



# Ellisville First Methodist Church

## November 2025

From Bro. Mark

### ***“Thanksgiving, A Posture Of The Heart”***

Friends, Thanksgiving is always in season! It cultivates a godly heart and empowers us to participate in God’s amazing work going on all around us. A beautiful example of this is the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, found in all four Gospels. His spirit of thanksgiving was the catalyst for all the good that followed.

For instance, before distributing the loaves and fish, Jesus gave thanks. Think about it, this came **before** the miracle, not after...which is just the opposite of how most approach thanksgiving. He shows us that thanksgiving is first and foremost an act of faith. It celebrates the character of God, who is faithful, good and all powerful. He delights in taking even the humblest offerings and doing something amazing with it! When we follow Jesus’s example of giving thanks it enables us to trust the character of God with any need that we might face. That’s the starting point of everything!

Jesus also shows that thanksgiving moves us to compassion. He looked upon the multitude and asked the hard question, *“What can I/we do to make a difference here?”* The answer was obvious to Him, i.e., sharing what we have with them, no matter how small it may seem. Sadly, His disciples didn’t want to go there. I guess even the best of us are still in training when it comes to this matter. But the really big question for us is, will we like them, at least cooperate with Him and learn a priceless lesson of the kingdom?

Last of all, Jesus shows us that thanksgiving inspires what is surely the acid test of true Christian discipleship... sacrificial living. He took what the boy surrendered and multiplied it a thousandfold! A few months later Jesus would do something like this as well, only on a much grander scale. He was living true to His word, *“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”* (Jn 12:24) I hope we see ourselves as some of those seedlings! This story is a beautiful reminder that thanksgiving isn’t just a holiday, it’s a posture of the heart. It can’t be learned in a day but must be practiced every day and in every situation. What are the situations facing us today? Let us give thanks in them by trusting in God’s faithfulness to provide, showing compassion to others and surrendering ourselves in service to Him.

Grace and Peace,

*Bro. Mark*

## Volunteers for November

### Children's Church

November 2 — Ann Manning  
November 9 — David McGowin  
November 16 — Marley Mixon  
November 23 — Jason Cooley  
November 30 — Lindy Farmer (music)

### Audio/Visual Technicians

November 2 — Marley Mixon & Gina Mixon  
November 9 — Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring  
November 16 — Garrett Mixon & Gina Mixon  
November 23 — Garrett Mixon & Marley Mixon  
November 30 — Garrett Mixon & Gary Herring

### Acolytes

November 2 — Isaac Alexander & Luke Welch  
November 9 — Will & Andy Crumpton  
November 16 — Haynes Walley & Merritt Cooley  
November 23 — Sam Longwitz & Luke Welch  
November 30 — Whitley & McKinley Manning

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 AM Morning Worship

### Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
5:50 PM Awana  
6:15 PM Prayer Service  
6:30 PM Youth & Young Adults  
meet at their designated rooms  
7:00 PM Choir Practice

## November Meetings

**Methodist Men** - Sunday, November 2, 8:00 a.m.

**Finance** - Sunday, November 9, 8:30 a.m.

**Charge Conference** - Sunday, November 16, 3:00 p.m.

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p.m.



We need more volunteers to assist in the sound booth each Sunday. Training would be provided so no prior experience is needed. If you would possibly be interested in volunteering, please contact Gina or speak with Garrett Mixon about this. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

## November Birthdays

2 — Charlie Coker  
4 — Nancy McClellan  
6 — Weston Manning  
7 — Joanna Cooley  
Cathy Dean  
15 — Tlvin Nobles  
17 — Chad Garick  
Walker Manning  
23 — Alaina Garick  
25 — Tony Bounds  
27 — Suzanne Haynes  
29 — Tracy Haynes

## Prayer List

Family of Vivian Alsworth  
Kitty Bounds – Homebound  
Shari Bryan – Cancer treatments  
Terry & Marilyn Buckhault – Homebound  
Sue & Charlie Coker – Homebound  
Cathy Dean – Homebound  
Mac Haynes –JCRH Rm 109  
Joann McKenzie – Homebound  
Frances Munn – Homebound  
Clarence Putnam – Back surgery recovery  
Frances Reynolds – Recovery at home from surgery to repair broken tibia  
Dave Robertson – Homebound  
Dwight Sanders – Homebound  
Mary Frances “Tootsie” Stringer – Jones County Rest Home Rm 408  
Larry & Diann Walters – Homebound  
Jan & Jerry Wansley – Homebound  
Family of Rubin Wooten