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Our Vision

To transform the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to help people become disciples who know God, grow as Christ followers, and go live on mission.

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RECORD OF OUR

FAITHFULNESS

October Total Budget Expenses October Budget Received October Budget Shortage	\$58,064 \$51,550 (\$6,514)	
October Capital Improvement Expenses October Capital Improvement Received October Capital Improvement Overage	\$ 0 \$ 1,885 \$ 1,885	
October Ministry Plan Shortage	(\$4,629)	
(Unaudited as of October 28, 2024)		

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS MDWK



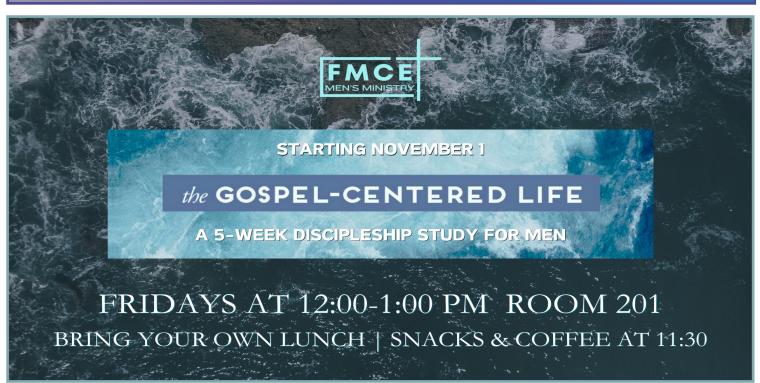
Scan to make a dinner reservation. KNOW.GROW.GO. Dinner 5:00 PM

Kids & Students 5:30 PM

Bible Studies 6:00 PM

Chancel Choir 6:00 PM





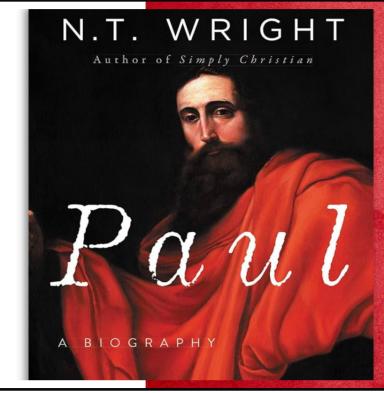






The FMCE Ladies' Circle of Friends will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 9:30am in The Gathering Room.

All FMCE ladies are invited! Come and bring a friend!



Pastor's Study Wed Nights 6PM Room 201

A study of one of the most famous Christian figures who survived assassination attempts, shipwrecks, and imprisonments.

FMCE MDWK



Thank you to all those who sent cards and gifts for my 19 years at First Methodist Church. All your words of kindness and expressions of love are greatly appreciated. ~Lynn Parks

Just a note to thank you all for the cards and gifts given to us for Pastor Appreciation. We are so grateful for your love and friendship throughout the past 18 years. We thank God for bringing us here and allowing us to be a part of the FMCE family. Thank you again for your generosity and love. We certainly love you all! ~ Billy & Janis Luttrell

Pam and I are so blessed to be a part of the First Methodist Church of Enterprise. Your many gifts and well wishes during Pastor Appreciation month are evidence of your love. Thank you for remembering ~Gary & Pam Daniel us in such a generous and gracious way. We love you all!

Thank you does not even explain the significance of my thankfulness for you. Mary Evelyn and I cannot express enough gratitude for you all and the many gifts, cards, and homemade items during this pastor appreciation month. Truly, you are the best, and I cannot express how thankful we are for each of you. I am especially grateful for the coffee and coffee cards!!! Thank you for loving us so well and being such a joy in our lives. May God bless you each and every day, especially during this holiday season. I am so grateful for you all.

~In Christ with much love, Matt, Mary Evelyn Jordan, and the Boys

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES & CRUCIFER SCHEDULE

Acolytes: Mary Kathryn Marshall & Harley Schlieger November 3:

Crucifer: Hadrian Lett

November 10: Acolyte: Havana Lett

Crucifer: Hadrian Lett

November 17: Acolytes: John Curry Lyons & Walter Stuart

Crucifer: Maggie Lyons

November 24: Acolytes: Claira Stuart & Walter Stuart

Crucifer: Mary Kathryn Marshall



Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Partnership

A Word from Pastor Matt

hat a season of life in our world and our church! In just a few days you and I will be making critical decisions with the American freedom we have in voting at the ballot poll. This season of the church is also a time when decisions will be made about the budget and nominations. I'm sure these decisions in the church and the world have you on the edge of your seats. Nominations, budgets, and elections are what make us go wild. Maybe that is the truth for you, or like many, you don't feel "revved" up by such news. However, as believers in Jesus Christ, we have a role in all these topics through our prayers, presence, gifts, and partnership. As for the election, we have authority at the voting booth to advocate for our greatest passions and decisions for who can lead our country. Furthermore, we must understand that Christ is King! Through the good news of the Gospel, we know He is the Davidic King fulfilling the Old Testament promise of a King establishing the Kingdom forever. Christ is the King, and no other will be on the throne. Christ is the one who is the Ultimate and deserves our greatest submission. Therefore, we must vote and make those decisions in the light and lens of being followers of the Christ Kingdom before the American democracy. Furthermore, we have a responsibility to be good stewards of our citizenship according to Jesus (pay to Caesar what is Caesar's) and Peter (always be ready to give a defense for the reason of the hope that is within you with gentleness and respect). How we vote, talk, live, and respect one another is all in the lens of the Kingdom of God.

Now, what about in the church? Decisions that make little change in the world outside of our existence within the walls of the church and our mission? Through our membership within the church, we have committed to support the mission of the church through prayers, presence, gifts, and, I would argue, our partnership. The first three are easily understood. We must pray for our church, attend and be involved in our church, and give our tithes and time as part of our spiritual worship to God through the means of the church. But what about partnership? Paul says it this way about the church in Philippi, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now." Partnership...a commitment to a shared mission and shared goals. You and I as members of our congregation are partners in ministry for the advancement of the gospel. As a church with a full staff it is often easy to get into a habit that staff provides ministry and experiences and members fulfill the gaps. However, the normal statistic in this ministry is that 20% of the people do 80% of the work. From the view of a partnership, we commit together to the same vision and mission of ministry and commit to the purpose of advancing the gospel through transforming the world with the Good News. My encouragement to you is not to look at what is being planned and offered, but to partner in all ways with how we as a church are advancing the gospel in our ways through our time, prayers, presence, gifts, and partnership with one another. As you know this time of nominations and budget discussion involves the idea of supporting the budget with pledges. I encourage you to consider how you partner in the advancement of ministry through the advancement and support of the budget for the means of achieving our ministry goals for the glory of Christ. We must partner together through both our allegiance to Christ in the world of politics and our allegiance to the call of Christ through the church in how we advance the Gospel. Commit to partner with us in the ways we seek to transform the world with the good news of Jesus.

Happy Fall!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

Pastor Billy's Notes. Count Your Blessings

ong ago, the pilgrims came to America in search of a new life, with freedom of religion. During the long, hard journey they suffered sickness, starvation, and even death. Still, they celebrated that first year; thankful for food because they had been hungry, thankful for shelter because they had endured the elements, and thankful for safety for they had risked their lives in coming to the New World. They were thankful for life because many had died.

The pilgrims focused their attention on the giver of life, not their condition in life. Often, we give thanks for the abundance of our possessions, focusing on our gifts, not on the giver. If we turn our attention to Jesus, we will be able to give thanks in all things, even if our immediate situation is not all that we want. Our actions need to reflect our attitude about life. When we become preoccupied with our disappointments, we are likely to miss all the blessings around us.

Each day this month let us give thanks for the things we take for granted.

Some examples:

For God who loved us first
For Jesus who gave his life for us
For the Holy Spirit who dwells within us
For the wonderful place we have to worship
For family
For being able to smile
For children whose toys clutter the house
For a job

For the ability to forgive others because God first forgave us For a house to come home to For friends

We all have a multitude of things for which to be thankful and I challenge each of us this month to stop each day and think of something or someone we are thankful for. A line from the hymn Count Your Many Blessings, reads, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done". If we do this, each of us will find we have a lot more to be thankful for than we realize.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

"Sing"cerely, Billy

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The Church Office will be

CLOSED

Monday, November 11, 2024 for the Veterans Day holiday.



As I'm writing this newsletter, it is a few days before our fall fest and my office and the table outside my office are overflowing with silent auction items, fall fest items, and candy (lots and lots of candy). Once again, this proves how amazing our FMCE and Enterprise community are with helping with any event we do at this church. We have over 30 chilies for the dinner and over 60 volunteers helping with the fall fest. It only seems fitting since November is about being thankful for me to give a HUGE shout-out to everyone who helped in some way to make this event successful.

Kids Min has been learning much about prayer and praying to God with our Armor of God series. We start each Wednesday night with a prayer activity. So far we have done a Skittles prayer, playdough prayer, and written a letter to God. I encourage you to let our kids know if you have a prayer request and we can add it to our prayer list, having a kid pray for you is truly seeing the love of Jesus. The kids are enjoying our new hangout room and the new playground equipment. The Gospel Project gives the kids a great Biblical foundation and makes them inquisitive about different people and events (they can't believe how old Abraham was when he had Isaac).

Thursdays at the YMCA are going so great. Those kids love learning about Adam and Eve and the first sin. If you need a blessing and have a free Thursday afternoon let me know, I would love for you to join me.

Please let me know If you have a kid who would like to be on the Christmas float. The parade is on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Merge Camp is happening next July. Please check your schedules and let me know ASAP if you need spot.

We will present our Christmas Program during Sunday School hour on December 8th. Let me know if your kid wants to participate. We have new costumes thanks to a generous donation. I am so thankful for these.

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Milesa Eagan
Director of Kids
Ministries



T-Shirts for Missions with Our Mission

FMCE Students are headed to MFuge in Mobile next summer, and many of you are helping us get there by purchasing a shirt. Over 100 shirts were sold, making us \$900+ for camp. This mission camp includes worship, small group Bible study, and service projects at various ministry sites in the Mobile area. This awesome opportunity costs \$400 per person.

How can you support those who are going to MFuge Mobile? 1.) Pray for the group of students and adults that God is forming. Pray that over the next several months God will mature them as believers and prepare them to share the gospel. And 2.) Give a full or partial scholarship for participants. Thank you in advance for supporting the missional efforts of FMCE Students.

Student Ministry

The month of November always carries an emphasis on thankfulness. I'm so grateful for all the parents and leaders who pour into and invest in FMCE Students. You make ministry effective and fun!

This month we're having a 3v3 Faction Basketball tournament on November 3rd and Friendsgiving on Nov 17th. As always, you're invited to come and see the fun we have and the lessons we're learning. We're about to start The Plagues in our study of Exodus on Sunday nights, and we're almost done with our How to Study the Bible series on Wednesday nights.

FMCE Students calendar is available at www. fmce.church/students.

I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming

our testimony about Christ among you.

−1 Corinthians 1:4-6

Young Adults

We have a YA Survey out and would like to encourage all 18-29-yearolds to complete it so that we can provide opportunities for you to Know, Grow, and Go that best fit your schedules. If you're in this age group, scan the QR to complete the survey.

Blessings, Amy familymin@fmce.church 256.750.1771





Dr. Amy YoungDirector of
Family Ministries



Mom's Day Out & Stepping Stones Preschool

"Children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3

Tammy Ezzell, Director mdo@fmce.church ~ 334-393-2536

November 2024

We have many fun and exciting plans for our upcoming holiday season and look forward to sharing our Thanksgiving Feast with families and friends on November 22nd and our Christmas Program on December 10th. Both events give us a chance to celebrate the holidays and an opportunity for our children to sing and perform.

May each of you have a blessed Thanksqiving as we take time to remember all for which

RAISING GREAT KIDS IN A TROUBLED WORLD (4)

Another point of parental confusion is this: Bitter versus better. What is bitter-Another point or parental contusion is this: Bitter versus better. What is bitterness? It is strong resentment or cynicism. How do parents create bitterness in their children? Consider the following triggers: (a) Inconsistency. This happens when you are autocratic and authoritarian one day and permissive the next. What brought a strong rebuke today brings a smile of leniency tomorrow. So, your child never knows what to expect. (b) Moodiness. Today you're fun and enjoyable to be with; tomorrow you're irritable and distant. (c) Unreasonableness. There is no room for discussion, no opportunity for children to explore their feelings. "Just do as I Say because I say it!" So, the kid is never given the chance to think through the reasoning process. (d) Abusive behavior. It might be physical or emotional (withholding your love, the silent treatment, rejection). Or it might be verbal (yelling and using words that wound). (e) Failing to walk your talk— saying one thing but doing another! You profess certain beliefs but don't practice them. You expect your kids to be respectful I while you display disrespect to others. You expect honesty from your children, but they see you cheat and lie your way through life. Children are keen observers— they may not say anything, but not much that you do escapes their attention. They see your inconsistencies— when what you say doesn't line up with what you do. All of these behaviors can make them resentful. "Do not embitter your children." ness? It is strong resentment or cynicism. How do parents create bitterness in

Don't set them up to become discouraged.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hudson G.	Nov. 4
Carsen Y.	Nov. 6
Henry S.	Nov. 6
Barrett H.	Nov. 6
John Parker	Nov. 7
Hazel D.	Nov. 12
Archer F.	Nov. 16
Thea H.	Nov. 20
Hattie A.	Nov. 24



Remember...

Veterans Day Holiday—Nov.11 Thanksgiving Feast—Nov. 22 (Friday)10:30 (NO School today) Thanksgiving Break—Nov. 25-29 Christmas Program—Dec. 10 (Tuesday) Christmas Class Parties-Dec. 19 (Thursday) Christmas Break—Dec. 20 @ noon—Jan. 7

School Resumes-Jan. 8

JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING FEAST-



Join us in counting our blessings with a time of food, music, and fellowship on Friday, Nov. 22nd at 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Children in the Bear, Bumble Bee, Duck, Frog and Tiger classes must be here, in their classrooms, by 10:00.

Children and families in all

other classes are invited to enjoy the program and join us for our Thanksgiving Feast. There will be no school on this day.

Chicken fingers, turkey, and dressing will be provided and each family is asked to bring a dish to share. Each class will be asked to bring a specific kind of food. You will receive a note home in your child's Daily

MDP/SSP will be closed MONDAY, November 11th Vetran's Day Honoring all those who have served

NOVEMBER CURRICULUM SUMMARY

1s and 2s: family, pets, and Thanksgiving theme

3s: Thanksgiving stories, sorting by shape, the senses of sight and taste, letters I, J, K, brown, square, rectangle

4s: the story of The First Thanksgiving; understanding the need for food, drink and shelter, classifying according to size, function, or other attribute, and the letters Kk, Ll, Mm.

November Bible Verse

"Therefore, I will give thanks to you." Psalm 18:49 **Bible Stories**

The Man Who Said, "Thank You" **Give Thanks**



S.T.A.R.S.

We are blessed to have the CSM Bennie Adkins State Veterans Home in the Enterprise community. Arrangements have been made with their personnel to have our STARS tour the home on November 12. We will begin the meeting at 11:30 with lunch in their cafeteria. No covered dish that day, but there will be a charge of \$7.00 for lunch. We will tour the facility afterward. I need to let them know how many of

our group will be eating in the cafeteria so adequate plans can be made. Please let me know ASAP if you will be having lunch and/or if you will just meet us at the facility at noon for the tour.

We plan to take the Church Bus for those who would like to ride, or you can meet us at the facility. Please let me know if you will be riding the bus.

Our church is establishing relationships with the home to minister to the residents. Rev. Billy Luttrell will take the Senior Choir to sing there early next year, and I will have a monthly devotion for the residents in their chapel. Perhaps more opportunities will be developed in the future.

For those who may not have heard, John Rairigh has moved into the Veterans facility.

Please let me know if you will be joining us for lunch and the tour, or just the tour. Thank you!

-Pastor Gary

Habits of Healthy People - The Series Eating

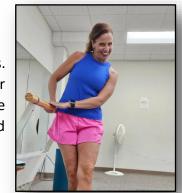
So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Skipping meals can result in increased cravings for things that aren't good for us. Skipping our spiritual food can do the same. We get worn down and allow our circumstances to define our responses and we miss opportunities to have conversations that God destined for us to have because we are physically and spiritually hungry. Eat on a regular schedule, prioritize protein and pray.

Jenny Brown

MHR, NASM-CPT, AFAA-CGFI
Precision Nutrition Level 1 Nutrition Coach
Precision Nutrition Sleep, Stress and Recovery Coach



Jenny Brown

ENTERPRISE CELEBRATE RECOVERY

How Do We Stay on the Right Path?

Celebrate Recovery meetings vary somewhat each Tuesday night. We have a CR lesson on second and fourth Tuesdays and a testimony on third Tuesdays. First Tuesdays are reserved for a celebratory Chip Night. Chip Night is when participants celebrate various milestones in their recovery. Anyone present may decide to accept a blue chip to remind them that they have embarked on a journey to work on a specific issue that has impaired their walk with God, an issue that may have wreaked havoc in their life. The emcee for Chip Night will say "The first chip is most important. It is blue, representing "surrender. If this is your first time at Celebrate Recovery or if you've identified a new area in our life you would like to surrender, or if you have relapsed and are coming back, this chip is for you. If you have relapsed, remember there is no shame in coming back. We feel blessed that you made it back!"

This past Tuesday, we heard an excellent lesson on RELAPSE. Sometimes we think we "have it made," and then things seem to fall apart. Soon we may look for comfort in all the wrong places, people and things. Once the devil gets a foothold, it becomes harder and harder to ward off a relapse. We were encouraged to strengthen ourselves with reading God's Word, prayer, turning to our sponsor and accountability partners, coming to CR, serving at CR, and avoiding temptation by keeping our distance from those people, places and things that got us into trouble.

Patsy demonstrated with a jumbo-sized Jenga game, showing how we may poke and prod a piece of the tower to move it out of the stable foundation and stack it on top where it weighs it down and could lead to collapse. She said that once the devil gains a foothold into one of the gaps in our life, he will tap and prod until the structure weakens even further. It was an excellent visual for what can happen in the preceding days, weeks, and months before a serious relapse. We were reminded of what to do to prevent relapse and fortify our foundation with God's Word and a pure and loving heart.

Come see us on Tuesday nights. There is always a blessing and something more to learn and take to heart.

Jean Johnson

Ambassador for Enterprise Celebrate Recovery



Memorials

Neal Brown
Tim & Freddie Alford

Oliver Williams Herbert & Joyce Barr

Eugene & Katie Marcum
John R. Wallace
Sheila Warren
Kenneth & Sara Strong
Polly Carver
Gail Wesley
Jo Ann Canon

PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your daily prayers. If you know someone who should be included on this list, please feel free to or call the Church Office at 334-347-3467 or email secretary@fmce.church to add your request. If you see someone on this list who needs to be removed, we would appreciate that information as well. Please pray earnestly for these and others you have upon your hearts.

Our Church; Our Nation; Our Frontline Workers; The United States of America; Our United States Military Men & Women; The 2024 Presidential Election; Law Enforcement Officers. Firefighters, Paramedics, EMTs, Doctors, Nurses, and Unspoken Concerns; Hospital Staff; Hurricane Helen & Hurricane Milton Victims; National & Worldwide Issues; Natural Disaster Victims; Peggy Adie; Herbert & Joyce Barr; Bennie & Geraldine Beckham; Jackie Bryars; George Chattin; Craig Cody; Kevin Cohee; Mary Jane Collins; Millie Crowder; Don Ellis; Karen Dunham; Kathy Gammill; Gene Gullo; Su Hunter; Jane Jesson; Peggy Jeter; Betty Johnson; Aaron & Jamie Jones and Family; Caro & Jack Kaiser; Ramona Kelsoe; Travis, Jennifer & Baby Michael Konrath; Carolyn Lambert; Laura Lolley; Jon McCart; Joann McCormack; Gene & Katie Marcum; Bonnie Morgan; Jordan Morrow; Dorothy Munns; Teresa & Brian Neill; Melissa & Addison Paul; Kathryn Peacock; Kathy Przybala; Mary Rollins; Dottie Schwartz; Sis Sherling; Maureen Swindall; Debbie Tarbox; Barbara Vaughn; Wallace; Jason Wood; Marci Young.



November

- 1 None
- 2 Ellie Dillard, Linda Frye
- 3 Emma Coe, Joe Zeller
- 4 Dana Cappadoro, Bonnie Gilmore, Kaitlyn Kuriger, Janis Luttrell
- 5 Gina Oates
- 6 Mike Grubb
- 7 None
- 8 None
- 9 Caroline Richards
- 10 Amy Young
- 11 Darla Grubb, JoDee Norwood
- 12 Marc Barr
- 13 Kathy Przybyla
- 14 Joe Brown, Jim Pollard
- 15 Tammy Ezzell
- 16 Carlie Coe, Linda Sweitzer
- 17 Elizabeth Dillard, Sharon Gammill
- 18 Joyce Barr, Dawn Ezzell
- 19 Maddie Cappadoro
- 20 Pat Williams
- 21 Jackson Danner
- 22 Stephanie Archie, Sawyer Goodson
- 23 Helen Miller
- 24 Pam Daniel
- 25 Scott Speigner, Suzie Sheppard
- 26 Rhon Robinette
- 27 Blue Martin
- 28 Bennie Beckham
- 29 None
- 30 Marielana Cappadoro, Lee Gilmore, Joe Hetrick, Dottie Schwartz, Joyce Styles

December

- 1 None
- 2 Jackson Bailey, Kamryn Bailey
- 3 Wade Sharp
- 4 Carole Johnson
- 5 Todd Clark

THANKSGIVING

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WORD SEARCH

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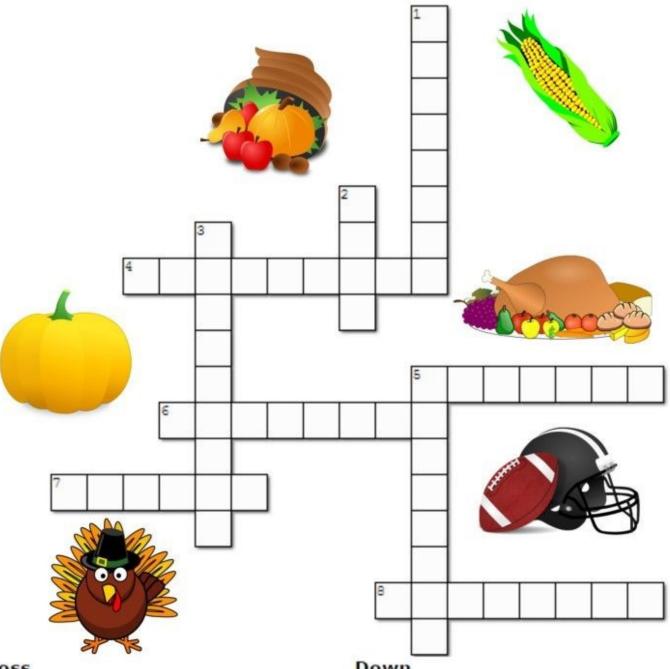
Blessings Corn Cornucopia Cranberry Family Feast Gather Gratitude Harvest Indians November Pilgrims Pumpkin Pie Stuffing Sweet Potatoes Thanksgiving

Tradition Turkey

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Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues to fill in each word in the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 4. A tart red berry.
- 5. I will make a _____ pie for dessert.
- 6. We watch the _____ game on Thanksgiving Day.
- 7. It is the Thanksgiving bird.
- 8. My favorite meal is turkey with ______.

Down

- 1. Thanksgiving falls on this day of the week
- 2. You can eat it on or off the cob.
- 3. The Pilgrims sailed on the _____
- 5. The Pilgrims landed on _____ rock.