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GONE TILL NOVEMBER By Samson O. Fidimaye, STR New Intern

As a child, I heard a song about being gone till November and the thought holds true for Thanksgiving. In Nigeria, where I am from, November is just another month. Having spent three years in this country as

a pilgrim myself, I think that every American has an imaginary month-clock that goes off in November.

As in the song, I count down to November because it is my birth month. So in a sense, even though I am from a distant country, I can relate with the specialness of November for it holds a rich history for Americans and a rich religious history at that.

The first American Thanksgiving Day was in 1621. Govenor William Bradford sent four men out to hunt turkeys after the harvest. The hunters got enough meat to last a week. After eating, the men competed in marksmanship. Many Indians came, bringing five deer, which increased the enjoyment of all. The day was pronounced a success in these words, "And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

Today, the average American is not thinking of God while munching on stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. The rich religious history that has birthed the American Thanksgiving is almost lost. Somehow, national amnesia has caught up with Thanksgiving.

For many, God is "gone till November." They suddenly give thanks to Him on Thanksgiving, when the Bible declares



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President's Perspective

The Reformation Continues!

Thanksgiving is a good time to praise the Lord! We don't praise Him ignorantly. We praise Him for what He has done and **is** doing in our lives. De-

spite the enemy's constant attacks on each of us, God still provides for our families and for our churches.

We thank God for His abundant blessings. Even with the economic downturn this year, God continues to provide for Strong Tower Radio (STR). He provided for our "Daily Bread" which has kept our tower rents and electric bills paid. STR paychecks were delayed for six weeks but He worked on our many faithful supporters hearts and caught us up on our back payroll, along with paying all the bills that were due!

Recently we had an auction, selling listener-donated items and we appreciate and thank all who donated. OUR GOD IS ALWAYS AMAZING! Therefore, we are not amazed at His provision. The \$2,900 from the auction helped in a big way.

Ellen White often said, "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, 'Praise God!'. As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Christian Experience and Teachings, page 204.1.

STR proclaims a unique message for our time. Jesus, our High Priest, stands at the right hand of our Heavenly Father, ministering on our behalf. He offers to cleanse us of all our sins by washing us with His blood. This is completely contrary to what the enemy would have Christians believe.

This continuation of the Reformation Message must be proclaimed in all of the world. Thank you for partnering with us as we share the Everlasting Gospel with all the world!



Changed Lives

1. A couple recently moved to mid Michigan and walked into the local Adventist church. When asked what brought them there, they shared that they had been listening to Strong Tower Radio for several years and couldn't attend first day church any more. They began Bible studies with one of the church elders and we look forward to hearing more of this testimony as it unfolds.

2. Gary befriended a service technician who had come to his home and gave him some Christian books to read. He did something he hadn't done before and asked the technician "do you enjoy listening to Christian radio?" The tech replied, "I listen to Strong Tower Radio all the time!"

3. Helene recently traveled out of state due to a family emergency. During the stressful time away, she often felt the lack of comforting and educational Christian programs always available in Michigan on the car radio. She's very thankful to be back "Where God's Character is Proclaimed!"

4. A listener was recently baptized into the Big Rapids, MI Seventh-day Adventist church! She'd been listening to the Strong Tower Radio station for about a year. People are listening and being blessed!!



Patti says, I am so blessed to hear Strong Tower Radio. I pray you can extend it everywhere. Please use this donation where you most need it!

"Just a note to all of you who have become my church... I can no longer attend mine...I fill my day with Strong Tower... I pray for all of you, my favorite & only station..."Louanna



Tom Mejeur

My Favorite Holiday

It was 1986. If anything could go wrong, it did that year. My career was starting all over at the bottom. We were new parents, and I was working 12-hours a day at manual labor

for \$5.00 an hour, 5-days a week– a fraction of my former wages. Many times I was tempted to be discouraged, but Thanksgiving came and my wife, an encourager, sat us down and we counted our blessings: our new baby was healthy, this was my first paid vacation, and God worked it out for us to buy our first house. Counting our blessings made me realize that He had, in fact, blessed us beyond our expectations. Ever since that Thanksgiving I look back to that year and affirm it as my favorite holiday.

Another blessing has been, we've always wanted to move out in the country and become more self-sufficient. That dream was realized in 2016 when I came to work at Strong Tower Radio. Although making \$50,000 a year less than at my previous job, God has provided us with something very close to our dream home and a greenhouse assembled by an army of helpers who donated their time along with mentors teaching us how to make it a success! Plus, I live right next door to STR, so as I hiked home from work for lunch today, the brilliant yellows and golds of Fall and our many other blessings made me feel happy!

Whenever someone tells us how listening to STR has changed their lives for the better, it fills my soul with praise and gratitude. How many people get to have a job that provides that kind of everlasting joy?

I love Thanksgiving, it's not a complicated holiday, it is about gratitude. It allows me to share my grateful, joyful faith without folks feeling preached at.

These blessing include my men's Bible study at 6 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. The men have become counselors and friends. We wrestle as Jacob did with God in Genesis chapter 32. This has been life-changing!

On July 2nd, 2019 my 87 year old dad, who lived alone in southern Mississippi, had a traumatic car accident. The distance made it difficult for me to minister to his needs. As a result he moved near me and it is a blessing! The Lord did provide mightily in selling his house remotely just before COVID-19. Can you image managing a vacant property over 1000 miles away? Many people came together to make his transition as smooth and worry-free as possible.

When we surrender everything to God, He certainly does remove some "treasures" from our lives, but He replaces those things with a quality of life that we never dreamed possible. I'm grateful to be in the Lord's army.

This year my heart is full of joy. I thank God for His goodness that is beyond measure. Count your blessings and you will see that He is good, and that you matter to Him!

Happy Thanksgiving!







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that all should "remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today" (Deuteronomy 8:18). As Christians for whom God gave His dear life, and as those who are blessed with the eternal riches of heaven, we must remember Him every day. God cannot be gone till November.

At this time of national crisis, many wonder if any good thing can come out of modern America. The question is yours and mine to answer as we celebrate this special month of November. Please pray for our nation.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

New Programs

Lineage Journey season II, Thursdays at 1pm Pioneer Lessons by Dr. Brian Strayer, Thursdays at 1:30pm Estate Planning, Sundays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 at 4:30pm

On-Air STR Today Programs

- Nov 1- Thankfulness theme- Samson Fidimaye
- Nov 8- Garden Guy, November
- Nov 15- Pietism with Christian History Magazine-
- Nov 22- Thanksgiving special programming with Pastor Jay
- Nov 29- Amish Adventist- Andy and Naomi Weaver Family



Thanksgiving Schedule



Make your Thanksgiving Day special with Our programs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

10:00 JB's Thanksgiving Special 11:00 Fresh Manna Thanksgiving Sermon 12:00 Your Story Hour Thanksgiving Stories 1 & 2:00 Village Church Thanksgiving program 3:00 'Attitude of Gratitude' – Holly Bailey-Wiltzer 3:30 'The Day I Feared the Most!'- Dee Bryant 4:00 Tina Wurtz/Craig Morgan – Thanksgiving 4:30 Judy Shull – Thanksgiving

We would love to hear from you. ()))) 231-468-2087; or go to FaceBook.com/StrongTowerRadio; or email us at Info@StrongTowerRadio.org; or go online to our website at StrongTowerRadio.org. Let us know where on the planet you are finding our signal!

Be Thankful



"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.", Psalm 100:4. The Bible instructs us to approach God with thankful

hearts: with this in mind, I want to thank God for the blessings that listeners have shared and/or experienced with STR.

I'm thankful for a listener in the Sault St Marie, MI area who recently shared with us how much she appreciates all the programming on STR.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for sending a Lansing area listener to STR for comfort, guidance and answers when he prayed for help in his great distress in early 2020.

We're thankful for a MI county official in the U.P. who has listened to STR for years and has begun to attend the local SDA church with his family.

I'm thankful for Gary Emmelander and his joy giving Christian books to people with STR promo cards and the Holy Spirit connecting Gary with searching souls!

Thank you, Jesus, for listeners in Midland & Big Rapids hearing present truth that captured their hearts with your love and the recent stand they've taken in baptism!

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for impressing people to sponsor billboards promoting STR programs that share truth in these uncertain times and I'm thankful for the many listeners who are being transformed by the Holy Spirit.

So, thank you, supporters, for your financial investment in

STR that makes these testimonies possible! Your faith in God's word accomplishes His purpose to enable Strong Tower Radio, "Where God's Character is Proclaimed!"



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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STR Thanksgiving Day Specials, November 26th 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

STR Engagements:

11/21 12:15 p.m. Kam at McMillan Northwoods Seventh-day Adventist Church 10/31 11:00 a.m. David at Petoskey Seventh-day Adventist Church 11/07 9:30 a.m. Kam at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church 11/14 11:00 a.m. David at Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church 11/28 11:00 a.m. Kam at Fremont Seventh-day Adventist Church

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