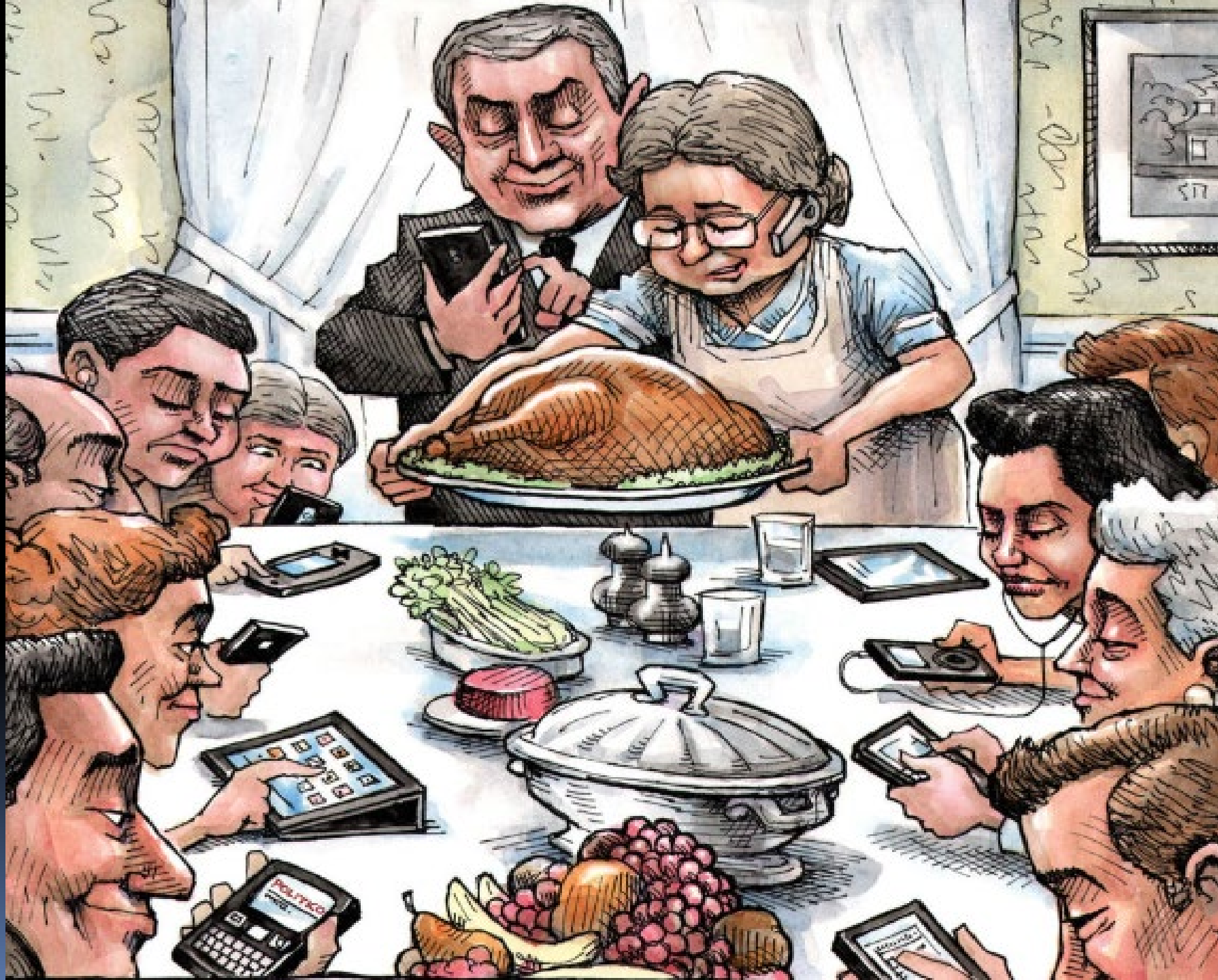


EQUIP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joyful Thanksgiving Philippians 1:3-8

Jim McCraigh – August 16, 2026





Today's Theme:

Joyful Thanksgiving

Cultivating an **Attitude of Gratitude**

THREE things those of us who call ourselves Christians
should be **joyfully thankful** for...



I. For Fellow Believers (vv. 3-5)

- A. Paul Begins by Modeling Joyful, Heartfelt Gratitude (v. 3-4)
- B. Joyfulness is Not Same as Happiness (v. 5a)
- C. From the First Day Until Now (v. 5b)



II. God Began a Good Work in Us (v. 6)

A. Paul's confidence was not in the Philippians
but in God (v 6a)

B. Until the Day of Jesus Christ (v. 6b)



III. Ability to **Participate** in the Gospel (w. 7-8)

A. Paul Had Them in His Heart (v. 7)

B. The Defense and Confirmation of the Gospel (v. 8)



APPLICATION:

- **Have an Attitude of Gratitude Toward Fellow Believers**
- **Are Be Confident in God's Faithfulness, Not in Yourself**
- **Participate in Advancing the Gospel**

