



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
OF THE CANYON

Mid-Week Devotion  
November 22, 2020

On September 6, 1620 132 people both passengers and crew sailed from England to the “new” world. I can’t imagine the excitement of those folks as they boarded the Mayflower for the 66-day crossing of the Atlantic. Spirits were high. Flags were flying. The theme song from “Top Gun” was playing. What an adventure! Less than 12 months later only half of the Pilgrims and crew had survived the adventure. The rest had died. Women, children, and men, so much for the adventure. When I read through the story of the first Pilgrims, I noticed a similarity, albeit extremely slight, between those folks and Christ’s Church of the Canyon minus the funny hats and the buckled shoes! They were **faithful**. They believed in a cause no matter their conditions. Week after week Christ’s Church make their way to wherever we’re meeting for that particular Sunday. Cold weather? Freezing temperatures? Temporary seating arrangements? Child’s play. Too, the Mayflower folks had a **dogged determination**. They were together even while adrift at times in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. For Christ’s Church it’s not about a place. It’s about gathering together with other followers of Christ to worship, pray, and study God’s Word TOGETHER. And finally, the Mayflower family was convinced that they were **following God’s will** even in the midst of their hardships. Is Christ’s Church of the Canyon in the middle of God’s will? I think we are! Does that mean that the hardships, difficulties, and inconveniences will subside? Not this side of heaven. The Apostle Paul in his letter to his church at Corinth writes in **1 Corinthians 1:4, “I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus...”**

Now, I’m no Myles Standish, I think I’m taller but Noe’l and I both thank God for the “church” He’s given us the privilege of leading. What’s in store for 2021? Only God knows. But we’ll continue to be faithful, exercise a dogged determination, and follow God’s will daily.

The adventure continues for 2021!!

Pr. Wayne

### **Upcoming**

- We’re meeting this Sunday, November 29, 9AM and 11AM on the basketball court.
- Ladies, please plan on attending the **Women’s Brunch**, December 12, 9am-11am @ 26711 Raven Rd. Wrightwood (call the church office, 760.244.9462 for additional info)
- Go to [Christ'schurchofthecanyon.com](http://Christ'schurchofthecanyon.com) for more info