



Times of Worship

- Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am
- Sunday AM Worship:** 10am
- Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

Join us Online

Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

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Be Thankful Every Day

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is only 28 days away (from 11/27). It's as though the world is telling us you can be done be thankful and concentrate on all the gifts you need to buy for your friends and family. The marketers are working overtime to try and convince us to spend our money on their product. They are trying to convince us that our life would be better if we had their product. In other words, they are trying to convince you and me that we should be discontent with what we currently have; and they are good at what they do!

I find it very interesting (and sad) that right after Thanksgiving comes Black Friday. For years this was the day many business make their biggest profit of the entire year. They go from "in the red" (losing money) to "in the black" (making a profit). Businesses are in competition with each other trying to convince you and me to spend money at their store. It seems to me the holiday of Thanksgiving is getting shorter and shorter.

If you go to Lowe's (or many other stores) you will see Christmas decorations for sale in October!!! Instead of focusing on being thankful, let's get a head start on buying things that promise us and the people we buy for happiness. Instead of being thankful, we are given the message of why our life stinks because

New Songs

- ✦ Heaven's Jubilee
- ✦ Be Still My Soul

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Katelyn Seaton (12/3)
- ✦ Lori Ferguson (12/7)
- ✦ Gloria Wyssbrod (12/9)

Calendar Items

Men's Meeting every 4th Sunday
at 4pm at the building

Singing Class on 2nd Sunday

Women's Bible Study Resuming
January 10 at the building at 11

Today's Lessons

- ✦ Growth In The Life Of A Christian (Shawn Morgan)
- ✦ David's Wavering Faith

Midweek Bible Study

- ✦ Luke 5

we have not bought this product. Okay maybe I'm being too dramatic; but you get my point.

God calls us to be thankful not once a year but every day of the year. "Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (**Col 3:17**) The more thankful we are, the more content we will be with what God has blessed us with. The more we focus on what we don't have, the less thankful we will become.

Being thankful is such a powerful tool and attitude we must have as children of God. Paul tells us in **1Th 5:18**, "in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It is God's will for you and me to give thanks not once a year but "in everything." There is always, always something to be thankful for. We can either dwell on what we don't have and wish we had or on what we do have. We can focus on the positive or the negative, the choice is ours.

It is true we always have something to be thankful for, it is also true there is something to complain about. Paul tells us to do all things without grumbling or complaining and so show ourselves to the world to be lights for Christ. (**Phil 2:14-15**)

We of all people that have ever lived have so many blessings to be thankful for. We get to live in a free country full of opportunities. We have religious freedom that prevents our government from persecuting us for worshiping God. We have so much stuff our houses are full. Aside from all these earthly treasures, we have Christ the greatest blessing of all. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (**Eph 1:3**)

Please join me in continuing to be thankful in the month of December.

Patrick