

The INFORMER Newsletter



A Thanksgiving Story

Psalms 150: 6

“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.”



PCAI Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours

The PCAI Office will be closed on November 23, 2022 and re-opened on November 28th to give our dedicated staff time with their families. However, we will be checking the voicemail, emails, and processing mail during this time.

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? I heard one boy say, "It means a big dinner." I think we all agree with him. Who does not welcome and enjoy a good dinner! I heard Mary say, "Thanksgiving means a day off from school." I guess you are right too. School is not such a charming place that girls and boys are unwilling to have an occasional holiday.

Now I am going to ask some of the older people what the day means to them. There is a young woman. She is a stenographer. She says, "Thanksgiving means a day away from the office. I am at the office every day except Sunday, and I do appreciate, now and then, a day that is really my own." Yonder is a traveling salesman. What does Thanksgiving mean to you? He says, "It means a day at home. Last year I spent one hundred and sixty-nine nights away from home. I have three children. I would like to see them every day. There are times when many days pass and I do not see them. Thanksgiving week I plan to be at home."

There are others I could ask. Each has his answer. But Thanksgiving has a special meaning for us. It is the Harvest time. I have here an apple. Isn't this a beautiful apple? What beautiful color! Who mixed the paints, who handled the brush to give such color to this apple? God. He, in his infinite love and wisdom, has provided, through the unfailing laws of nature, for the growth, sweetness, coloring and beautifying of all the products of the fields. This apple is but one of many kinds of fruits.

Praise, then, is the great meaning of Thanksgiving. God, our heavenly Father, sends us every good gift. From his bountiful hand come our daily and nightly mercies. We should praise him every day. But the day for the united chorus of praise is Thanksgiving.

BY BRUCE WRIGHT

Revised by PCAI Editor

(Feel free to print this story in your bulletin or newsletter)

God Says, “Don’t Take the Bait”

By Rev. Michael Taylor, Raphah Ministry President

I believe we are in a time when the enemy is trying to distract us and tempt us to overreact to all of his evil doings. When Jesus was called into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil He fought back with the word of God. Satan knows he will ultimately lose his fight against God. Knowing his end, he will try to delay and change God’s timing. That’s where we come in. We can’t take the bait. Satan wants us to fight in the flesh. He wants to draw us out to the middle of the ring so he can cause delay and confusion.

It is important at this time to do all that you know to do but rest in God. It is possible to do and rest at the same time. When we only do what the

Holy Spirit requires, we are in fact resting in God. If we get out of the spirit it leads to anger and frustration. When we react in the flesh Satan can now cause delay and affect the timing of God’s plan in a negative way. Satan will either lead us to get ahead of God or lag behind. The good news is God’s purposes will ultimately be fully fulfilled. If we do our part, rest in the Lord, stay in the spirit then it will be Satan who is frustrated.

I see some of this now playing out in the natural. The political spirit and the anti-Christ spirit is being exposed. The Jezebel spirit worldwide is about to have a great fall. We are entering a new ERA. The ERA of the Kingdom of God on earth. The ultimate battle between

good and evil. God is giving us many signs of things to come.

I believe the passing of Queen Elizabeth is a major sign to us that one season/ERA is ending, and a new season/ERA is now beginning. Queen Elizabeth was the longest living monarch. She held the monarchy as queen for 70 years. Seventy is a significant number in the bible. We read the story in the bible how God raised up Cyrus to free the Israelites from Babylonian captivity after 70 years. I think this speaks to us prophetically that God’s people have also been in a long season of captivity from this world system and tyranny. Just like the Israelites God is about to free His people again. God will free us to bring in this end



time harvest and ultimately usher in the Kingdom age on earth. Don’t lose hope. The battle is the Lord’s. Do all you know to do and wait on the Lord. God is speaking. God is giving us many signs of what is to come. The best is yet to come.

We not only want to experience God’s supernatural power but unless we experience the supernatural power and presence of God in the future there will be little we can do on our own. Continue to seek for His power, presence, and love. This is a time when the world needs to experience His presence and love. Only changed hearts are going to win in the end. ♥

✓ Year-End Checklist for Church/Ministry Bookkeepers

Excerpt from Christian Law Association

1. Housing Allowance. Church Boards and/or Congregations should designate an annual 2022 housing allowance for ministers who own or rent their home (and for ministers who live in a parsonage and pay some of their housing expenses).

2. W-4 forms. All employees should complete new W-4 forms to ensure accurate withholding.

3. Notice of donors. Donors should be advised in a church bulletin, newsletter, or by letter from the church, not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their Contributions Statement from the church. Some people may not be able to deduct certain contributions if they file a tax return before receiving their church contributions receipt.

4. Christmas gifts. Be sure to correctly handle Christmas gifts made by the church or congregation to a minister or staff member. In most cases, these gifts represent taxable income and must be reported as income on the recipient’s W-2 or 1099.

5. Handling end of year contributions. The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the church offering in January of 2023 becomes effective that day even if it is backdated to 2022. **It is not deductible for 2022.** One exception: **Checks postmarked in 2022 are deductible in 2022 — even though not received until 2023.**

6. Business Expenses. If your church reimburses some or all of a minister’s business expenses, reimburse these year-end business expenses NOW.

7. Reclassification of workers. Now is the time to decide if you want to reclassify any of your workers for tax reporting purposes. If you have a minister or lay worker who is treated as self-employed for federal income tax reporting purposes, and you would like to reclassify the person as an employee, the ideal time to make the change is on January 1st of the new year.

8. Voluntary withholding. Ministers’ wages are exempt from tax withholding. This means they use the quarterly estimated tax procedure to prepay their federal taxes. Ministers who report their income taxes as employees can enter into a voluntary withholding arrangement with their employing church. Under such an arrangement, the employing church withholds income taxes as it would for any other employee; and it can also withhold an additional amount of income taxes to cover the ministers’ self-employment tax liability.

9. Order tax publications and renew subscriptions. December is a good time to order your new 2023 copy of IRS Circular E (withholding table) and copies of Forms W-2, W-3, 1099, and 1096 that you will be issuing for compensation in year 2023. To order forms simply call the IRS toll-free number at – 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) or visit the IRS website (www.IRS.gov).

10. NEED HELP? If you need assistance on good tax information for churches and ministers, please contact the PCAI info below:

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Faith In Action

By Bishop Daniel Agomoh, Int'l Council of Bishops

Beloved Saint of God the Most Sovereign King.

Calvary greetings to you and yours in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen!

“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (Mark 11:22-24).

Jesus, Adonai Yeshua is saying to us to have faith in God,

Adonai Yahweh constantly. Truly He said to us, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea and does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him. For this reason, whatever we ask for in prayer, believe, trust and be confident that it is granted to us and we will get it.

HOW FAITH WORKS:

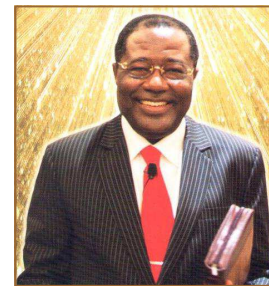
- Faith does not always take you out of the problem but **faith in God takes you through** the problem.
- Faith does not always take away the pain but **faith in God gives you the courage and ability** to handle the pain.

- Faith does not take you out of the storm but **faith in God calms you** in the midst of the storm.

Get close to God, Adonai Elohim first before getting close to anyone else. **God without man is still God indeed, but a man without God is helpless, useless and nothing to mention.**

NEVER FORGET:

How far you have come and everything that you have gotten through. Every time you pushed on even when you felt you could not. Every morning you get out of the bed no matter how hard it was. Any time you wanted to give up God gave you strength for the day and made a way when you saw no way.



All these happen because of God’s grace and mercy to prove that He’s in control.

Your prayer is assuredly answered for this month in Jesus’ mighty name, Amen!

Saints of God Shout, “AMEN & AMEN!”

Remain blessed and rapturable, Yours to reach this generation with the Gospel,

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Holiday Recipes



Sam’s Favorite Chocolate Cake

INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cups cocoa
- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temp
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 ¼ cups flour
- 2 scant tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
- ¾ cups heavy cream
- 1 cup good quality sour cherry jam

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together and set aside.
2. Place the cocoa and 4 ounces of semisweet chocolate in a bowl and pour in the boiling water. Stir until all the chocolate is melted. Set aside.
3. Cream together the butter and sugar until fluffy and about 3 to 5 minutes. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, and the vanilla extract.
4. Alternate mixing in the dry ingredients and the melted chocolate mixture. Do not over mix.
5. Pour batter into two 9-inch cake pans and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.



To make frosting:

Pour the cream into a saucepan over a medium heat and stir in the 8 ounces of chocolate. Whisk until smooth and shiny. Place the jam in a saucepan over a medium heat and stir until it loosens enough to pour it over the cake. When the cakes are done and cooled invert one onto a plate and spread the cherry jam over it. I find it better to spread the jam over the “bottom” of the cake since it is always flat. Place the other cake layer on top and pour the frosting over the whole thing. Decorate with whipped cream and cherries for an extra happy-looking cake.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates on Mileage Rates

(Excerpt from Christian Law Associates)

Due to seeming never-stopping rise in gas prices, the IRS has responded by upping the mileage rate for 2022 by four cents for most types of business use. If you compensate staff and volunteers for mileage at IRS rates, this relatively substantive increase is worth being aware of to ensure you don't inadvertently go over budget.

AS OF JULY 1st:

- ⇒ 62.5 cents per mile driven for business use, an increase of 4 cents from the rate set on January 1, 2022
- ⇒ 22 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up 4 cents from the rate set on January 1, 2022
- ⇒ 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations—this remains unchanged because it can only be altered by an act of Congress.

Key Tax Dates November 2022

November 10, 2022: Churches having nonminister employees (or one or more ministers who report their federal income taxes as employees and who have elected voluntary withholding) may file their employer's quarterly federal tax return (Form 941) by this date instead of October 31 if all taxes for the third calendar quarter have been deposited in full and on time.

Note: If a date listed for filing a return or making a tax payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday (either national or statewide in a state where the return is required to be filed), the return or tax payment is due on the following business day.

Note: You must use electronic funds transfer to make all federal employment tax deposits. This is generally done using the [Electronic Federal Tax Payment System](#), a free service provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury. If you don't wish to use EFTPS, you can arrange for your tax professional, financial institution, or payroll service to make deposits on your behalf. Failure to make a timely deposit may subject you to a 10-percent penalty.

2023 Charter Renewal



ATTENTION!

501(c)(3) Chartered Ministries & Churches under PCAI Group Exemption

DEADLINE: MARCH 28TH

Charters under the PCAI Group 501(c)(3) Group Exemption will receive their **Charter Renewal Yearly Report Packet** in January. OR, Forms are also available in our website: www.paragonchristianalliance.org under "Resources" tab in a PDF file.

It is important that your report be received in our office no later than March 28th.

These renewals are necessary to remain in compliance with the IRS code and maintain your charter's tax-exempt status under the PCAI Group Exemption.

PLEASE REVIEW: *This is a good time to review your monthly giving obligation to ensure you are up-to-date on your ministerial and charter giving. These must be current in order for your 501(c)(3) to be renewed in 2023.*

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFO

Check with your Secretary of State office to verify that your state incorporation is current and active. Some states vary from needing renewal every year or like Texas every four (4) years. Without valid state incorporation your federal incorporation (501 c 3) becomes invalid. You may not receive notice from your Secretary of State that it is due as it is your responsibility to handle this.

ANNUAL CHARTER RENEWAL

Have you renewed your state incorporation and have confirmation that it is active? Without a current state incorporation your federal incorporation (501c 3) becomes void. You may not receive notice from your Secretary of State that it is due since it is your responsibility.

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