



The First Family

"To be found faithful as God's People."

NOVEMBER 2020

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Thankful

The church at Philippi prompted a special response from Paul every time they came to mind. A response that is recorded in Philippians 1:3; "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Every time they came to his mind, he gave thanks for them and prayed for them and it filled his heart with joy.

The Thanksgiving Holiday is often filled with good food and good fellowship among family and friends. We would all agree that it is a special time and for some it is their favorite holiday. The reason Thanksgiving is often ranked so highly is due to our pausing to give thanks and that always produces the spiritual fruit of joy. Joy is not only a product of humility, but it is also a product of having an attitude of gratitude. What a blessing it would be if we made every week a thanksgiving week. We would be happier and others who know us would be encouraged.

A big thank-you to all who have made the Operation Christmas Child emphasis a major success. This includes the leaders who have given direction throughout the year to the ones who have made donations and packed boxes. Thanks also to all who helped to make the Drive Thru Trick or Treat emphasis a reality considering our having to cancel the annual Fall Festival.

I want to encourage you to make every effort to be present for our services on Sunday, November 8th. We have the special privilege of having Seth York, Associate Property Director of Cedarmore Camp, preaching in our morning services. Our theme for the day will be "Next Generation" and it will be a time of challenge and encouragement for the family and every individual whether you are eight or younger or eighty and older and all in between. Do not miss this blessing!

I certainly want to wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving. I too echo the words of Philippians by saying, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you".

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

VIRTUAL WEDDING SHOWER

MACIE OSBORNE
AND
DAVID GRAY
NOVEMBER 8

PLEASE BRING GIFTS TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE
Registered at Amazon, Target,
Bed, Bath and Beyond, and Cull
Pharmacy.



THANKSGIVING MEAL DELIVERIES

We will once again be delivering Thanksgiving Meals to the shut-ins and needy. Please sign up in your Sunday School class or welcome center to bring food or money for the purchase of turkeys. Please call the church office if you are aware of someone in need of a meal. We would like to have all the information by Sunday, November 15.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS-PASTOR
WESLEY HADDEN-FAMILY MINISTER
CHUCK HARRIS-MUSIC AND MEDIA PASTOR



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Youth is getting back to normal again! I'm so happy school is back but I'm torn that it isn't the same as it was before Covid.

God's word commands us to be faithful. How can we be faithful though? We can be faithful in reading God's word, praying, serving, gathering with believers weekly, and much more. God desires us to be faithful to his will. It takes our energy to be invested in the church and our spiritual lives to know God's will, but when we are pursuing his will, there's nothing else we want to do. There's one man in the Bible that gets overlooked who was faithful to the Lord. Johnathan was the son of King Saul and according to birth order he was the next in line for the throne. Saul wasn't faithful to follow all God commanded him and because of that the kingdom was taken from him and his family. Saul does everything he can to kill David and give the kingdom to his son, but the Lord protects David multiple times. Johnathan also protects David; he and David had a very close friendship. In Samuel 23 we see Johnathan faithfully following the Lord and protecting his best friend from the wicked king. Verse 15 through 18 says

"David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this." And the two of them made a covenant before the LORD. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home."

The prince of Israel knew what the will of the Lord was, and it was for his best friend to be king. He was all for his friend and was delighted to stand by his side in the courts of the castle and be a faithful servant to him. He strengthens David in God and reminds David of the will of the Lord while David is in a dark valley when his life is threatened. Sometimes when our friends are in dark valleys, there is nothing we can say but remind them of the promises of God. When you're in a dark valley, don't focus on the valley but focus of the Lord and the promises he gives us. I encourage you to read the book of Samuel and pay close attention to Johnathan when he is mentioned. Even though he isn't mentioned a lot, there is a ton we can learn about him, most importantly being faithful to the Lord.

In love,

Wesley.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

11/1: Sunday School-Billie Smith
Late Service-Suzanne Peak
11/8: Sunday School-Rebecca Mills
Late Service- Susan Traylor
11/15: Sunday School-
Late Service- Sherry Craigmyle
11/22: Sunday School-Gabby Welsh
Late Service- Susan Traylor
11/29: Sunday School-
Late Service-Blair Baldwin

MUSIC AND MEDIA

November is here, church family! This is my favorite time of year! Fall has reached its peak and Thanksgiving is on its way. I am excited to be around family, excited for the FOOD—pumpkin pie, turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole....

I've clearly lost track....Oh yeah, Thanksgiving.

While being around my family is great and food is never a bad thing, my favorite part is giving thanks for all the wonderful things in my life. We have so much to be thankful for as children of God. The Lord gave up His son to die on a cross for us. It reminds me of Don Moen's great hymn, *Give Thanks*:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son*

Now, I know we can look back over these past 8 months and ask the question, "how could we be thankful for what has been going on?" Well, believe it or not, I believe we have even more reason to be thankful this year. Yes, we have dealt with something we have never seen in many of our lifetimes; we have experienced a political and racial climate that, I dare say, all of us are anxious to see over. However, despite all that we have experienced since March, I am thankful.

I am thankful that we were able to adapt to an online format and still have church. I am thankful for people like Tim Craigmyle who sacrificed his time to work our sound and video during quarantine, when he could have easily stayed at home and watched the services. I am thankful that we have been able to re-gather, sing, fellowship, have Sunday School, and even baptize during a time where we've seen pastors and churches come under extensive scrutiny. I am thankful for my church family and your desire to be THE CHURCH no matter what is going on in the world. I am thankful for the staff here at First Baptist and the desire to see the day to day function of the church continue, whether or not people were in the church building or coming on Sunday mornings. This list could go on and on with thankfulness but I don't want to take up the entire newsletter!

I hope that you take a moment this month and thank God for all the blessings He has shown and given this year so far. It's easy to look at the bad and think that there's nothing to be thankful for. But, if we take a moment, be still, meditate on the Lord, we will see an abundance of things that we can, "*give thanks with a grateful heart,*" for.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

Dear FBC Family,

There is no way I can thank my church family for all the prayers, food telephone calls, cards, and concern following my back surgery. Words cannot express how deeply I feel.

Peggy Davis

November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service</p> <p>Sunday School 10:15-10:45</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Main Street Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer FBC</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Business Meeting</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service</p> <p>Sunday School 10:15-10:45</p> <p>Noon: Shower</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Evening Service</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Main Street Youth</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Finance Committee</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Midweek service</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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PRAYER CONCERNS



GLEENDA ALLNUTT	PHYLLIS MALCOMB
JERILYN ANDERSON	MARY MARLOW
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BILLY LATHREM	SHELBY YOUNG

<u>11/1.</u> Melanie Ransdell	<u>11/10</u> Jean Allen Ellington	<u>11/17</u> Dillon Mears
<u>11/2</u> Ken Hanson	Ina Prather	<u>11/18</u> Tyler Bush
<u>11/3</u> Morgan Bond	<u>11/11</u> Billy Bell	<u>11/19</u> Peggy Rose
Kaitlyn Parker	June Osborne	<u>11/22</u> Chelsea Gibson
<u>11/5</u> Briana Maggard	<u>11/13</u> Christina Perkins	Denise Humphries
Thomas Wright	Briann Landrum	<u>11/24</u> Larry Greene
<u>11/6</u> Kirsten Parker	<u>11/14</u> Debbie Sigretto	Rev. Tommy Tackett
<u>11/7</u> Madison Gamble	<u>11/15</u> Carson Carter	<u>11/25</u> Kennedi Hon
<u>11/8</u> Mitzy Ford	Jon Kemper	<u>11/27</u> Seth Bush
<u>11/9</u> Cheyenne Beatty	Courtney Waldrop	Jacob Lilly
Kallie Welsh	<u>11/16</u> Ed Bourne	Eli Riddle
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