

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."



Psalm 69:30, NIU

 **OWENTON FIRST BAPTIST**

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

The First Family

NOVEMBER 2022

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Thankful!

The blessing of November is our privilege to celebrate Thanksgiving! This holiday is loved by so many because it is all about gathering with family and friends and enjoying great food. There is no pressure about shopping for gifts but just making sure the turkey and pies do not burn. This is all topped off with a good time of games, ballgames, and a great nap. Such a wonderful time to celebrate all that the Lord has done for us as a nation, as a church, as a family, and as an individual.

A good verse that I would recommend for us to focus on this month is Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Each day make a decisive decision to give thanks to God and even in the disappointing moments find something that you can give thanks to Him. I want to personally thank God for you as a church for the many ways you have blessed Libby and me through the years and especially of late on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The gift card was a sweet blessing. I am also thankful for the giving, servant spirit that has been demonstrated by the church throughout the year. The many hours you have volunteered to serve on committees, ministry teams, variety of ministry opportunities that include Family Nights, Valentine Banquet, funeral meals, children's church, Sunday School teaching, VBS, Alaska Mission trip, Gospel to Every Home Outreach, Sports Camp, Summer Camps, Operation Christmas Child, Family Life Center, Meeting the Needs, Disaster Relief, Team Kid, Fall Festival, Choir practices, and so many other ministries. Thanks to the Trustees that have overseen over \$125,000 worth of needed upkeep and repairs on our facilities and the Deacons that have served well especially in their reaching out to many of our inactive family members. A big thank-you to our Staff Search Team that has led us magnificently in the search and securing of a new bi-vocational Student Pastor and a bi-vocational Director of Children's Ministry. Ross will be a great blessing serving our youth and Kiley will be such a blessing giving oversight and guidance in our expanding children's ministry. We hope to soon fill the position of Director of Family Life Center. I am also thankful for the excellent way that Susan guides the business of our church office and for Chuck who has led us to a new level in our music ministry that enhances our weekly worship gatherings. We have so many reasons to be thankful and I pray we will daily give thanks for the myriad of blessings we enjoy.

A couple of ministry opportunities for the month include helping with the Operation Christmas Child Collection Week and the Thanksgiving Meal Ministry. A couple of prayer matters include our Adult Christmas Cantata and the Children's Christmas Presentation as well as the offering coming up in December for International Missions. Pray also for our Personnel and Finance Committee as they work on the budget for 2023.

Blessings Church Family,
Bro. Brad

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

YOUTH PASTOR — ROSS FORD

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—KILEY BLAIR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
PACKING PARTY
NOVEMBER 4&5
8:00 AM FLC**

**Need Coloring Books, Misc. Toys,
Soap and Wash Cloths**

COLLECTION WEEK NOVEMBER 14-21

**May God bless you with peace,
love, abundance and prosperity
this Thanksgiving Day and beyond.**



Happy Thanksgiving!

MUSIC AND MEDIA

“GIVE THANKS, WITH A GRATEFUL HEART...”

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 — Tim Craigmyle, Meagan Greenlee, Bo Cumberland, and the many others I've grabbed at the last minute on a Sunday morning or evening! They sacrifice their time to serve in the sound booth every Sunday, making 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. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication to learn new music, to sing “oldies-but-goodies,” and that they have a desire to worship our Lord through praise! I am thankful for my church family and your desire to be THE CHURCH no matter what is going on in the world; for your desire to reach the lost! And, I am thankful for the staff here at First Baptist. Even though we've experienced change within the past month, I am grateful for their constant desire to follow the path God has laid before them, and I look forward to seeing what God does through them in their ministries! 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

MEMORIALS

Bobby Nixon— Ronnie and Joy Roberts

Don Lee Wainscott—Tommy Kemper, Darrell and Lisa Kemper, Jimmy and Susan Sutherland, Gary and Janice Minch, David and Lucinda Jones, Dave and Susan Stowe, Mary Ayres, Leonard and Ann Waters, Gary and Andy Hoskins, John and Dana Ayres, Judy Poe, Lawrence and Marcella Wright, Jerry and Tara Garris, Shawn and Jennifer Power, Ronnie and Carol Wooten, John and Peggy Davis, Terry and Kathy Spaulding, Rodney and Deborah Parker, Mike and Sarah Cobb, Phyllis Malcomb, Linda Webster, Tim Redmon, Billy and Janice Riddle

Ann Cook—Pauline Shelton

Ina Prather - Donna McDonald, Pauline Shelton, Dave and Susan Stowe, Billy and Janice Riddle



Church Family,

I am writing to say thank you for all of the love, support, prayers, and delicious food sent to me during my recent surgery. Sometimes, all I needed was a good prayer to the Lord to make me feel better. I'm on the mend and doing well. God bless you!

Love,
Susan Sutherland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Each Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. Service

Ages 4 years—3rd grade

Meeting in the Youth Room

Volunteers welcomed and needed. See Heidi Williams if willing to serve.

HELLO November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	31 FALL FESTIVAL 6:00-8:00 PM	1	2 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 p.m. Teamkid	3	4 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">OCC PACKING PARTY 9:00 AM FLC</div>	5 
6 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Services 10:00-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 5:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 pm Deacons	7 6:00 p.m. Outreach	8  6:00 p.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal	9 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth 6:30 Teamkid	10	11	12
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← OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION WEEK →						
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<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> June Osborne	<u>11/19</u> Peggy Rose
<u>11/3</u> Morgan Bond	<u>11/13</u> Christina Perkins	<u>11/22</u> Chelsea Gibson
<u>11/5</u> Kaitlyn Parker	<u>11/14</u> Briann Landrum	<u>11/24</u> Denise Humphries
<u>11/6</u> Briana Forsee	<u>11/15</u> Debbie Sigretto	<u>11/25</u> Larry Greene
<u>11/7</u> Thomas Wright	<u>11/16</u> Carson Carter	<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>11/1</u> Seth Bush
<u>11/10</u> Mitzy Ford	<u>11/19</u> Ed Bourne	<u>11/2</u> Jacob Lilly
<u>11/11</u> Cheyenne Beatty	<u>11/20</u> Jenny Coyle	<u>11/3</u> Eli Riddle
<u>11/12</u> Kallie Welsh	<u>11/21</u> Dillon Mears	<u>11/4</u> Mark Cobb

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

11/6: Krissy Locker
 11/13: Bruce and Karen Wash
 11/20: Kevin and Gabi Welsh
 11/27: Rae Gina and Meleah Beatty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/6: Ed and Courtney Bourne
 11/13: Jonathan and Blair Baldwin
 11/20: Allison Craigmyle
 11/27: Brandon and Danielle Stephens

Return Service Requested

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