

The next time you come into church and someone is sitting in your seat, or dressed a little different, or acting in a less than proper or reverent manner, instead of getting upset or defensive, look at it as an opportunity to show love and grace to someone in need of the very same grace God has shown you.

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

Help the Hungry By: Chris Landrum

The 16th annual Help the Hungry Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, November 6 at St. Joe Gym, 10 N. Long Avenue, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Help the Hungry is an annual event that raises money to support both the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry and St. Vincent De Paul’s Food Pantry. Last year, the event raised around \$100,000 to meet nutritional needs of those in need in St. Francois County. You can shop the bakesale for fresh bread, cookies, cakes, pies, candy, healthy treats, pastries, pet treats, & more.

The café will open at 8 a.m., serving a variety of breakfast items, with doors to the bake sale open at 9 a.m. A live auction with many great items begins at 10 a.m., followed by the Cookin’ Clergy contest at noon. The Cookin’ Clergy contest is a major fundraiser within the bake sale where pastors from around the area bake cakes to be auctioned off. Last year’s winner was our very own Pastor Greg Robinson with a grand total of \$12,741.44. There will also be a silent auction and a holiday décor raffle. Our own Seed Sowers will have many handmade items available for purchase in Grandma’s Kitchen as well.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help this year – anyone who wants to participant can do so! We need baked goods (we can’t emphasize this enough), live auction items, themed baskets, holiday wreaths or centerpieces, and donations to the Cookin’ Clergy contest. Baked goods can be dropped off at our church’s Welcome Center on Friday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., or at St. Joe Gym on Friday evening from 4 p.m.—6 p.m., or 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. on Saturday. You can also request a home pickup by calling Edward Felker at (573) 756-6482. All other donations can be brought to St. Joe gym on Friday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. We also need volunteers to help with pricing at our church on Friday, Nov. 5 and at St. Joe Friday evening. For additional information or questions, call Ardie Henson (573) 756-1362, Chris Landrum (573) 760-5207 or Mary Lee Faircloth (573) 431-1083.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Chuck Daly, Jerry & Kay Miller, Tom Johnson, Allen Stephens, John Ratliff, Sandra Nickens, Janet Williams, Melissa Yates, Jordan Cain, Krista Myers, Barbara Wallace, Vernice Wade, Justin & Stephanie Preiss, Ally & Adeline Hahn

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Honerkamp Skaggs, Jim Davis, Anita Bingham, Dorothy Bowen, Marie Gibbs, Jason Pulliam

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Lori & Kyle Boring on the birth of their son, Reed Jacob Boring
- Dean & Chris Burns on the birth of their great-grandson, Hayes Robert Randolph
- Vernice Wade on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Lily June
- Allyanna & Riley Hahn on the birth of their daughter, Adaline Hahn

Shoeboxes, and Turkey, and Candles, Oh My! By: Sarah

“♪ It’s the most wonderful time of the year!♪” One thing I always loved about growing up in First Baptist Farmington was the holiday season, and with the beginning of November we are headed into it full swing! While the summer months are always jam-packed with fun camps, VBS, and mission trips, the winter brings lots of opportunities for sharing the joy and thankfulness of Christ’s coming with others in our community and around the world.

First up this season are two major events on Sunday, November 14. That morning during both 8 & 10:30 worship services is Operation Christmas Child Collection Sunday. On Collection Sunday, FBC members and guests are encouraged to bring their completed shoeboxes with them to their church service. There will be a time during the service that they will be directed to bring their shoeboxes to the front of the sanctuary where volunteers will help stack them and the congregation will pray over the boxes that will be sent to children in other countries to spread the Good News of Jesus.

That evening, in place of our regular evening worship service, is our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal beginning at 5 p.m. Trust me, you do not want to miss out on the amount of good cookin’ that comes when you put a bunch of Baptists in a gym to give thanks to God for His immeasurable grace! The event is free and the church provides the turkey and refreshments, but we ask you to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

Looking at the end of the month, on November 28 at 6 p.m., is our beloved annual “Hanging of the Green” service. This service will kick-off our advent season with Scripture, choir and orchestra specials, decorating the sanctuary in greenery, and candlelight carols! This is a service I look forward to every year, and I hope you will join us for it too!



THANKSGIVING Fellowship Meal

Nov. 14 - 5 PM
Bring a side, salad, or dessert to share!

Seeds of Faith By: Mark Phil-

During the month of October, the kids in Lighthouse on Sunday mornings have been discussing pumpkins and some Bible parables. They discussed the feeding of the 5,000, the unmerciful servant, and the story of the pearl of greatest treasure. This all took place while using pumpkins as a visual guide. The one thing that I took from the lessons was about pumpkin seeds. The kids learned that for pumpkin seeds to be so tiny, they end up producing a huge reward. What starts small ends up being something more valuable. This reminds me of our lives and growing in Christ. We all start our walk with Christ not knowing exactly all the details of what it means, essentially being a small Christian, no matter our age. As we grow, just like a pumpkin seed, we should get bigger and stronger in our faith. We must water and fertilize our spiritual lives in order to grow. This will ensure that we become people of faith and that our value is found in Christ. As you look at pumpkins during this time of year, take time to reassess your Christian life in Christ. Are you growing, learning, and fertilizing your relationship with Him? If not, I encourage you to look at where you are and decide to help those seeds of faith in your life blossom into what God wants you to be and where He wants you to go.

Continue praying for our children’s ministry. There are exciting things happening with our kids and it is a great time to be part of it. If you feel that you would like to help us in any way, I encourage you to pray and then reach out to me. I always have room for more helpers!

Daring to Share God’s Love By: Jason Welker

Halloween is over and you know what that means? Time to break out the Christmas music! In reality, I try to hold off listening to Christmas music until after Thanksgiving, but I usually make it only to the second or third week in November until I start to dust off the old Bing Crosby and Perry Como albums!

The thing I love most about the Christmas season, is being reminded everyday about the celebration of Jesus Christ. Not just his birth, but his whole perfect life and death. I believe that one of the best ways to celebrate this season is to share God’s love with one and all. That is what our teenagers are doing in November as a way to celebrate the advent of the advent of Christmas.

On November 13 our students are invited to a special event at our church called Dare 2 Share Live. This event will be happening live in Colorado and we will get the opportunity to participate via livestream. During this event we will receive encouragement and training tools to share God’s love with people in our community through words and action. Then, we will take a couple of hours that day to go out and actually do it! This event is from 10 AM – 6PM and costs only \$5 for lunch. Students and parents, please join us for this wonderful Celebration of Christ!

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



An exciting new budget year began this past month and we cannot wait to see how God uses our gifts to advance His kingdom through First Baptist!

As we hit this holiday season we want to thank you in advance for your gifts to so many cherished missions including Operation Christmas Child, Season of Hope, Help the Hungry Bakesale, Lottie Moon, and more. Year after year, First Baptist is a major supporter of so many great missions that spread the Gospel and love of Christ.

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Gay Wampler!

Many of you may recognize Gay because she previously worked in the church office, but she is just as active at FBC in retirement! Gay is one of our church pianists for morning services and often helps out our choir and orchestra. You can also find Gay as a Sunday School teacher in Adult 5 and the newest addition to the church library team! Plus, she gets pulled out of retirement often to sub in the church office. Thanks Gay for being so great!

THANK YOU NOTES

“Thank you for the lunch, your generosity, and prayer!”
- Truman Learning Center

“Thank you so much for the privilege of getting to visit and to share at your church! We are excited to partner with you all as we follow the Lord’s call.”
- International Mission Board Missionary & Family

“I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent cards, asked how I was doing and especially for your prayers while I was recovering from my broken shoulder.”
-Pat Watson

To read more of our thank yous for this month, visit our “Thank You Board” located outside of the sanctuary in the foyer.





NEWS & VIEWS

November 2021

And a Little Child Shall Lead Them

Recently, I saw a news story about a young boy who stole the pope's hat! No, that's not the beginning of a bad joke. Allow me to share the brief article from Reuters dated October 20.

A boy stole the show at Pope Francis' Vatican audience on Wednesday, getting a seat at his side and a white papal cap as a reward for persistence after walking onto the stage. The boy, who Francis later said had a medical "limitation", was wearing a mask and a track suit and appeared to be about 10-years old. He approached the pope with tottering steps at the start of the audience in the large Paul VI hall. He caused no alarm for security officials, who did not try to stop him. He shook the pope's hand, jumping up and down in front of him. When it became clear that he wanted to stay for a while, Monsignor Leonardo Sapienza, the head of protocol, got up and gave the boy his chair at the pope's right. The boy, who applauded enthusiastically once seated next to the pope, walked on and off the stage freely, returning to the centre several times as the audience continued with the pope reading his address. The boy several times pointed to the pope's white skull cap, known as a zucchetto. Officials took the hint and he was given a similar cap, prompting applause and laughter from the crowd of several thousand people. "I thank this boy for the lesson he has given all of us. May the Lord help him in his limitation, as he grows, because what he did came from the heart," the pope said.

Stories like this warm my heart, and make for much better reading than most headlines today! I want to quickly highlight two beautiful parts of the story. First, did you notice how one of the priests, instead of shooing the boy away, took his chair and gave it to the boy to sit next to the pope? What a beautiful picture of love and grace! The second part I hoped you paid attention to is what the pope said about the boy. He didn't scold the child for his interruption, but instead praised him, for "what he did came from the heart."

Can you quickly think of how to apply those two parts of the story in your life and in our church? First, how can you give up something that you see as "yours" in order to be a blessing to someone else? I promise that you have opportunities to do that very thing much more frequently than you realize. Second, how can you find ways to recognize the good intentions in others even when it conflicts with your plans?

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Upcoming Highlights



NOVEMBER 2021

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship	8am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am
Sunday School	9:15am						
Lighthouse Harbor	10:30am						
Worship	10:30am						
Trunk or Treat	4pm						
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:30pm						
Trustees Meeting	5pm						
Worship	6pm						
Fuel Student Bible Study	6pm						
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship	8am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am
Sunday School	9:15am						
Worship	10:30am						
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:30pm						
Fuel Student Bible Study	6pm						
Missouri Baptist University & MA...	6:30pm						
Deacons Meeting	7pm						
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship	8am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am
OCC Collection Sunday	8am	OCC Collection Center	OCC Collection Center	OCC Collection Center	OCC Collection Center	OCC Collection Center	OCC Collection Center
Sunday School	9:15am						
Lighthouse Harbor	10:30am						
Worship	10:30am						
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:30pm						
Thanksgiving Meal	5pm						
Worship	6pm						
Fuel Student Bible Study	6pm						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship	8am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am
Sunday School	9:15am	OCC Collection Center					
Lighthouse Harbor	10:30am						
Worship	10:30am						
OCC Collection Center	11am						
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:30pm						
Finance Committee	5pm						
Worship	6pm						
Fuel Student Bible Study	6pm						
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Worship	8am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am	Walking Track	7:30am
Sunday School	9:15am						
Lighthouse Harbor	10:30am						
Worship	10:30am						
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:30pm						
Trustees Meeting	5pm						
Hanging of the Green	6pm						
Fuel Student Bible Study	6pm						