



# NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

## NOVEMBER 2025

*Being Thankful*

# BIBLE STUDY

Explore life-changing truths and meaningful connections in our weekly Bible Study sessions!

Activities, special prayers, and engagement to provide for great conversation and learning to encourage you as you evolve as a Believer that demonstrates 'Being Thankful'.

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**November 4, 11, 18, 25**

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**Bible Study**  
**November 2025**

## **“Thanksgiving”**

**Thanksgiving means expressing praise and gratitude to God for His blessings, provisions, and goodness, often through worship, offerings, and prayer. It is a holistic act that acknowledges God as the source of all good things, an act of worship that deepens your connection to Him and encourages a heart of contentment and humility.**

**It is found in the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Hebrew word Todah signifying a hand of extended praise and the Greek word, eucharistia referring to a good gift or grace. The act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgment of benefits or favors, especially to God. Expressions of thanks to God.**

**Thanksgiving is important to God because it is a fundamental form of worship, a way to acknowledge His providence, express gratitude for blessings, and connect with Him more deeply.**

- **It honors and magnify's God**  
-a sacrifice of praise, a way to enter into His presence
- **An act of reverence**  
-Thanksgiving is considered a sacred act of recognizing God's role in guiding, sustaining, and blessing our lives.
- **A way to enter God's presence**  
-Biblical passages like Psalm 100:4 encourage entering God's gates with Thanksgiving, indicating it is a pathway to connect with Him.

### **Acknowledging God's Goodness**

- **Recognizing Providence**  
-Giving thanks acknowledges that God is the source of every good and perfect gift that He provides for us.
- **Magnifying God:**  
-Through thanksgiving believers can “magnify” God, making Him appear as important as He truly is.
- **Celebrating God’s Character:**  
-Thanksgiving is a way to celebrate who God is and to focus on the wonderful things He has done.
- **A Command from God:**  
-The Bible teaches that giving thanks in all circumstances is God’s Will for believer’s, as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

## **Key Aspects of Thanksgiving in the Bible**

### **1. An Act of Worship**

**Thanksgiving is a form of worship, connecting people to God and acknowledging His sovereignty and generosity.**

### **2. Expression of Gratitude**

**It's a way to give thanks for God's provision, deliverance, character, and for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.**

### **3. A Spiritual Discipline**

**Thanksgiving is an ongoing practice, not limited to a single day, but rather a mindset to maintain in all circumstances.**

### **4. Holistic Act:**

**It involves more than words; it encompasses offerings, songs, prayers, obedience, and a humbled heart.**

#### **5. Rooted in God's Love:**

**It recognizes that all blessings flow from God's grace and love, fostering a sense of contentment and peace.**

### **Examples**

#### **Old Testament**

- **The Israelites brought thank offerings as a sacrifice to the Lord (Leviticus 7:13-15) and celebrated harvest festivals like the feast of Tabernacles.**

#### **New Testament**

- **Jesus gave thanks before performing miracles, like feeding the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21)**
- **Paul taught that believers should give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18)**
  
- **Thanksgiving is a sacrifice on the altar of our hearts**
- **Thanksgiving is: verbal, heartfelt and active**
- **Verbal an utterance of gratitude, while the heart is aware of it and the tongue gives thanks.**
- **Thanksgiving is not just a response to a blessing but a continual, intentional attitude of praise for God's infinite majesty and glory.**

- **Expressing gratitude in all Circumstances**  
-believers are encouraged to have a thankful heart in all situations, demonstrating trust in God's sovereignty and love.
- **Thanksgiving is the key to humility (Psalm 116:17)**
- **When we acknowledge God as the giver of all things, we sacrifice our pride and admit that what we have is a result of His blessing us and we would not have it without Him.**

## **How Thanksgiving is Expressed in the Bible**

1. **Prayer & Confession**  
-Thanksgiving is woven into prayer as believers make their requests known to God with thankfulness. (Philippians 4:6)
2. **Worship & Praise**  
-This includes singing songs of thanksgiving, as mentioned in Nehemiah 12:27, and praising God's name with thanksgiving.
3. **Offerings & Sacrifice**  
-In the Old Testament, thanksgiving was expressed through sacrifices and offerings to the Lord.
4. **Living a thankful life**  
-cultivating a heart of gratitude is encouraged, leading to a life of thankfulness for God's goodness.

## **Three kinds of Thanksgiving**

1. **Giving thanks for what God has done**
2. **Give thanks for what God is doing**
3. **Giving thanks for what He will do**

## **Thanksgiving Day**

**Thanksgiving the Holiday traditionally has been a celebration of the blessings of the year, including the harvest. Americans share a family meal, attend church service and view a special sporting event.**

- **Colors are: red, brown, orange and yellow**
- **Turkey is the symbol for Thanksgiving, it represents the blessings of nature's bounty, the blessings.**
- **Cornucopia and its significance:**  
-also called the horn of plenty, is a symbol of abundance and nourishment, commonly a large horn- shaped container overflowing with produce, flowers, or nuts.

**Thanksgiving day is an annual Holiday in the U.S. and Canada, celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year.**

**It's commonly known as a way to commemorate the Colonial Pilgrims' Harvest meal that they shared with the Wampanoag Indians.**

**Americans commonly called the first Thanksgiving, celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first Harvest in the New World in October 1621. The feast lasted 3 days. Attended by 90 Native American Wampanoag people and 53 Survivors of the Mayflower (Pilgrims)**

**Abraham Lincoln later declared it a national Holiday, "Thanksgiving " in 1863.**

## **Scriptures**

### **Ephesians 5:20**

**“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ”**

### **Philippians 4:6**

**“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with Thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God”**

### **Psalm 92:1-2**

**“It is good to give Thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your Name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night”**

### **Psalm 86:12**

**“I give Thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify our name forever”**

### **Psalm 106:1**

**“Praise ye the Lord, O Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever”**

### **Psalm 100:4**

**“Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: Be Thankful unto Him and Bless His Name”**

## 1. Thanksgiving Is Commanded

- It's not optional for believers—it's God's will.
- Gratitude aligns us with God's purpose rather than our problems.
- Key verse: **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

### Question for discussion or personal reflection:

Why do you think God commands us to give thanks in all circumstances, not for all circumstances?

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## 2. Thanksgiving Is a Doorway to God's Presence

- **Psalm 100** reminds us that thanksgiving is the entry point to God's presence.
- Worship begins with a thankful heart.
- Gratitude invites God's glory into our situation.

### Application of the Principle of Thanksgiving:

Before entering the King's palace, you announce honor and gratitude—so it is with our heavenly King.

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## 3. Thanksgiving Guards the Heart and Mind

- **Philippians 4:6–7** connects gratitude with peace.
- Worry and gratitude can't coexist—thanksgiving shifts our focus from anxiety to assurance.
- Thanksgiving transforms petition into praise.

### Reflection on being thankful:

How can being thankful in prayer change how we experience challenges?

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#### 4. Thanksgiving Reflects Our Faith

- The one leper who returned to thank Jesus received wholeness, not just healing.
- Gratitude is evidence of faith that sees God's hand in every blessing.
- Thanksgiving is faith's response to grace.

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#### Question for discussion or personal reflection:

What might happen in our lives if we stopped to “return and give thanks” like the healed man in Luke 17?

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#### Application: Living a Life of Thanksgiving

- Daily Practice: Begin each day listing three things you're thankful for.
- Prayer Habit: Always end your prayers with thanksgiving.
- Worship Lifestyle: Turn moments of frustration into opportunities for gratitude.
- Community Focus: Express thanks to others—gratitude multiplies joy.

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#### Daily prayer to reinforce a lifestyle of ‘Thanksgiving’

“Lord, teach us to live thankfully—not just when things go right, but in every circumstance. Help us recognize Your hand in our lives and respond with gratitude that glorifies You. In Jesus' name, amen.”

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# THANKSGIVING CORE VALUES FOR LIVING

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## 1. Gratitude as a Command, Not a Suggestion

**Key Verse:** *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Principle:** True thanksgiving flows from obedience and trust in God, not from our circumstances. Gratitude is an act of faith that honors God’s sovereignty and goodness.

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## 2. Remembering God’s Faithfulness

**Key Verse:** *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.”* — Psalm 103:2

**Principle:** Thanksgiving begins with remembrance. Reflecting on God’s past faithfulness strengthens our confidence in His future provision.

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## 3. Contentment in Every Season

**Key Verse:** *“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”* — Philippians 4:11

**Principle:** Gratitude grows from contentment. When we focus on what we have in Christ rather than what we lack, we cultivate peace and joy.

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## 4. Generosity as an Expression of Gratitude

**Key Verse:** *“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”* — 2 Corinthians 9:11

**Principle:** True thankfulness overflows in giving. Gratitude should inspire us to bless others and reflect God’s abundant grace.

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## 5. Thanksgiving in Worship

**Key Verse:** *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.”* — Psalm 100:4

**Principle:** Thanksgiving is an act of worship. When we thank God, we draw near to Him with reverence and joy.

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## THANKSGIVING CORE VALUES FOR LIVING

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### 6. Gratitude in Community

**Key Verse:** *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”* — Colossians 3:15

**Principle:** Thanksgiving strengthens unity. Expressing gratitude for one another builds up the body of Christ and fosters love and encouragement.

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### 7. Christ as the Center of Thanksgiving

**Key Verse:** *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”* — 2 Corinthians 9:15

**Principle:** The heart of all thanksgiving is Jesus Christ. Every blessing finds its source and purpose in Him.

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## FOR MY PERSONAL REFLECTION ON THANKSGIVING

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Topic: Thanksgiving – A Grateful Heart

### Scripture Focus

Write the main verse(s) here:

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### Suggested passages:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18
- Psalm 100
- Philippians 4:6–7
- Colossians 3:15–17

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### Observation

What stands out to me in this passage?

What words, commands, or promises do I notice?

### Notes:

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### Interpretation

What is God teaching me about gratitude or His character?

What does this passage reveal about living a thankful life?



## Notes:

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## Application

How can I live out this truth today?  
What specific steps can I take to practice thanksgiving?



## Notes:

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## Prayer

Write a short prayer of gratitude or reflection:

Lord, thank You for \_\_\_\_\_

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Help me to \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reflection

- **Today, I'm thankful for:**

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- One area I want to grow in gratitude: \_\_\_\_\_

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- A praise or answered prayer:

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# THANKSGIVING FEAST

Unscramble the letters to find the Thanksgiving words.



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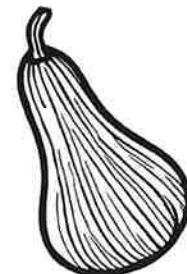
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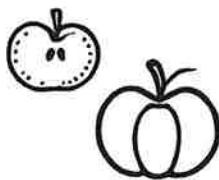


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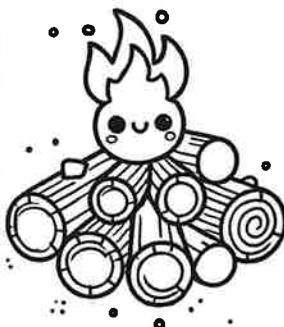
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# FALL WARMTH

Unscramble the letters to find the Thanksgiving words.



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RSEVACS

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TSEWAERS

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GACHTILNLED

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YTFAIMILME

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RUDSGO

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ZIECDRAMEL

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ELFLANN

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RHTAEH

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ICSRTU

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ONCMNAIN

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ETNKTIID

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AEMPL

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FRENBOI

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ENLTRSNA

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# THANKSGIVING HISTORY

Unscramble the letters to find the Thanksgiving words.



BVERMENO

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LIRGPMIS

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SURNAPTI

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RMEWOFYAL

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YOEAVG

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TLOMYPHU

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ETRATY

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LSOIENOC

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TLETRESS

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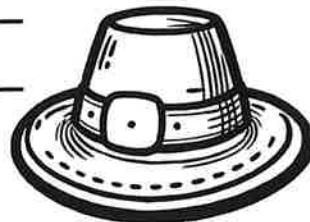
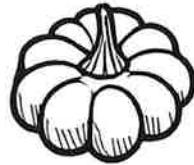
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# THANKSGIVING WORDSEARCH

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## WORD LIST

ABUNDANCE  
APPRECIATION  
AUTUMN  
BLESSINGS  
BONFIRE  
CELEBRATE  
FALL  
FAMILY

FEAST  
FIREPLACE  
FRIENDS  
GATHERING  
GENEROSITY  
GRACE  
GRATITUDE  
HAPPINESS

HARVEST  
HOLIDAY  
LEAVES  
MEMORIES  
NOVEMBER  
PARADE  
PEACE

PILGRIMS  
REFLECTION  
SHARING  
THANKSGIVING  
TOGETHERNESS  
TRADITION  
TURKEY

# THANKSGIVING FOODS

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Y G C K Q V R U A U D N I T A R G X E U

## WORD LIST

APPLE PIE	CREAMED CORN	HAM	SOUP
BRUSSEL SPROUTS	DINNER ROLLS	MAPLE SYRUP	SQUASH
CASSEROLE	DRUMSTICK	MULLED CIDER	STUFFING
CHERRY PIE	GIBLETS	PARSNIPS	SWEET POTATO
COLLARD GREENS	GLAZED CARROTS	PECAN PIE	TURKEY
CORNBREAD	GRATIN	POTATOES	VEGETABLES
CORNUCOPIA	GRAVY	PUMPKIN PIE	YAMS
CRANBERRY SAUCE	GREEN BEANS		

# THANKSGIVING HISTORY

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## WORD LIST

AMERICA  
ATLANTIC OCEAN  
CHARTER  
CORNUCOPIA  
ENGLISH  
EXPLORER  
FALL  
FEAST

HARVEST  
HATS  
HISTORY  
JOURNEY  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSASOIT  
MAYFLOWER  
NATIVE AMERICANS

NEW WORLD  
NOVEMBER  
PILGRIMS  
PLYMOUTH ROCK  
PROCLAMATION  
SAMOSET  
SETTLERS

SQUANTO  
THANKSGIVING  
TRADITION  
TREATY  
TRUCE  
VOYAGE  
WAMPANOAG