



## Black Friday - Spend, Save, and Gain

*Pastor Carlson*

November 2013

Next week is one of the most anticipated weeks of the year! Why? Many are thankful for the shortened work/school week. Some eagerly anticipate special gatherings with large groups of people. Some are gearing up for sports. But what's behind all this excitement? BLACK FRIDAY, of course!

Thousands of people are thankful to be off from work in order to have time to shop. Shoppers will brave the cold and line up in the dark or even camp overnight to celebrate the Black Friday sales events with multitudes of other celebrants. Many strategic game plans, some born out of years of experience and all requiring hours of thought, will be put into action, not on a playing field, but in malls and stores in order to capture the prized items. There will be foot races and wrestling matches galore! Many victorious and satisfied consumers will push back at the end of the day with a sigh of contentment and with a renewed commitment to be earlier, faster and smarter next year.

Has Black Friday eclipsed Thanksgiving as the most notable holiday in November? For many that seems to be the case. Retailers want us to think that.

It's not surprising that so many stores take advantage of a day when consumers are consuming more than turkey and stuffing.

How should we view Black Friday? The Bible nowhere prohibits shopping on the day after Thanksgiving. Certainly, we should be good stewards and save money when we can, right? True, but here are some additional directives to help us think and act biblically.

Be thankful! As our society turns further away from God, we should support and promote every remaining vestige of biblical virtue. One of those virtues is giving thanks to God. God is good and His mercy endure forever. His tender mercies are over all His works, and are new every morning. Every good gift comes down from the Father of lights.

In fact, what do we that we have not received as a gift from God? Thus, in everything, give thanks and keep alert with an attitude of thanksgiving. Cherish a holiday which is rooted in giving thanks to God (Plymouth Plantation in the Fall of 1621) and which has been set apart for giving thanks to God (Washington on Oct. 3, 1789 and Lincoln on Oct. 3, 1863).

Don't let Black Friday cast its dark shadow over your day of giving thanks on Thanksgiving. Be content! Businesses are striving to make you discontent with what you have and stir up an appetite for what they have for sale. There are Black Friday flyers, e-mails and texts. Many companies post their Black Friday specials on their store website, and numerous generic websites exist to help you find the best deals (for example, BlackFriday.com, theBlackFriday.com and bfads.net). There are even Black Friday apps for your phone. To "help" shoppers, some stores open on Friday as early 4:00AM; others open for Black Friday on Thursday morning; and still others begin their sales the week before or extend them to week after Thanksgiving.

Realize that materialism, selfishness and greed are the worldly "virtues" most often on display on Black Friday. Guard your heart. Learn to be content in your present circumstances. Don't get sucked into loving the world and the things of the world – a world which is passing away.

Shop if you must. Save if you can. Gain what is best. 1 Tim. 6:6: Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

### Food Drive

*Sharline Anaya*

The Student Council decided to serve the Market Street Mission, in Morristown, NJ by encouraging students collect food items for their food pantry. Every item donated by the students also earned points for their teams. The service project was a great success--in fact, the collection boxes overflowed. Many students earned points for their teams, but the blue team collected the most. Congratulations Team Spurgeon!



### Project Show-Thanks

*Sharline Anaya*

Project Show-Thanks is an event hosted by the school in order to show our gratitude to our facility's owners, Trinity Baptist Church, for making this building available for our use. This project consists of beautifying and repairing the church and school grounds and is held once a year. This year's participants were: Oliver Budd, Greg Tanis, the Tanis family, Marcus Prol, Ryan Stempert, and Rachel Voigt. A big thanks to all who participated - we appreciate your work.

Also, for those who had not heard of this event until recently, it is held yearly, so if you would like to volunteer next year the newspaper will try to keep you updated on any further information regarding this project.

### Team Points

*Sharline Anaya*

We do not yet have the final tallies for School Spirit team points, but here is the overall status of the teams. Keep striving! You have five more months to earn more points for your teams.



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# The Blazer Broadcast

Sharline Anaya

## Varsity Boys Soccer Season Awards:

*MVP:* Greg Tanis  
*Best Offensive Player:* Oliver Budd  
*Best Defensive Player:* John Aitken  
*Most Improved:* Chris Rumeau  
*Coaches Award:* Daletyn Harris  
*Coaches Award:* Marcus Prol

**Coaches:** Head - Tom Aitken  
 Assistant - Tim Justnes

## Varsity Girls Soccer Season Awards:

*MVP:* Rachel Voigt  
*Best Offensive:* Isabel Budd  
*Best Defensive:* Kate Carbone  
*Most Improved Offensive:*  
 Angela Martone  
*Most Improved Defensive:*  
 Samantha Voltmer  
*Coach's Award:* Danielle DiQuattro  
**Coaches:** Erika Thomasen  
 Barbara Voltmer

## Junior High Soccer Season Awards:

*MVP:* Peter Yamasaki  
*Best Defensive:* Jackie Voigt  
*Best Offensive:* Nick Yamasaki  
*Most Improved:* Kelly Reed  
*Coach's Award:* Rob Tilli  
*Coach's Award:* Matt Thomas

**Coaches:** Dave Yamasaki  
 Dave Hric



## Jog for the Gym

Angela Martone

Many students' first reaction when they heard about the Jog-a-thon was incredulity that it would actually work. "How much money can we really make running laps around the parking lot?" they asked. No one anticipated quite the success that it would be.

The competition to get sponsors was the first part of the Jog-a-thon. Students reached out to whomever they knew, requesting that people donate money either per lap or in a flat amount. A bunch of the students got so excited that they even began to sponsor each other, even though they were on different teams. Other people got a dozen plus sponsors. Everybody gathered as many supporters as they could, in an effort to win points for their team.

November 14 was a beautiful day, sunny, slightly chilly, but perfect for running lots of laps. More than 200 people lined up at the starting line at 2:00, waiting slightly impatiently for parents and faculty to hand out silly bands so that they could track the number



of laps run. With an "On your marks! Get set! GO!!!" from the Jog-a-thon Marshal, high schoolers, middle schoolers, and elementary schoolers took off in a mob. Immediately, the older kids began to pull ahead, determined to run 20 or more laps in the space of an hour. Elementary kids chatted and laughed as they tried to run as fast as they could. The older kids were often seen encouraging a first or second grader who had run out of steam.

School spirit was high and smiles were huge as everyone from the youngest kindergarteners to the most veteran faculty ran as many laps as they could for the gym. Everyone tried their best, but no one anticipated that the eagerness of the Trinity School body would raise \$27,000.

Congratulations to those runners who ran the most in their grade! The chart below lists who ran the most and how many laps they ran. For those who want to calculate how much they ran, one mile equals four laps. This chart records only the number of laps, not points earned for School Spirit teams.

Grade	Boys	Girls
1	Logan: 24	Abigail: 22
2	Griffin: 22	Faith, Anais: 20
3	Ian: 25	Olivia, Audrey: 22
4	David: 27	Riley, Anna, Kimberly: 20
5	Steven C: 26	Stephanie: 23
6	Jon-Luke: 26	Kendall: 22
7	Matt B, Nick, Matt Z: 26	Jaylyn: 23
8	Peter: 26	Tori: 22
9	Sammy: 29	Hannah C: 29
10	Iain: 32	Ali: 29
11	Marcus: 35	Samantha Y: 29
12	Josiah: 35	Rachel V: 24