

# Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

## Thanksgiving

November 23, 2015



We are all so busy with our daily lives, our jobs, our friends and loved ones, that there are not that many occasions that we are able to get together as a family, but this is the day!

Turkey, dressing, yams, deviled eggs and all the fixings! A day for families to gather around the table to enjoy time together over a big meal. It is a time spent with family and friends that you don't see much throughout the year. Time to catch up on new additions to the family, sharing photos and updating the family tree. Thanksgiving is the one holiday that brings us together just to enjoy each other's company. What a wonderful time.

We have so much to be thankful for in this country of ours. We have so many freedoms that we take for granted or we don't even recognize them as freedoms. We don't see the people that have no one to gather with, we don't see the families that are separated and hurting, we don't see the homeless or the homebound. We see the people at work in the stores, but we don't see that they can't be with their families. We see the service men overseas fighting for us to have our freedoms, but we don't see that they can't be with their families.

This brings to mind George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life", we don't really appreciate what we have until we don't have it. We don't realize how thankful we should be and how blessed our lives really are. So try and think of all the things you need to be thankful for and be sure to give thanks to the One responsible for it!

God Bless and Give Thanks!



### Sharing love through support

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**Steel Magnolias & Men of Steel Meeting  
October 27, 2015**

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group Inc met on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the private dining room of RMC.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nancy Gillespie in the absence of President Elaine Johns. We had 7 visitors which were welcomed to our meeting by Nancy.

Chaplain Sherry Grinstead gave the blessing before our meal of meatloaf and mashed potatoes provided by RMC. Side dishes and desserts were provided by Steel Magnolias members.

Vice-president Nancy Gillespie introduced our guest speaker Brenda Parker who is with the service organization WIGS (Women in Gods Service) that meets at Saks Baptist Church. Brenda told us about the many activities WIGS is involved in which includes having a food pantry, providing meals to shut-ins, visiting nursing homes, having health fairs and holding backyard Bible Studies. She said that this group would love to have any of our members to join with WIGS, but the reason they had come to our meeting was to offer their help to the Steel Magnolias by volunteering to work with us. Nancy Gillespie thanked Brenda for speaking to our group and accepted their offer to provide volunteers for our future events.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Minutes from the September 22, 2015 meeting were read by Secretary Connie Stephens. Steve Stephens made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Linda Barton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Chuck Trull gave the financial report. Roger Zeimet made the motion to accept the report and Susan Dupree 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The financial report was accepted.

Nancy Burnell reminded everyone that we will not have a meeting in November and that our Christmas Brunch will be held on the first Saturday in December at 10:00 a.m. at Classic on Noble. This year we will not be bringing gifts to exchange.

Chaplain Sherry Grinstead gave the devotional discussing the fact that everyone is different and that the world sees what we do while God looks on the inside and sees what is in our hearts. Her message was to be a blessing to someone else. After going over the prayer list, Sherry ended the devotional with a prayer.

Steve Stephens made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda Barton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Connie Stephens  
Secretary**







### Other October Events

**On October Nancy Gillespie spoke with a group of Students at Jacksonville State University for their annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and Event. Approximately 60 to 70 students attended. Also, the majority of the students participated in a walk down Highway 21 and the Campus with signs on Breast Cancer Awareness.**

**On November 3 Marti Warren and Nancy Gillespie along with Tara and Mary from Never Surrender spoke to the Anniston Rotary Club. Over 60 members of the Rotary were in attendance. Each speaker was able to give information on their organization and their benefits to Breast Cancer Patients and Survivors.**

**Submitted by: Nancy Gillespie**

## TUTUs for TATAs

On November 3rd the Mt. Cheaha Harley Davison Hog Chapter 3476 met for their monthly meeting at Struts in Oxford. Their meeting went a lot like our meetings. They opened their meeting with prayer and then they discussed the events coming up for them. On the 8th of November they participated in "Feel the Thunder Toy Ride" where they brought a toy or donation for a ride to the Alabama Institute for the Deaf & Blind in Talladega to benefit the kids there. A great group of people! Linda Green presented Margaret Taylor with the remainder of the money collected from the "TUTUs for TATAs". On their website Linda wrote, "What a great time we had showing off our Pink and of course our TUTUs. You wouldn't believe who showed up in TUTUs—it was incredibly awesome. Thank you to all who participated and MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 2016—We will be doing this again next year. Submitted by: Elaine



On October 12th the ADK gave a donation of \$220 to the Steel Magnolias in honor of Marti Warren. This money is designated for use in the Pinks Boutique. Submitted by: Marti Warren

## Up Coming Events

December 5<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Breakfast at Classic on Noble. Make sure to RSVP by November 28<sup>th</sup>. January 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 will be the next newsletter mailing day. If you have anything for the newsletter please have it in by the 12<sup>th</sup>. January 26<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting. We will have baked Irish and sweet potatoes. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts.

## President Corner

I want to start out by letting everyone know about the passing of one of our own. Carlotta passed away on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family in your prayers.

We have been blessed in 2015. I want to thank everyone for all of your hard work this year. There are so many things that go on in our group from sending out cards, newsletters, speaking events, the school girl program, event planning, speakers for our meetings, working in the office, the bake sale, the bazaar, the golf tournament, getting sponsors, door prizes, food for the tournament, arranging the time and place for the tournament, setting up and taking down at events...I can go on and on. It takes all of us to make this happen every year. You all have gone the extra mile! This is all worth it when our efforts go to help others in need.

I still want to encourage you to send in your story to share in the newsletter. It can be anonymous. You have no idea how it can help someone else in their journey. Please send them to [elaine@steelmagnoliasinc.org](mailto:elaine@steelmagnoliasinc.org) or mail to Steel Magnolias PO Box 2208 Anniston, AL 36202 attention: Elaine.

I thought since it is Thanksgiving I would give our Steel Magnolias and Men of Steel the opportunity to share what they are thankful for. We will be back in a routine in January. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Submitted by:  
Elaine

## *Being Thankful*

**I am thankful for the promise of Eternal Life. Nancy Burnell**

**I am thankful I survived breast cancer....twice. Janet**

**I am thankful for living this long and that my children and grand and great grand children are in good health. Chuck Trull**

**I am thankful for a roof over my head and food on the table. Brenda C.**

**I am thankful for my family, my son and daughter-in-law and my mama who is able to get up and do what she wants to do. I am also thankful for my Steel Magnolia family. Linda Barton**

**I am thankful for my children and grand children. I am thankful for good health and good friends. Judy Elder**

**I am thankful for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who welcomes me to spend eternal life with him. Maryland Lawson**

**I am thankful for surviving breast cancer and that we live in a free country. Keither**

**I am thankful for Keither's survival, 25 years of marriage and two healthy children. Roger**

**I am thankful for my Salvation, my church family, my family, friends and my Steel Magnolia family. Della**

**I am thankful for my family, I don't know what I would do without them. Vickie**

**I am thankful with the years God has given me with Paul and the time we have had together. I am also thankful for the Steel Magnolias. Paul and I have enjoyed working with the group. It fills a need in the community. Elizabeth McCabe**

**I am thankful that I can get up every morning and enjoy life! Thankful for my health and family (especially my mother who is 98 years old and in very good health). Thankful for a wonderful supportive husband, son and daughter-in-law during my journey with breast cancer. Thankful for my wonderful friends. I am thankful for so many things that I could go on and on. I feel very blessed. Nancy Buckmann**

**I am thankful for my health. I am 60 years old and on no prescription medication. I thank God every day as I work in a cancer clinic, and good health is a very real thing. It is always in the forefront. Debi**

**There's a children song which we teach which goes:" God is so good. God is so good to me." "Pokey and I are so thankful for another Thanksgiving to be her and have each other. Yes, "God is so good". Marti Warren**

**I am thankful for being a part of Steel Magnolias, and being able to work with all the wonderful people that make up the group. I am thankful for my family and church family. May God get all the praise for everything we do. Ina**

**I am thankful that God gave me a second chance and that he loves me. I am thankful for my three sisters and my family. I am thankful to be a part of this group of women that give of their selves to make life a little easier for other women. Elaine**



I have thought and thought of all the things I am thankful for and of course there are too many to name so I will try to condense them. I am most thankful that Jesus died to give me life eternal and that He gave me a Godly husband of 52 years and a beautiful and healthy family. I thank Him that He chose to allow me to have breast cancer so that I could touch the lives of so many women and young girls in and through Steel Magnolias. I have been blessed to call so many women my friends that are a part of this awesome organization. Margaret Taylor

I Gloria Woosley am thankful that God has given me another year to live. There are so many blessings in my live that I can't count them all. Some of these blessings are friends, family that is healthy, a good church to go to, provision for every physical need I have. Foremost and the most important one to me is the love I receive from my Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us all give thanks to God this Thanksgiving. Jesus Loves You! Gloria Woosley

## Joggin' Inside

### Thanksgiving Divorce

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says.

"We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "like heck they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this".

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay", he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

### Stuffed Turkey

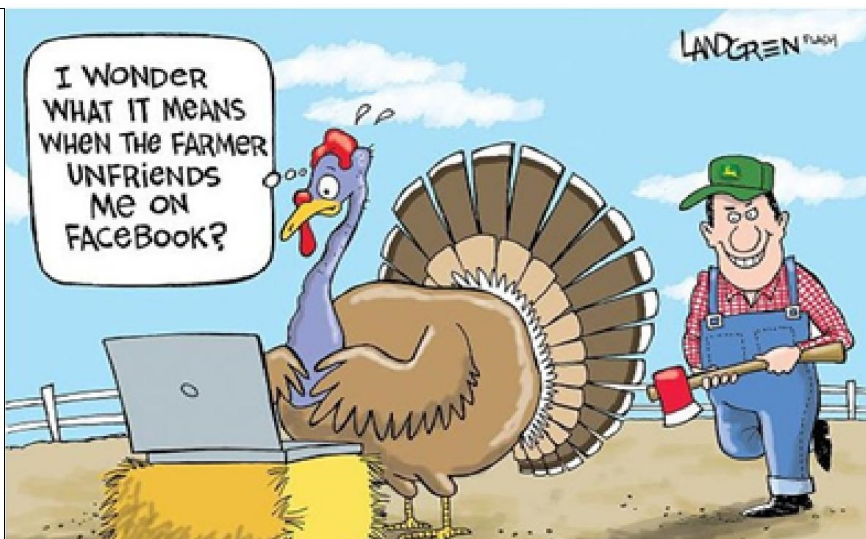
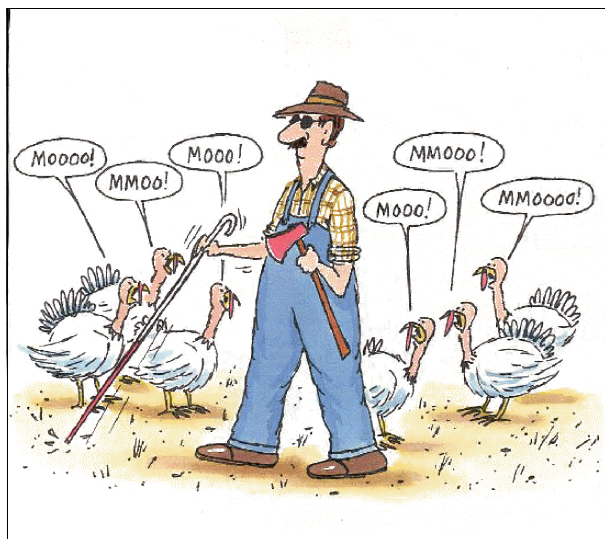
Baby Bruno was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

"What are you doing?" Bruno asked.

"Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey", his grandmother replied.

"That's cool!" Bruno said.

"Are you going to hang it next to the deer?"



### Chatty Parrot

There was a family that had a parrot that was always embarrassing them by cussing and other stuff like that. So one day the boy took the parrot and stuck him in the freezer. Two hours later the squawking stopped. The kid checked the freezer and the parrot said, "Okay I'll stop cussing, but I have one question." The boy said, "What"? The parrot asks, "What did the turkey do"?????????????

### Barnyard

Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy."

### Little Johnny

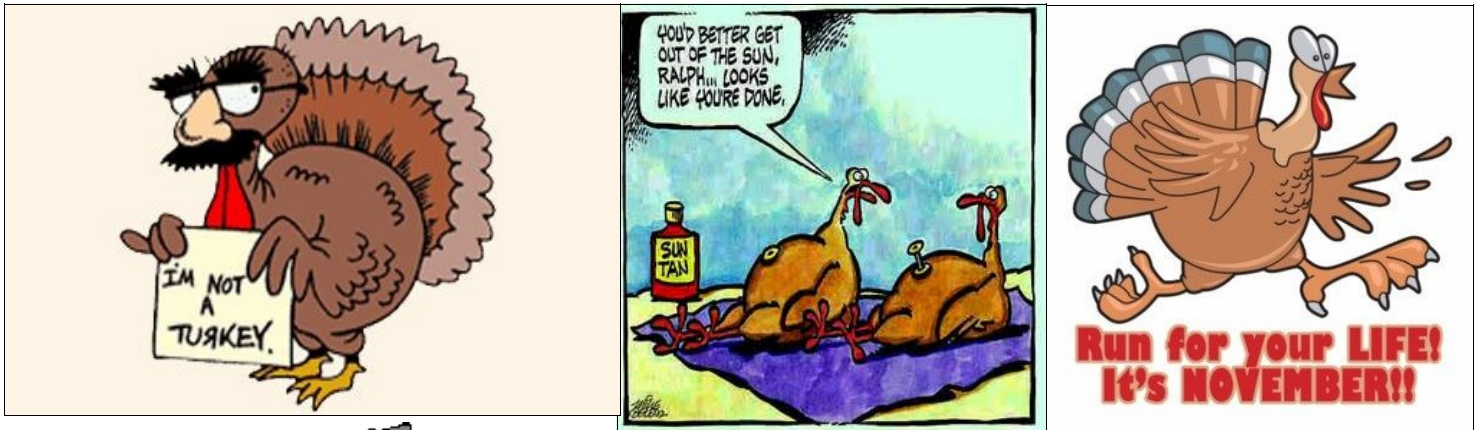
Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," Little Johnny wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."

### Grocery Store

A lady was looking for a turkey but couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied "No they're dead."

### Young Michael

Young Michael was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal. 'What are you doing?' Michael enquired. 'Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey,' his grandmother replied. 'Wow, that's cool.' Michael remarked. 'Are you going to hang it next to the deer?'



# GIVE US A VISION

BY CHOPLIN

Donna Houston

P V Y L I P B I T H O P E S  
O L I S O D L S H I E E B E  
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U T U O H T I W E D L O S G

Find the words in bold:

Come , O **LORD**, **LOOK** on Your people;  
**WANDERING** and **LOST** with no **SHEPHERD BUT** You.  
**WITHOUT** Your **LIGHT** Your people will **PERISH**,  
**LIFT** us **AGAIN** and make our **HEARTS NEW**.

**GIVE** us a **VISION**, vision of You.  
**MOLD** us and make us a **PEOPLE** of **TRUTH**.  
**COME SPIRIT**, **FEED** us and **LEAD** us to do  
Your **HOLY MISSION**, O give us a vision of You.

We **BRING THANKFULNESS** for **YESTERDAY'S BLESSINGS**;  
We have **HOPE**s and **DREAMS** of **DAYS** yet to be.  
So **GOD** of **LIGHT**, come lift all our **BLINDNESS**,  
**MAKE** Your **WAY PLAIN UNTIL** we can see.