

Thanksgiving (1)

Date

Name, Pastor

Church Name

Street Address

City, State Zip

Dear Name,

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving," (I Timothy 4:4).

What a great holiday is just around the corner! I love Thanksgiving, not just for the special family gatherings, the "fine dining" and the televised football games, but for the simple reason that it gives honor to God in a unique way. No other holiday focuses attention on being thankful and recognizing the blessings one has received. But Christians and Non-Christians alike fulfill scripture on that day, for Colossians 3:15 specifically tells us to be thankful.

Not only does Thanksgiving honor God, but God also honors the giving of thanks. In Luke 17 we read the account of the ten lepers who approached Jesus for healing. Like many people, nine of the lepers received from the Lord but failed to take time to thank Him. However, Jesus commended the one who returned to thank him for his healing.

This year I encourage you to take the time to consider the magnitude of blessings you have received. No matter what your circumstances, you have much for which to be thankful.

Let me also take this opportunity to tell you that one of the things for which I am thankful this year is YOU. You are a vital part of the Body of Christ, a testimony of the power of God. I am thankful that the Lord has placed you within the First Church congregation. This year may your Thanksgiving holiday be a joyful time.

Sincerely,

Name