



Upcoming Schedule

Dec 7-10

Matt & Ryan at Center Christian Church
Columbus, KS

Jan 11-14

Matt at Pinon Hills SDA Church
Farmington, NM

Jan 26-29

SIBWS 23rd Cadre, 1st Meeting
Noble, OK

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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS!

This year we have focused on History & Destiny. As we ready ourselves for Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the history of the season and of the future to come. It is always great to celebrate this time of year and reflect back. There is so much to be thankful for, but the providence and provision of the Lord is foremost.

His enduring guidance never gets old as He takes us to churches and people that need the message He has given us. This year has taken us to many places we have been to before, letting us reconnect with old friends. At the same time the Lord has opened new doors where people have been excited to hear and see Genesis in a new light with new emphasis. What a blessing to make new friends and meet co-laborers for the Gospel! God has given us connections with young and old alike, enabling the Kingdom work to continue and flourish for His praise. We are so thankful.

Another year has passed and the Lord continues to provide all we need to continue this mission, including His provision of a new truck when we needed one. Yes, we still need help to pay it off, but just to be in a position to handle all that comes with purchasing a new truck is something for which we give great thanks to the Lord. To have what we need month in and month out, even when our program schedule was thin, has been a blessing worthy of great thanks.

Two mornings in November we had the opportunity to teach a group of adults that many in the world forget about - those with special needs. It was a blast to talk with them about dinosaurs and, with several attendees, Biblical history. The Lord allowed us to help a blind young woman to “see” dinosaurs for her first time. All we needed to do was take her hand and let her trace the fossils with her touch. It was a truly exceptional moment to teach someone for her first time that dinosaurs are part of the Lord’s creation. We are so thankful to have been a tool in His providence and provision for those who were able to come.

Our continuing mission is supported by each and every one of you who pray for us. The power of prayer is very real and we see its manifestation so often in this ministry. The financial support from family, friends and the body of Christ, His Church, carry us each and every year. We once again enter this season with extraordinary thankfulness for our Lord and for you. Thanksgiving Blessings!



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2025 Year-End Giving Campaign



Our Year-end Giving Campaign goal is a **Big One**. This spring we needed to replace our aging workhorse 1-Ton truck that pulls our large Mobile Museum of Earth History trailer. Our plan was to wait until next year for this purchase, but our timing is sometimes not our need. Our desire is to pay off the loan, our only debt, with the Lord’s help through you. Our payoff need is \$46,000. If you are able to help, please make sure checks have a post-it note marking it as “Year-end gift.”



Help Us Payoff The Truck

All donations received on Giving Tuesday will go toward our Year-End Giving Campaign.

Simply go to our website:

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The season of giving kicks off with Giving Tuesday. Please consider donating to CTF and help us continue our mission of:

“Training Disciples to Trust the Bible’s History for its Accuracy, so They will Trust its Promise for Their Destiny.”

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Dec 2, 2025



THE REFORMATION AND AMERICA'S FOUNDING

Pestis, pestilential, epidemia, mortalitas – these are the words used in the middle of the 1300s in Europe to describe that which was killing anywhere from 1/3 to 1/2 of the European population (25 to 50 million people). In 1755, Danish historians called it *den sorte død*, “the black death.” With such tragedies over 7 years (1346-1353), drastic changes in economics, politics, and culture ensued. It's not surprising that people sought assurance of their salvation. Masses for the dead and the belief in a purgatory in which souls needed to be purified to enter Heaven became quite popular.

With the increased spiritual awareness, more and more became concerned with church matters. And, in order to help a loved one in Purgatory, an indulgence, a way of reducing one's time or punishment in Purgatory, could be purchased. This and other religious matters were eventually abused. With the Renaissance brought greater and greater pursuits of bigger, better, more beautifully adorned church buildings and church leaders.

As many saw corruption not only in the abuse of parishioners, but also in church authority and doctrine, many started to speak out for reform. Martin Luther published his 95 Theses in 1517, and thanks to Johannes Guttenberg's printing press, was able to print many short treatises on Biblical matters. His publications are thought to amount to 1/3 of all works printed in Germany in the first third of the 1500s. Economic historian Dr. Jared Rubin published in 2014 that “the mere presence of a printing press prior to 1500 increased the probability that a city would become Protestant in 1530 by 52.1 percentage points.”¹



Over in England, King Henry VIII desired to annul his marriage to his first of 6 wives, Catherine of Aragon. Pope Clement VII wouldn't grant it, so King Henry established the Church of England, with him as the Supreme Head. After his and his son Edward's deaths, his daughter from Catherine named Mary was able to take over. She reinstated the Catholic faith, although she was quite vengeful, burning at the stake more than 280 dissenters in her 5-year reign, giving her the label “Bloody Mary.” During this time, many Reformers fled to Geneva where they published in 1560 the Geneva Bible.

After Mary's death, her half-sister Elizabeth became queen and restored the Church of England. After her nearly 45-year reign, her cousin James I became king upon her death. He would commence the 1604 revision of the *Book of Common Prayer* and the Authorized Version of the Bible, published in 1611, known today as the King James Bible.

Understandably, with all this political activity, things may not have always been on the up and up in the Church of England. Consequently, there were many reform efforts that sprung up, such as the Anabaptists, Baptists, Barrowists, Behmenists, Brownists, Diggers, Enthusiasts, Familists, Fifth Monarchists, Grindletonians, Levellers, Muggletonians, Puritans, Philadelphians, Quakers, Ranters, Sabbatarians, Seekers, and Socinians, to name a few.

Robert Browne was an Anglican priest who was influenced by some Puritan theologians. He eventually rejected the idea of purifying the Church of England, and helped start a separatist church in 1581. In 1592, the Seditious Sectaries Act was passed specifically outlawing Brownists and other separatists, including imprisonment. Still, more continued to be influenced. So, in 1604, Archbishop Bancroft launched his campaign of suspending or firing some 380 Puritan and Separatist ministers, many of whom started new separatist churches, such as ministers Richard Clyfton and John Robinson in 1606. The postmaster and manager of the archbishop's Manor House in Scrooby, William Brewster, had been impressed by Clyfton's preaching and invited the separatists to meet in the house.

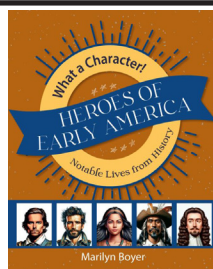
Brewster eventually resigned his position, being fined for his absences at the king's church. As the congregation grew, one enthusiastic 16-year old William Bradford began attending. An orphan since age 7, he had heard Clyfton preach at age 12. Now he was a member of this house church that grew to some 50 members, making it difficult to avoid the authorities. Bradford wrote, “But after these things they could not long continue in any peaceable condition, but were hunted & persecuted on every side... For some were taken & clapt up in prison, others had their houses beset & watched night and day, & hardly escaped their hands; and the most were fain to fly & leave their houses & habitations, and the means of their livelihood.”²

And so they would. They made the decision to venture off into unfamiliar and unknown places in pursuit of religious freedom, that they might raise their families in the ways of the Lord. Because of their dedication to His Word, these pilgrims survived with His grace and numerous miraculous interventions, had special days of Thanksgiving unto Him, and helped lay the Biblical foundation upon which the United States would be built, an incalculable blessing we enjoy to this very day.



The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth
by Jennie Augusta Brownscombe, 1914

- 1 Rubin, Jared (2014). "Printing and Protestants: An Empirical Test of the Role of Printing in the Reformation". *Review of Economics and Statistics*. **96** (2): 270–286.
- 2 Bradford, William. *Bradford's History "Of Plimoth Plantation."*: from the original manuscript. Wright & Potter Printing Co., Boston, 1898: chapter 1, last paragraph, <<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/24950/24950-h/24950-h.htm>>.



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