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The Thanksgiving season is a great time to reflect and be thankful for all that God has given us. What better way to praise our God, and show thankfulness to the Lord, than through scripture and song? Because of Christ, our hearts should be filled with triumphant joy, and we have reason to rejoice exceedingly! It is not because we have to, but we desire to.

Psalms 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him.

Psalms 69:30 I will praise the name of God with song, and shall magnify Him with thanksgiving.

You may be a person who enjoys worshipping God no matter where you are! Maybe you are more suited for a private devotion. The point is, the almighty God created you! Have a song of praise and worship in your heart. Reflect on such things as creation, Jesus redemption plan for His chosen people, His grace and mercy, His death, burial, and resurrection, His Millennial reign, and ultimately, everlasting life. When I ponder these things, I am greatly humbled. Please join me, and spend some time in your daily lives reflecting on the greatness of our God. As we grow in wisdom and grace, we gain humility.

Psalms 25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

Psalms 149: 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

Blessings, Leshia Buchy

Meet Virgil & Marianne Thurston

Where are you/spouse from?

I am from Neches, Tx.

What do you/spouse do?

I work part time at Home Depot in Corsicana.

How many children do you have?

I have one son, named Brandon.

How long have you lived where you live?

We built our house in 1989.

Why have you chosen Park Meadows Church?

We attend Park Meadows because we went to a Bible study with Otis Fisher.

How long have you been a member of the church?

We have been going to Park Meadows sixteen years.

How did you hear about the church?

We heard about PMC through the Bible study.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

The most rewarding part of my job is helping people.

What is one of the most important life lessons you have learned that you will share with your children/ others? Do not throw gasoline onto the fire. Unload the gun before you clean it. Block the tires before you pull the flat off the vehicle. Wear a long-sleeved, thick shirt when welding. Come in out of the heat. Do not argue with your wife. The list goes on and on and on...

What are some personal hobbies of your family?

I like to hunt deer, shoot guns and fix stuff.

Where is your Favorite place to visit?

Alaska would have to be my all time favorite place to visit.

If you could be a super hero, what would be your super power?

I would want to be able to fly without devices.

What is your favorite recipe? Yes, we want the recipe!

I grill a mean pork chop!

What is your favorite Holiday/Tradition?

The best part is spending time with my family.

Please share any words of wisdom for our E-News readers!

Trust in God not our government.

How has the Lord been working in you /your family life?

He is showing me that I cannot change myself.



Marianne...

Where are you/spouse from?

I was born and raised in Trinidad, Texas.

What do you/spouse do?

Whatever is needed on any given day at PMA.

How many children do you have?

Brandon is our only child. He was sufficient for all our income.

How long have you lived where you live?

Long enough to know better! We have been in the flood plain for 26 years!

Why have you chosen Park Meadows Church?

The LORD moved me to Park Meadows. I remain, because HE has not removed me. I pray HE leaves me until I completely outgrow my spiritual skin!

How long have you been a member of the church?

We joined the PMA Body of Christ in 1999.

How did you hear about the church?

My friend, Diane Nichols, invited us to attend Bible study in the home of Otis Fisher. The rest is history.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

There is nothing better than seeing the "light come on" while sharing the Word of God with the kids.

What is one of the most important life lessons you have learned that you will share with your children/ others?

Stop. Put it down. Step away. Ask Jesus.

What are some personal hobbies of your family?

We like to travel. We like to be outside. We hunt, ride motorcycles, and fly together. I enjoy working with animals, bow hunting, writing, photography, singing, chasing Scripture and music. Brandon is a birder. Virg can fix anything that is broken!

Where is your Favorite place to visit?

The dining table.

If you could be a super hero, what would be your super power?

But.... I am a super hero. Just ask my donkeys and chickens!

What is your favorite recipe? Yes, we want the recipe!

My grandmother's Flemish Stew is my favorite meal. If I gave you the recipe, I would have to kill you.

What is your favorite Holiday/Tradition?

Providing a nice experience for someone who has no place to go/no one to be with.

Do you have a funny story you would like to share?

You can ask the upper level kids. They hear all of my silly stories.

How has the Lord been working in you /your family life?

The Holy Spirit has been showing me just how many things of this world I have grown accustomed to.

What Are You Thankful For?

I am thankful for
My house, because
Some people don't have
houses and families.

5th grader

I am thankful for
food.
7th grader

I am thankful for
God, mom, and dad.
1st grader

I am thankful for
Parents and hunting.
8th grader

I am thankful for
God, because He created
family and friends.
4th grader

I am thankful for
family and friends.
5th grader

I am thankful for church,
So we can go praise God.
3rd grader

I am thankful for
my mommy and family.
K4

I am thankful for mom and dad
and park days with my friends.
K4



Pumpkin French Toast Bake

8 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 tablespoon white sugar

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree

1 loaf Texas toast thick-sliced bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon butter, softened

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Whisk the eggs, vanilla extract, 2 teaspoons of cinnamon, the cloves, nutmeg, and white sugar together in a bowl; beat in the pumpkin until fully incorporated.

Arrange the bread cubes in a single layer in the prepared baking dish; pour the pumpkin mixture over the bread cubes, and gently toss to coat.

Stir 1/3 cup of brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon, flour, and butter together with a fork in a small bowl until the mixture is crumbly; sprinkle over the bread cubes.

Bake in preheated oven until golden brown on top, 30 to 40 minutes.



At PMA teaching is acting!

**Preparation
Discipline
Encourage
Prayer
Consistency**

Students are involved!



**“Put on therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, bowels of mercies,
kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness,
longsuffering;”**

Colossians 3:12



Upcoming Events

December 4 – 4 weeks grading Quarter Ends

December 10 – Christmas Program 7pm

December 14 - January 3 – Christmas Break

January 4 – Class Resumes

January 11 – Perot Museum Field Trip

January 22 – 1st Semester Ends

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What You
ARE You
Thankful?
for?