

The First Family

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

NOVEMBER 2021

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Thanksgiving Pause

The month of thanksgiving is upon us. Psalm 118:1 just sums up my thoughts for this time of the year. "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Our Lord is good, and it is proven by His merciful nature. I am so thankful that His mercy is not short-lived or has an expiration date. It is continuously available. Let us take time to pause and just reflect, enjoy, and bask in this wonderful reminder.

Thanks to all that served and made the Fall Festival a great evening for the families of our church and community. Your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed. The Operation Christmas Child emphasis is well on its way to reaching the goal of over 1,200 boxes this year with over 650 already packed and another packing party planned for November 5-6. "The Gospel to Every Home" outreach is going well as we are close to completing our zone responsibility. There are approximately 2,200 homes in our zone alone, and you have covered over 1,600 of these homes and will cover another 150 more. We have also helped a couple of other zones and will continue after we complete zone 7.

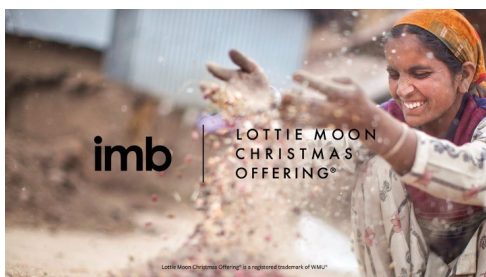
The staff has begun planning for Alaska Missions 2022, and we will have an informational meeting on Sunday, November 7. The dates for the trip will be June 18-25, 2022. A deposit of \$100 will secure a spot, and it is due by November 28. Our Thanksgiving Meal Ministry to our friends and neighbors across the county will take place on Thursday, November 25. You will be hearing how you can help with covering costs of turkeys, preparing food items, and delivering to the community.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have served in so many ways through the year. You have served through sacrificial giving, outreach in the community, mission trips, sports camp, teaching, nursery, cooking, calling, and many other ways. You have also been incredible in your giving this year to the general budget and to many other worthy ministries. Our biggest, and one of my favorites, is our offering for the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering that will be received throughout the month of December. Begin praying and planning now what the Lord will have you do in supporting our 4,000 missionaries.

God bless you church family!
Bro. Brad

**REVIVAL MEETING 2021
OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3
Evangelist: Scott Newton Smith
Music Evangelist: Dave Stahl
Begin praying now for our Revival!**

**We will have a special collection
emphasis during the month of December.**



Pray and give as the Lord leads!



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*

Since this is a time to give thanks, I want to do just that: I am thankful for our Media Team who sacrifice their time to serve in the sound booth every Sunday, to make sure our services run smoothly both in person and online. I am thankful for the Choir and their willingness to come together to sing every week, even after over a year of not being able to do so. 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 their constant desire to follow the path God has laid before them. 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

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

I hope everyone has had a good start to the fall. The youth group is going really well and learning God's Word weekly! I want to give an encouragement from the book of Job this month. Job is a book I love reading through because we see Job and his friends struggling and trying to come up with the answers of life.

What really stands out to me are the verses that shine light on who God is. They are beautiful to read, like Job 5:18 "For he wounds, but he binds up; he shatters, but his hands heal." In the mist of hard answered question, a simple truth of God is told. This is where I think his friends get it so wrong when they are talking with Job; they have all the big explanations to the answers of Life, but they are simple.

We do the same thing when we are going through a rough time in life. We come up with explanations of why so and so happens when in reality the answer is God wounds and binds up; he shatters and heals. God is constantly showing us that he can and will take care of us. We don't have to have answers when we have God; he will take care of us, that is his nature.

When we go through a tough time, don't seek answers; seek the one who can get you through the tough time. He's actually the one bringing you through it. Have faith that he has a purpose.

In grace,

Wesley

IN MEMORY

NANCY THOMAS— Donna S. McDonald

BILLY F. BELL— Donna S. McDonald, Phyllis Malcomb, Paula Satterwhite

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
PACKING PARTY
NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH
8:00 AM FLC**

HUNTING EXPO AND CONVENTION

Friday 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
November 5 and 6

Owen County Fairgrounds
\$10 per person for both days
Children 12 and under free
A meal and Key Speaker on Friday




PACK A SHOEBOX
AND DROP IT OFF
AT THE CHURCH
NOW - NOVEMBER 22ND


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 9:00 and 11:00 REVIVAL 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 6:30 REVIVAL	1 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> REVIVAL 7:00 P.M. NIGHTLY </div>	2 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> REVIVAL 7:00 P.M. NIGHTLY </div>	3 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning	4	5 <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> OCC PACKING PARTY 8:00 A.M. FLC </div>	6 10:30 a.m. Outreach 
7 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 4:00 p.m. Alaska Mission Information Meeting 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 7:30 p.m. Deacons	8	9	10 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Team Kid	11	12	13 10:30 a.m. Outreach
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21 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Outreach 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. "Night of Worship" 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	22	23 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	24 NO MIDWEEK SERVICES	25 Thanksgiving Meal Ministry 	26	27 NO Outreach
28 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Services 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth Alaska Trip Depos- it Due	29	30 				



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEER
 11/7: Carol and Ronnie Wooten
 11/14: Danny and Denise Humphries
 11/21: Andi and Jared Fitzgerald
 11/28: Mike and Sarah Cobb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 11/7: Libby Banks
 11/14: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin
 11/21: Danielle and Brandon Stephens
 11/28: Lindsay and Josh Smith

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF
 BRAD BANKS — PASTOR
 WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER
 CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR
 SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

<u>11/1.</u> Melanie Ransdell	<u>11/10</u> Jean Allen Ellington	<u>11/18</u> Tyler Bush
<u>11/2</u> Ken Hanson	<u>11/11</u> Ina Prather	<u>11/19</u> Peggy Rose
<u>11/3</u> Morgan Bond	<u>11/13</u> June Osborne	<u>11/22</u> Chelsea Gibson
<u>11/5</u> Kaitlyn Parker	<u>11/14</u> Christina Perkins	<u>11/24</u> Denise Humphries
<u>11/6</u> Briana Forsee	<u>11/15</u> Briann Landrum	<u>11/25</u> Larry Greene
<u>11/7</u> Thomas Wright	<u>11/16</u> Debbie Sigretto	<u>11/27</u> Rev. Tommy Tackett
<u>11/8</u> Kirsten Parker	<u>11/17</u> Jon Kemper	<u>11/30</u> Kennedi Hon
<u>11/9</u> Madison Gamble	<u>11/18</u> Courtney Sides	<u>11/27</u> Seth Bush
<u>11/10</u> Ed Bourne	<u>11/19</u> Jacob Lilly	<u>11/27</u> Jacob Lilly
<u>11/11</u> Mitzzy Ford	<u>11/20</u> Jenny Coyle	<u>11/27</u> Eli Riddle
<u>11/12</u> Cheyenne Beatty	<u>11/21</u> Dillon Mears	<u>11/27</u> Mark Cobb
<u>11/13</u> Kallie Welsh		

Return Service Requested

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