

Thanksgiving

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I love the holidays, especially Thanksgiving. I guess because there is so much food to bond over as a family.

Setting the Thanksgiving table is one of my favorite little joys in my life.

Friends and loved ones gathering to celebrate and be thankful is such a beautiful thing!



Thanksgiving Event Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women’s ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Title Ideas

- A Cornucopia of Blessings
- A Cup of Thanksgiving
- A Pilgrim's Feast
- A Tisket, A Tasket...God has filled my blessing basket
- Always Thankful
- Attitudes of Gratitude
- Blessed
- Blessings from Above
- Blessings From Above
- Bountiful Blessings
- Bushels of Blessings
- Count Your Blessings
- Gather and Give Thanks
- Gather Together
- Gobble Till You Wobble (meal)
- Great and Mighty Things
- Great Things He Hath Done
- Harvest Blessings
- Harvest Feast
- Hearts of Gratitude
- Hearts of Praise
- Let's Just Praise the Lord
- Praise Feast
- Pumpkin Pie & Friends
- Showers of Blessings
- Thankful and Blessed
- Thankful Hearts
- The Joy of Blessings
- Totally Turkey
- We Gather Together

Spiritual and General Applications

- Focus on the Thanksgiving holiday and love and friendship.
- Focus on being thankful for our blessings.

Theme Verse Suggestions

- *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.* Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)

- *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psalm 100:4 (KJV)*

Devotional Starters and Workshop Ideas

- Focus on thankfulness and what it does for our hearts.
- Focus on how gratefulness changes our attitudes.
- Focus on praise to God for our blessings.
- Focus on being a "pilgrim" in this life as a Christian. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Simple Decorating

I do think holidays are one of those times that you can go a little beyond simple. After all we are celebrating grateful hearts.

- Cornucopias
- Pumpkins
- Mums or any fall flowers
- Cornstalks
- Apples
- Vines, branches and twigs
- Squash
- Ornamental corn
- Hay bales
- Fall leaves
- Gourds
- Wheat
- Simple Décor: Have a tray of fall and harvest items, such as leaves, small gourds, mini pumpkins, ornamental corn, apples, etc.

Ice Breakers

Count Your Blessings

Have a testimony time of sharing blessings or give out paper and pen to allow them to write them out.

Group Project

Make turkey food items such as Oreo cookie turkeys. Do a search online for a variety of projects.

Kid Friendly

If this is for a gathering of adults and children, you may want to make sure there are activities for the kids.

Just for Fun

- Make paper pilgrim hats to wear.
- Have a pumpkin party with all types of pumpkin desserts.

Music

- The Windows of Heaven
- Let's Just Praise the Lord
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow

Favor Ideas

- Gratitude Journals
- Mini pumpkins with Scripture tag
- Mini cornucopias - Sugar cones filled with Runt's fruit shaped candy
- Bookmark with Bible verse

Door Prize Ideas

- Bible
- Journal
- Gift certificate to coffee shop
- Large Pumpkin
- Fall Wreath
- Fall flowers such as Mums
- Fall decorative items

Food & Serving Ideas

- A Thanksgiving meal
- Any pumpkin dish such as pumpkin bars, pumpkin pie, pumpkin dip, or pumpkin log
- Turkey sandwiches for a lunch

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