 minutes a day.

□ Give Thanks to God — Write down 3 things you're thankful for each day for one week.

□ Memorize a Verse — Learn Psalm 107:1: "O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

□ Share a Blessing — Do something kind for someone without expecting anything in return.

□ Pass the Good News — Share your favorite Bible verse with a friend or family member.

□ Gather Around the Word — Have a family devotion or read a Bible story together.

□ Pray with a Thankful Heart — Spend time thanking God for His blessings instead of asking for things.

□ Feed Someone's Spirit — Encourage someone who is having a difficult day.

□ Serve with Love — Volunteer your time or lend a helping hand at church or in your community.

□ Forgive and Let Go — Ask God to help you forgive someone and show grace.

□ Count Your Blessings — Make a list of 10 ways God has been good to you this year.

□ Be a Light — Look for one opportunity each day to show Jesus' love to someone.

□ Worship with Joy — Sing your favorite worship song and praise God for who He is.

□ Put God's Word into Action — Choose one Bible teaching and practice it throughout the week.

□ Share Your Thanksgiving — Tell someone how God has made a difference in your life.

🍂 Your November Challenge

"O taste and see that the LORD is good." — Psalm 34:8

Don't just fill your plate this Thanksgiving — fill your heart with God's Word! Every verse you read, prayer you pray, and kindness you share helps you grow closer to Him.

Bonus Challenge: Complete at least 10 activities before December arrives. How many can you gobble up?

Oh What Fun!

Voting Section: Please Circle One

- Turkey or ham?
- Dressing or Stuffing?
- Pumpkin pie or Sweet Potato pie?
- Homemade rolls or Cornbread?
- Thanksgiving dinner or Leftovers?

Bible Characters Hosting Thanksgiving

Autumn VIBES

Noah would probably bring two of everything.

Moses might part the mashed potatoes!

Jonah might sit far away from the fish!

I am grateful for:

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Gobble Up God's Word

BIBLE CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

Put your Bible knowledge to the test! Fill in one letter per square using the clues below.









DOWN

1. River where Jesus was baptized. (6 letters)

2. Prophet who challenged the prophets of Baal. (6 letters) **4.** Garden where Adam and Eve lived. (4 letters)

5. Prophet swallowed by a great fish. (5 letters)

6. Mother of Jesus. (4 letters)

8. Moabite woman known for her loyalty to Naomi. (4 letters) **11.** First king of Israel. (4 letters)

12. Young shepherd who defeated Goliath. (5 letters)

ACROSS

1. City where Jesus was crucified and rose again. (9 letters)

3. Disciple who denied Jesus three times. (5 letters)

6. Led the Israelites out of Egypt. (5 letters)

7. Man Jesus raised from the dead. (7 letters)

9. Built an ark before the great flood. (4 letters)

10. Queen who helped save her people. (6 letters)

13. Heavenly messenger. (5 letters)





