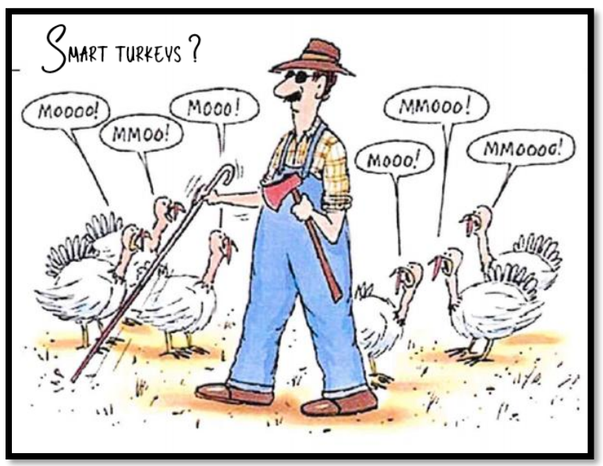
Thanksgiving Day

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What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving? (Lucky!)

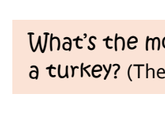


happy birthday

07 Bob Cook
10 Rebekah Reese
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18 Beth Davidson
21 Erica Battle
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Here's a Little Thanksgiving Nonsense!

What's the most musical part of a turkey? (The drumstick!)





If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? (Pilgrims!)

What do you call a running turkey? (Fast Food!)





What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner? (Your nose!)

TIDBITS OF DELIGHTFUL INFORMATION ABOUT TURKEYS

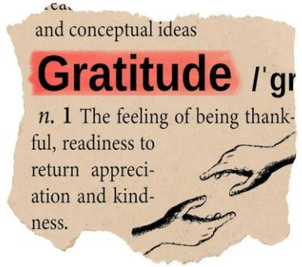
- **White vs. Dark Meat Facts:** Did you know that wild turkeys tend to primarily have dark meat because they are strong runners and can fly? Domestic, factory-raised turkeys have white and dark meat because their muscles aren't used as often. Turkeys use their legs and thighs to run, which requires more oxygen-carrying blood vessels; this makes the meat darker.
- Enough with gobble, gobble, turkeys also cluck, pur and yelp, each having a different meaning.
- An adult turkey has 5,000 to 6,000 feathers.
- Turkeys can clock up to 25 miles per hour on foot and up to 50 miles per hour in flight.
- Young turkeys are called poults.
- Turkeys have excellent eyesight, seeing three times more clearly than 20/20 vision. They can also see in color and have a 270-degree field of vision.
- Turkeys are highly social birds. In winter flocks can grow to over 200 birds and move together through forests and fields.
- Turkeys are smart and can remember food locations and can recognize human faces and distinguish between threats and non-threats.

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The Power of Gratitude

Thanking God glorifies and magnifies Him, but it also changes us. The Lord doesn't need our gratitude, but as we give thanks, we become more aware of His character and are less consumed by our own concerns. **Expressing gratitude…**

- **Refocuses our attention.** Life is filled with distractions that can make it harder to notice all God has done for us. Instead of living with the weight of the world on our shoulders, we can refocus on the Lord by thanking Him for His faithfulness.
- **Relieves our anxiety.** Many people live with constant apprehension. But when we bring our concerns to the Lord with thanksgiving, the burden shifts to Him, and His peace is granted to us.

> *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

- **Refreshes our relationship.** Gratitude keeps us from thinking that the Christian walk is all about us and our needs. Our fellowship with God is enhanced when we focus on Him.
- **Reinforces our faith.** Thanksgiving helps us climb out of discouragement and strengthens us spiritually.

"Today I choose to live with gratitude for the love that fills my heart, the peace that rests within my spirit, and the voice of hope that says all things are possible."

When you're overwhelmed, thanking God may not be on your radar. But pausing to acknowledge all the Lord has done has a way of shifting our perspective and drawing us closer to Him in the process.

May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love, and joy!

I love being your pastor,
Chris
#GOD'SNOTDONE



"With Thanksgiving"

Like an electric shock, the name of someone I loved dearly flashed into my mind at 3 a.m. and jolted me awake. So I lay there praying for the one who was trying hard to run away from God. When it is dark and the imagination runs wild, there are fears that only a mother can understand.

Suddenly the Lord said to me, "Quit studying the problems and start studying the promises."

So I turned on the light and got out my Bible. The first passage that came to me was Philippians 4:6-7:

> *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* (NKJV)

Suddenly I realized the missing ingredient in my prayers had been **"with thanksgiving,"** so I put down my Bible and spent time worshiping God for who He is and what He is. Even contemplating what little we do comprehend of God dissolves doubts, reinforces faith and restores joy. I began to thank God for giving me this loved one in the first place. I even thanked Him for the difficult spots that taught me so much.

Do you know what happened? It was as if suddenly someone turned on the lights in my mind and heart, and the little fears and worries, which like mice and cockroaches had been nibbling away in the darkness, suddenly scuttled for cover.

That was when I learned that worship and worry cannot live in the same heart; they are mutually exclusive.

Prayer for the Day:

How reassuring that I can cast all of my worries into Your steady hands, Lord. Forgive me for the times that I have forgotten to offer You praise and worship when I make my requests.

~ *Letters from Ruth's Attic* by Ruth Bell Graham

Missions across the street and around the world

The **November Mission Project** will be funded by our Adults on Mission group. They will be sending $400 to Chaplain Steve Plemmons to purchase gifts for the inmates at Marion Correctional Center. As always, we appreciate your prayer support for this great ministry.



History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the ***eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month***. **For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."**

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: **A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.**

To all our veterans at Enka Baptist Church, we love you, we thank you and we honor you for your service!

Hello November 2026

Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)
Daylight Savings Time Ends
No Sunday Evening Services until Spring

Nov 1	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice
Nov 3	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
Nov 4	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov 8	9:00 a.m. 10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	2nd Sunday Celebration Morning Worship Choir Practice
Nov 10	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
Nov 11	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov 15 ABCCM Sunday	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice
Nov 17	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
Nov 18	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov 22	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice
Nov 26		
Nov 29	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice



Thanksgiving Weather Folklore

- Turkeys perched on trees and refusing to descend indicate snow.
- If the first snow sticks to the trees, it foretells a bountiful harvest in the coming year.
- If sheep feed facing downhill, watch for a snow-storm.
- Thunder in November indicates a fertile year to come.
- If there be ice in November that will bear a duck, there will be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck.
- As November 21st, so the winter.
- When the winter is early, it will not be late.

~ The Old Farmer's Almanac

THANKSGIVING



. . . is a day full of gratitude, turkeys and loved ones…but how many Thanksgiving facts do you really know?

Sure, you may have celebrated it your whole life and gone back for that second slice of pie every year (as you should). But there's a lot about Turkey Day that even the biggest Thanksgiving fans probably don't know. Read on for Thanksgiving facts that will get you in the Turkey Day spirit and give you plenty to talk about around the dinner table.

1. **Americans eat more than 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving Day each year.** We don't call it "Turkey Day" for nothing! According to the National Turkey Federation, around 87% of Americans enjoy turkey as part of their holiday feast each year. That adds up to over 46 million turkeys.
2. **President Calvin Coolidge was gifted a raccoon to eat for Thanksgiving dinner.** In November 1926, Vinnie Joyce from Nitta Yuma, Mississippi, sent President Coolidge a live raccoon to serve for Thanksgiving dinner. But instead of putting it on the menu, Cooledge adopted the raccoon as a family pet and named it Rebecca! Not your typical Thanksgiving feast, right?



3. **It's estimated that 50 million pumpkin pies are consumed on Thanksgiving Day.** This might surprise you, but Americans actually eat more pie than turkey on Thanksgiving.



4. **Pardoned turkeys were sent to Disney.** From 2005 to 2009, pardoned turkeys got the VIP treatment: They were sent to Walt Disney World or Disneyland. Why, you ask? To serve as the honorary grand marshals of Disney's Thanksgiving Day Parade, of course. Talk about a fairy-tale ending for those lucky birds.
5. **A town once postponed Thanksgiving because of pumpkin pie.** Our list of weird and funny Thanksgiving facts wouldn't be complete without a story about pumpkin pie. In 1705, the townspeople of Colchester, Connecticut, were so dedicated to the dessert that they elected to postpone the holiday because foul weather had interfered with their molasses shipment. Without molasses, they couldn't make pumpkin pie, and without pumpkin pie, Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same!



6. **Black Friday is a busy day for plumbers.** If you're in the habit of braving the stores on Black Friday, there's a group of people you're not likely to see in the crowds: plumbers. It turns out that enough people clog their sinks and garbage disposals on Thanksgiving to make it the busiest day of the year for these handy folks.



7. **Airline tickets are really expensive on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.** It pays to know that the Sunday after Thanksgiving is usually one of the most expensive days to fly, due to high demand. Booking your tickets home for the day after Black Friday or staying a day or two longer could save you a considerable amount of money. In 2025, Sunday, November 30 saw a massive record-breaking crowd of **3,133,924** screened passengers.



7. **The Pilgrims' relationship with the Wampanoag tribe was mutually beneficial.** The Pilgrims weren't the first Europeans to arrive in the area we now call New England. Other white men had been there before, killing more than half of the Wampanoag tribe by spreading diseases like smallpox. Countless others were enslaved. When the Pilgrims arrived, the Wampanoag tribe had been largely decimated, leaving them in a vulnerable position compared with less affected tribes. They formed an alliance with the Pilgrims, exchanging knowledge of how to farm the land for European weapons. Without this relationship, the Pilgrims would not have survived.



8. **There were probably more Native Americans than colonists at the first Thanksgiving.** There were 24 male colonists, five married female colonists and 24 children at the first Thanksgiving. By contrast, there were at least 90 Native Americans present.
9. **The Butterball Turkey Talk-Line answers over 100,000 calls a year.** Each year, Butterball's experts take over 100,000 calls about turkey preparation during November and December. Some of the questions they receive are hilarious!



10. **There are three tiny towns in the U.S named "Turkey."** Turkey, North Carolina, Turkey, Texas; and Turkey Creek, Louisiana. Each one has a population under 500.

~ Reader's Digest

In 1620, a group of 102 men, women, and children spent 66 days on a ship called the Mayflower crossing the Atlantic Ocean and landing on what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts. They were Puritans – English Separatists-who were seeking religious freedom in the New World. After a Harrowing first winter, the surviving Puritans (now called Pilgrims) gathered for a harvest celebration with 90 Native Americans of the Wampanoag people in the fall of 1621 – the celebration we now know as Thanksgiving.



We are reminded every year of the price our forefathers paid to secure the right to worship freely – a right that we too often take for granted today. As we gather with friends and family for our Thanksgiving celebrations this month, may we remember to thank God for our

FREEDOM TO WORSHIP.

~ Dr. David Jeremiah