GIVING THANKS TO GOD!

Unbelievably, Thanksgiving day is only a week away. It seems like only yesterday when we were sweltering in the 100°+ heat of August, but then September happened. And poof! It was Halloween already.
As soon as Halloween finished its doings, at the store here we immediately turned our attention to the Holidays, which of course, means Christmas, the gimme holiday of the year. Almost passed over in our thinking was Thanksgiving, a day for stuffing ourselves with the stuff that stuffed the turkey on our table, if we even eat turkey anymore.

Like many other deeply-rooted American traditions, Thanksgiving seems to be getting diluted or distorted. Instead of one of the most spiritual occasions in our annual calendar, since Christmas has been so corrupted into the gimme syndrome, Thanksgiving is also devolving into a time of Family, Food, Fun, and Football. And more Food. And less Family.
Are these things bad? No, and especially in this age when even the institution of family has been under attack so that the nuclear family of (original) mom, (original) dad, and (their) kids composes the minority of families now. It's unfortunate to have to say that if a broken family is what you have, at least there still is an element of family to celebrate.

What is bad is to allow those shallow pleasures to totally displace the original intent of Thanksgiving. What's missing is the somber yet joyful aspect of connecting with God our Father, Creator of the Universe (!), in humble thanks for Who He is, and the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

For perspective from our own nation's history: by 1789, the original 13 colonies had weathered and won a war with the dominant military power in the world, Great Britain. Now independent of Great Britain and its King, George III, they had formed a government after a couple of unsuccessful attempts. Our current Constitution was in place, and the first President, George Washington, took office on April 30.

The first Congress requested that Washington proclaim a day of thanksgiving for all that they had been through, for the union of the colonies into states and therefore a nation, and for the material blessings God had bestowed upon them. He did so on October 3, 1789, creating the first Thanksgiving Day on November 26, 1789. Here is an excerpt.

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in



rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. . . .

How far we have fallen! Can you imagine the current Congress, or the next one, sponsoring such a statement? Heavens, no! We might offend the various constituencies that have developed, many of which are immoral or illegal. To heck with the Christians and normal Americans who still honor this tradition. We must coddle all of those dedicated to destroying it and everything good about being American.

Therefore, it's up to us individuals and right-minded groups, to at least approach Thanksgiving in the spirit, and Spirit, of Washington's Proclamation, and give our heartfelt thanks to our Maker and Lord, God Himself.

Psalm 96
Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds amongall peoples.
For great is the Lord and most
worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, all you
families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory
due his name;
bring an offering and come
into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of
his[a] holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations,
"The Lord reigns."
The world is firmly established,
it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the
earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant,
and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
Let all creation rejoice before
the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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Monday, November 30th
5:00 pm at the Moose Lodge
on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Rd.

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Is something bugging you?
COME TO THE NEXT MEETING
TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!

Lucerne Valley Residents:
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
Sat. Dec. 5, 2026
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Behind Lucerne Valley Fire Station
33269 Old Womans Spring Rd
(Enter through gate on Ladera Rd)

CAN ONLY TAKE:
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Fluorescents
- Medical Needles
- Latex and Oil based paint (max 15 gallons)
- All Electronic Wastes (E-Waste)
- Oil and Filters (max 15 gallons)

No Containers Larger than 5-gallons and No Business Waste Accepted.

NO TRASH - NOTHING ELSE

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