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As my daughter grew up I was determined to make Thanksgiving a time for celebrating faith, family and freedom. I read stories about the Pilgrim's journey of faith from England to the shores of Cape Cod, Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620. As believers in Christ, we have so much to be thankful for as Americans. God has abundantly blessed our nation.

**Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**

I've always been impressed by the faith the Pilgrims demonstrated when they held the first Thanksgiving festival. Though they suffered much while starting a new life in the new world, they also recognized that God had clearly and miraculously guided their steps. Their experience was a little better than others who had attempted to colonize on the American shores. Plymouth lost 50 percent of the numbers, but Jamestown in Virginia had lost 90 percent. The Plymouth settlers had successfully built a little community and grown crops to provide for themselves, while other colonies were totally dependent on supplies from England. Yes, God blessed them abundantly, and they sincerely offered their thanks and praise.

I've heard many people say that Thanksgiving is

their favorite holiday. It is between the increasingly popular Halloween and the commercial Christmas. Thanksgiving is the holiday of "coming home."

It's a time of rest....in stark contrast to the frenzy of obligation and spending that threatens to destroy the being of Christmas. I'm against going shopping on Thanksgiving and Black Friday. Time should be spent with family and cherishing the time you have with elderly parents. Black Friday is too much stress and confusion for me.

The national observance of Thanksgiving is unique. It is both Christian and exclusively American, a holiday for celebrating faith, family and freedom.

When my daughter was growing up and when we shared personal blessings, we both would write five things which we were thank-

ful for..... Such as: I'm thankful for God in my life. I'm thankful that we are in good health, I'm thankful for my grandparents and mother, and etc. I was thrilled to hear her show appreciation the way I had taught her.

During the years that my parents were living we celebrated Thanksgiving and my Mom's birthday together. Her birthday was November 20. In my growing up days we were always stripping tobacco that particular time of year, therefore we all pitched in prepared a Thanksgiving dinner.

When all my sisters and our families got together it was loud and noisy; pretty chaotic in a small little farmhouse, but we had our parents and all of our family was together and we were blessed. It was a great homecoming!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**THURSDAY**



**top ten**  
**America's Favorite Authors**

1. Stephen King
2. James Patterson
3. J.K. Rowling
4. John Grisham
5. Dean Koontz
6. Nora Roberts/J.D. Robb
7. J.R.R. Tolkien
8. Samuel Clemens/Mark Twain
9. Nicholas Sparks
10. Danielle Steel

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**One Nation Under God**

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In our pledge to the allegiance, and upon our coins is the statement in God we trust. This should be a constant reminder to all of us that this nation did not just happen accidentally. The men who were makers and framers of our constitution were Godly men who relied upon the Bible when they wrote this great piece of legislation.

Aside from the Bible, many have said that this is the greatest document in existence today. In my opinion, every school should have this document read at least once a year in every class.

But sadly, it seems that we as a nation are, may be headed toward a day in the which many will forget the mighty hand of God in forming this country.

How can a nation turn away from its very pledge? By failing to seek the Lord and His guidance for our lives. We can slowly drift away. Again, many have and are not using the Lord's day by faithfully attended the meetings of the church, by a failure to make themselves acquainted with the Bible. In the news, we just heard that some in Africa were shot because they could not quote a verse from the Muslim Quaran. Can we quote freely from the Bible? Sadly, many confessed Christians know very little about it. How can we pledge or honor someone that we are not acquainted with?

One day this very book commonly called the New Testament will be the very book that will be used during our trial before Jesus. **II Corinthians 5:10** and **Revelation 20:12** reveals this to be true. Have you ever read it for yourself? Would one be justifiably ignorant when we are examined by the Lord. Of course, the answer is clear. No! Because we all have access to this book, the Bible.

How can we be said to be an honorable nation when we fail to know and deny its precepts? In closing, let me say again that our God will not continue to bless and protect this nation when this nation is swiftly turning away from Him. If we do not change soon, God may already be withdrawing His hand from us. **Psalm 19:7** says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Did you know that the Bible says these things? Proclaimed ignorance will do you no good when we stand before Jesus. So today everyone has the present opportunity to reach and obey the scriptures, for in doing so one can have their lives changed and made ready for the judgment which is surely coming upon us all.

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Sincerely, Bob Casey

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The Angel Tree program is an opportunity to spread joy and cheer to the less fortunate during the holiday season. Whether you are an individual, family, organization, church, business or club, you can help make a difference by accepting any number of "tags" from the Angel Tree.

Each tag represents the wishes and desires of a child or youth from Estill County. Through Angel Tree, families and children have their specific needs and wants met with a warm and joyous holiday experience.

**How Does it Work?**

- Select a tag that has a child's wish list on it.
- Purchase items that would fulfill a child's Christmas wish. Allow the tags to be a guideline for wish list or clothing sizes.
- Return gifts to address located on the back of each tag **UNWRAPPED** with the tags.

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