

Give thanks
to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.
Psalm 107:1



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The First Family

NOVEMBER 2026

FROM YOUR PASTOR

THANKFUL HEARTS AND A FAITHFUL CHURCH

"O give thanks unto the lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." — Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving reminds us that our gratitude rests upon the unchanging goodness of God. Circumstances are changing and burdens come, but his mercy endures forever. This November, let's count our blessings, express our thanks more readily, and share his goodness with others.

Please pray for our nominating, personnel, and finance committee as they prepare for 2027. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom as they help our church prepare for another year of faithful ministry. Pray for the trustees as they are diligently working on three or four projects that will potentially happen in the new year, if not before.

Two special opportunities to put gratitude into action are Operation Christmas Child and our Thanksgiving Meal Ministry. Through a shoebox or a meal, we can demonstrate Christ's love and open doors for sharing the gospel.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities: **November 21: Women's Conference**, **December 5-6: Children's Musical**, **December 13: Adult Cantata**, and **February 26: Wild Game Supper**.

Please begin planning your summer around these dates:

June 7-11: Vacation Bible School

July 10-18: Jamaica Mission Trip

July 14-18: Student Ridgecrest Camp

June 13-16: SBC in Indianapolis

July 12-16: Student Worship Camp

July 26-29: Crossings Children Camp

May the Lord find us grateful for His blessings, faithful in His service, and eager to make Jesus known.

Blessings,
Pastor Brad



Join us for a **Wedding Shower Luncheon**
to Celebrate

Ellie Blair & Dylan Cobb

Sunday, November 8 — Noon
FBC Fellowship Hall

The couple is registered at:
<https://www.theknot.com/us/ellie-blair-and-dylan-cobb-2026-12-31/registry>, Macy's and Amazon

THANKSGIVING MEAL MINISTRY

Each year, our church family prepares, serves, and delivers Thanksgiving Meals for the needy and lonely, a ministry that began in 1989. This takes a lot of food, volunteers, and money donations to cover the cost of the turkeys, rolls and gravy. Please make donations or sign-up to bring food in SS classes or at the Welcome Center beginning Nov. 8th.

This is a county-wide ministry. If you are aware of someone needing a meal, please contact the church office at (502) 484-2430. **The deadline for meal signups is November 13.** We will need name, address, phone number, and number of meals requested.

WORSHIP & MEDIA MINISTRY

A SEASON OF THANKFULNESS AND ANTICIPATION

November is here, and it's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of another year! As we enter this season of thanksgiving, I can't help but look back at all the wonderful things God has been doing in and through our worship ministry. We've had a great fall filled with worship, praise, and opportunities to serve together, and there's still so much to look forward to!

Our FBC Worship Choir continues to work hard each week as we prepare for our upcoming Christmas cantata, *Glorious Night...When Christ Was Born*, which will be presented on Sunday, December 13, at 6:30pm. I'm excited about this musical and the opportunity we'll have to share the wonderful story of Christ's birth through song. Go ahead and mark your calendars, and begin inviting your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for this special evening of worship!

Our FBC Kid's Choir has also had an exciting fall! On October 25, our kids helped lead in their second Sunday morning worship service, and I couldn't be prouder of the work they're doing each week. Watching these children grow in their confidence, musical abilities, and understanding of worship has been such a blessing. We've also begun rehearsing for our children's Christmas musical, *We Knead A Little Christmas*, which will be presented on December 5 & 6 at 6:30pm. There's plenty of music to learn, lines to memorize, and excitement to go around! I can't wait for our church family to see what these kids have been working on.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, I want to encourage each of us to remember that gratitude is more than something we express around the dinner table or during a Sunday morning song. It's an attitude that should shape the way we live each day. Psalm 100:4 (CSB) reminds us, *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name."*

We have so much to be thankful for — not just because of the blessings God has given us, but because of who He is and what He has done for us through Jesus Christ. That alone should give us plenty of reasons to worship, even when life doesn't go exactly as planned!

So as we move through November and begin preparing our hearts for the Christmas season, let's not get so caught up in the busyness that we overlook the goodness of God. Let's be intentional about giving thanks, serving faithfully, and pointing others to the hope we have in Christ.

I'm grateful for this church family and the privilege of worshiping and serving alongside you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Bro. Chuck

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

Colossians 3:17 reminds us, *“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

Gratitude is more than noticing what we have; it shapes how we live. When we recognize that every blessing comes from God, we can respond by using what we have to honor Him and care for others.

Parents can help children take that next step in simple, practical ways:

- *Invite them to choose a toy, book, or clothing item to give away.
- *Let them help select food or supplies for a family in need.
- *Encourage them to write a note, make a card, or do a thoughtful act for someone.
- *When they receive something, ask, “How could this blessing help someone else?”
- *Model generosity by letting them see you give your time, resources, and attention.

These conversations don’t have to be complicated. A simple question at the dinner table or a small act of giving can help children see that blessings are not meant to stop with us. They can become a way to care for others and live out our gratitude in the name of Jesus.

As we approach this season of thanksgiving, may we encourage our children - and challenge ourselves - not simply to count our blessings, but to share them. One of the most meaningful ways to express gratitude for what we’ve been given is to give.

Peace and joy,
Kiley

MAIN STREET YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello Church Family!

This month the youth ministry has been growing in their faith and learning what it means to live out our relationship with Christ each day! On Wednesday nights, we have been studying how we can put our faith into action. We are learning that following Jesus is more than just knowing what the Bible says; it is about living it out in the way we treat others, the choices we make, and the way we serve those around us.

On Sunday nights, our boys and girls have been meeting for small group Bible studies. These groups give our students the opportunity to dig deeper into God’s Word, ask questions, build relationships, and encourage one another in their walks with Christ. It is exciting to see our students growing together and discovering how God’s Word applies to their everyday lives!

As a church family, I want to encourage you to be intentional about praying for our youth. Our students have opportunities every day to be a light for Christ, whether they are in the classroom, participating in sports, working a job, spending time with friends, or serving in their community. Please pray that God will give them boldness to stand firm in their faith, wisdom to make godly decisions, and compassion to show His love to those around them.

Thank you for continuing to love, support, and invest in our youth ministry. It is a blessing to see our church family come alongside these students as they grow in Christ. Let’s continue to encourage them, pray for them, and remind them that they are never too young to make a difference for the Kingdom of God!

Blessings,
Ross

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 3:00p Annual Assoc. Meeting @ Cedar Hill <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i>	2	3 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	4 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Mid-Week Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings	5	6	7 11:00a Ford Baby Shower
8 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Wedding Shower-Ellie & Dylan 5:30p Trustees' Mtg 6:30p Evening Service: <i>Brazil Mission Report</i> 7:30p Business Mtg. Nominating Cmte.	9 <i>KBC Pastor's Conference & KBC Annual Meeting</i> <i>Deadline to Register for Women's Gathering</i>	10 <i>KBC Annual Meeting</i>	11 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Mid-Week Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings 	12	13 <i>Deadline to submit families for Thanksgiving Meals</i> <div><u>OCC PACKING PARTY</u> November 13: 4-8pm November 14: 10am-3:00pm</div>	14
15 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 6:30p Evening Service 7:30p Finance & Nominating Cmte.	16	17 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	18 10:00a Manna in the Morning 5:00p Mid-Week Meal 6:15p Corporate Prayer 6:30p Mid-Week Gatherings	19	20	21 <i>ABIDE: Women's Gathering 4:30-7:30pm</i>
22 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services: <i>Lord's Supper</i> 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 6:30p Evening Service 7:30p Finance & Nominating Cmte.	23	24 4:30p FBC Kid's Choir Practice	25 <i>No Services or Activities</i>	26 <i>Thanksgiving Meal Ministry</i> 	27 <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	28
29 9:00 & 11:00a Morning Services 10:00a Sunday School 4:30p Outreach 6:30p Evening Service	30	<div><div>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST — 4:00-7:30PM — \$20/PERSON OWENTONFBC.COM/WOMENSGATHERING</div></div> <div><p>Spend an evening relaxing at the table as Jesus might have with His friends. Immerse yourself in worship and the Word as we dive into what it means to truly Abide with Christ!</p><p>Registration Deadline is Nov. 9 Childcare may be provided on request.</p><p>Register online at owentonfbc.com/womensgathering</p></div>				

THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS
OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED
ALL OF DECEMBER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Packing Party will be November 13 (4:00-8:00pm) and November 14 (10:00am-3:00pm). There is a tub at the Welcome Center along with a list of items needed. Also, please feel free to pack your own shoeboxes. For more info, see Linda McDanell.



11/1 Becky Grace Melanie Rose	11/8 Mitzy Ford	11/18 Tyler Bush
11/2 Lucie Small	11/9 Cheyenne Beatty	11/19 Peggy Rose
11/3 Kaitlyn Kelly	11/11 June Osborne	11/22 Chelsea Gibson
11/5 Briana Forsee Thomas Wright	11/14 Debbie Sigretto	11/24 Larry Greene
11/6 Kirsten Parker	11/15 Deborah Lewellyn	11/25 Kennedi Hon
11/7 Allie Rogers	11/16 Courtney Sides	11/27 Seth Bush
11/7 Madison Johnson	Ed Bourne	Jacob Lilly
	Josh Smith	Eli Riddle

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS – LEAD PASTOR
CHUCK HARRIS – WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR
ROSS FORD – STUDENT PASTOR
KILEY BLAIR – DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
DONETTE GAINES – MINISTRY ASSISTANT

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

November 1, 2026
Early-Susan Traylor
SS(0-2)-Jodi & Nash Glacken
SS(3-4)-Gail Forsee
Late(0-2)-Heidi & Rusty Williams
Late(3-4)-Kristen & Jared Penell
No Evening Service

November 8, 2026
Early-Maison Hedger
SS(0-2)-Maison Hedger
SS(3-4)-Sarah Cobb
Late(0-2)-Tayler & Sawyer Williams
Late(3-4)-Danielle & Justin Grace
Evening-Becky Shryock

November 15, 2026
Early-Briana & Blaine Forsee
SS(0-2)-Krissy Locker
SS(3-4)-Kelsey Gognat
Late(0-2)-Allison & Brent Craigmyle
Late(3-4)-Meredith & Blake Lewis
Evening-Gail Forsee

November 22, 2026
Early-Carol & Barry Perkins
SS(0-2)-Lisa McBurney
SS(3-4)-Leah Fields
Late(0-2)-Rebecca & Ella Mills
Late(3-4)-Susan & Jimmy Sutherland
Evening-Libby Banks

November 29, 2026
Early-Kennedi & Aaron Hon
SS(0-2)-Leah Fields
SS(3-4)-Carol & Ronnie Wooten
Late(0-2)-Dana Gill & Kendall O'Toole
Late(3-4)-Margaret & Brian Forsee
Evening-Leah Fields

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

11/4: Leah Fields
11/11: Lesa Marston
11/18: Leah Fields
11/25: No Service

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

11/1: Carrienne Bush
11/7: Lindsay Smith
11/15: Andi Fitzgerald
11/22: Krissy Locker
11/29: Meredith Lewis

Return Service Requested

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