

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

(THE TRUTH MATTERS...ABOUT LAST THINGS)

5th– Outreach

17th– Jan 2– Christmas Break

25th– Christmas Day



Choir practice tonight at 5:15



NOVEMBER:

THE TRUTH MATTERS... ABOUT PRAYER!

7th– Outreach

11th– Veteran’s Day

18th– Larry and Patti Ableby

19th-23rd– Thanksgiving Break

22nd– Thanksgiving

**AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND
THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.**



Several thousand years ago, God spoke directly to Moses and instituted a new festival for His people. In Exodus 23:16, according to Moses’s record, God said, “and the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.”

Today countries around the world do something similar by celebrating the land’s bounty. In Ghana, the people celebrate the Yam Festival as a harvest event. In Brazil, *Dia de Acao de Gracias* is a time to be grateful for the crops that yielded their food. In China, there is the Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival. In the United States and Canada: Thanksgiving.

To understand the fitting goal of a harvest celebration, we visit Noah right after the flood. God reminded Noah and his family—and us—of His provision for our flourishing existence on the earth. Earth would have seasons, daylight and darkness and “seedtime and harvest” (Gen. 8:22). Our gratitude for the harvest, which sustains us, goes to God alone.

No matter where you live or how you celebrate your land’s bounty, take time today to express gratitude to God—for we would have no harvest to celebrate without His grand creative design.

**DEAR CREATOR GOD, THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR THE WONDROUS WAY YOU FASHIONED
THIS WORLD—WITH SEASONS, WITH
HARVEST-TIME, WITH EVERYTHING WE NEED
TO EXIST. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR GRATITUDE.**

Gratitude is the memory of a glad heart.

