

OPINIONS

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Scripture of the Week

1 Thessalonians 5:18
In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (KJV)



By Sherry Brown

Encouragement That Takes You Higher
Thanksgiving Miracle

brisket, you know I'm a big fan of her cooking).

Like most other families, we go around the table saying what we're thankful for. But rarely are our stories of gratitude quite as dramatic as this inspirational Thanksgiving story: By Adam Hunter.

A Thanksgiving Turkey on Every Table

We'd given our turkey to a family that was even more needy. But who would help us? By Mary Jarvis, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

I lifted the heavy lid of our old freezer in the garage and peered inside, looking for some vegetables to make for dinner. For the past year, we'd scraped by on my small teacher's salary

while my husband, Mike, was away at graduate school. With three hungry teenagers to feed, it was a challenge to stretch our grocery dollars. Now, one glance at the half-empty freezer made me question what I'd done on impulse a week earlier.

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Kathy, my 14-year-old, blurted out that one of her friends wasn't celebrating the holiday because her mother couldn't afford it. "We could give them our turkey, Mom," she said. "We don't need it since we're going to Uncle Pat's." How could I explain to her that I was saving our turkey for Christmas? We didn't have enough money for Mike to come home for

Thanksgiving. The kids and I were going to my brother-in-law's so I wouldn't have to invest in a big dinner. How could I afford another turkey before Christmas?

We taught our kids to help others. But to help someone else when we could barely help ourselves? Still, I knew I couldn't say no. Lord, I hope you have a plan because I sure don't.

We gathered up a bag of potatoes and cranberry sauce I had in the pantry. I sent my son, Matt, out to the freezer in the garage to get some vegetables—and the turkey. When we brought Kathy's friend the food, her mother cried tears of joy. At the time, their happiness made me feel better about giving away our turkey. But

now, looking into our freezer, I wondered, Who's going to help us?

I rummaged through the frozen containers—broccoli, carrots, some blackberries from our garden. I pushed aside some frosted bags of green beans and corn. Wait...something was there. Suddenly I stopped and stared. Nestled among the vegetables was a newly bought turkey.

I never found out who the mysterious donor was. Does it matter? Whoever it was knew exactly what we needed, when we needed it.

Sherry Brown: Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! God is so gloriously good all the time and I pray that God blesses you beyond

imagination this holiday season and may the joyous memories be recorded in your thoughts and carefully tucked away in your heart as you watch God's provision and the sweet harmony of rich fellowship with family and friends flood your way, but most of all may the beauty of thankfulness shine the wonders of God's glorious delight in your grateful heart and carry you into the goodness of His kingdom enlightening your life in every unfolding new day.

Psalm 107:1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.



By Cecil Lawson

FOLLOWING IN THEIR TRACKS

by berms running alongside them. The longer I explored, the more I noticed how they networked and joined one another, leading to a long straight ditch running along a fencerow. As I thought about it all over time, I realized that a section of the woods crisscrossed with these streams had been felled sometime in the distant past, and another growth of trees had taken its place. Just a few years ago, I spoke with an old-timer from the area, and he said the previous owners had tried to drain the woods since they remained wet most of the year.

As I explored along the banks of the Licking River I encountered decaying

homestead after homestead. Judging from the architecture and artifacts inside each home, most of the homes were likely built around the turn of the 20th century and had been abandoned likely in the 1950s or 1960s, maybe a little later. I grew up near Isle's Mill, which once stretched across Bath and Rowan Counties and which was demolished in the 1920s, and near the old Moore's Ferry, which can still allow a lifted truck or off-road vehicle to cross in low water. The ferry served to connect the region to Rowan and Fleming Counties for nearly two centuries before it was abandoned.

I was once deep in the

woods and fields near Peasticks when I came upon a concrete house foundation on a lonesome little hilltop overlooking a nearby creek. Historical map study showed me later that an old dirt road had come to the property from the opposite direction, and the road was now long abandoned. In the same area I stumbled upon an old apple grove that had been allowed to grow wild for decades. It was autumn, and the scent of the fallen ripe apples was strong.

My father told me that when he was a teenager,

he was out squirrel hunting near his home in the Ore Mines area, and he had stumbled across the ruins of the original County Poor House, located near Knobs Lick. This would have been in the early 1950s, and he described the remains as that of log cabins. I explored the same area decades later, and it has completely changed due to the installation of a gas pipeline. He also told me he discovered big flat rocks on nearby Flood Mountain which contained Native hominy holes. We returned there to hunt when I was a

teenager, but we weren't able to locate them.

The countryside around Sharpsburg, Bethel, and Moorefield still contain a few Native mounds, though many of them and their accompanying dirt circle enclosures have now been dug up, plowed up, cleared, and turned to farmland. Even the Natives who early white settlers encountered did not know who created the mounds.

Archaeologists have been rewriting the timeline regarding the settling of North America. With each new discovery, that period has been pushed back, from the end of the Ice Age, 10,000 years ago, to now 15,000 to 20,000 years ago. People have been roving this land for a long, long time.

I've accepted that I will probably never find a wilderness area untouched by humanity, though hope persists in my mind. At the same time, the land around us, every hill, holler, creek, and woods, shares the touch of humanity, much of it now forgotten, awaiting to be explored and rediscovered, maybe even right in your own backyard.

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City of Carlisle

"Christmas Through the Decades"

2025 Christmas Parade
Registration Form

December 6, 2025

Parade Lineup will begin at 4:30 p.m. at
Nicholas County
Elementary School

Float Decoration Prizes

1st Place - \$500

2nd Place - \$250

3rd Place - \$100

Please submit completed registration forms to:

Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce - jerry907thewind@gmail.com

Group / Organization / Business
Name _____

Primary Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Number of Participants: (Circle One) Attached form must be completed by each participant

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6 - 10

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Type of Entry: (Circle One)

Float

Marching Unit

Dance Troupe

Vehicle

Civic Organization

Tractor

Horses

Other _____

Please include a short description of your parade entry or attach a picture:

Official Rules and Regulations

- No ATVs allowed
- No Santas allowed
- All entries should be identified by sign (with group/organization name).
- All entries are encouraged to decorate in "Christmas Memories" holiday theme.
- Holiday music is encouraged, but not required.
- All participants should arrive 1 hour prior to parade time to allow for coordination and staging.
- Limit entries by height and width to reasonable size to safely navigate parade area.
- By submitting this form, you are committing your group or organization to participate in the parade. Should you not be able to participate, please notify the coordinators as soon as possible.



IN CONCERT

Saturday Dec. 6, 2025 at 6 p.m.

The Inspirations
at the
Korea Church of God

Located on Rt. 1693 on Dan Ridge Rd.
Wellington, KY

Admission is free.

For information call David Hale
606-768-3474 or 606-359-1386.