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# from the Pastor

November is the only month with a day designated as a holiday for giving thanks. Thanksgiving Day became a federal holiday in 1863 as President Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

With this month's focus on thanksgiving and the Bible's instruction to be thankful in 'all things', I started thinking of all the things I'm thankful for

concerning First Baptist Church, this year. I decided to come up with one for each day. So here are

### **30 things I'm grateful for at FBC** (in no particular order).

- Jesus A wonderful Savior
- The freedom to assemble each week
- Adult choir singing faithfully
- A multi-generational church
- A noble past/A promising future
- Sunday School teachers
- Sunday School classes who minister
- A baptistery used regularly
- Bibles available to all of us.
- Students from all our area schools
- College students who liven our fellowship
- Robert, Jeff, Eric, Jack, Dina, Lauren, Pat, Pam, Corie, Amy, Linda, Kristen, Steve, Maria, WC, Carl
- Saundra, Martha Lee, Abby, Heath, Isaiah
- Awesome instrumentalists
- All our preschoolers
- All our children

- Our deacons
- Our committees and teams
- Mission trips and teams
- Our Tech crew
- Our Kitchen crew
- A counseling ministry
- Our library
- A shuttle bus and permission to use parking on campus
- Inadequate parking means people are coming
- Our Senior Adults
- A climate controlled building
- Our greeters, ushers and those who provide security
- Parents who bring their kids to church
- Smiles, laughter and joy as well as shared tears

I thank my God every time I remember you. - Philippians 1:3

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#### **NOVEMBER 2**

Daylight Saving Time ends: Fall back 1 hour

#### **NOVEMBER 3**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
5 p.m. Life U Studies

#### **NOVEMBER 4**

5:30 p.m. GriefShare

#### **NOVEMBER 5**

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

Noon Prayer Meeting

# XYZ Senior Adult Program

**Tuesday, November 5** 

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
"Missions Insights: Past, Present, Future"
A delicious meal will be provided.

#### **NOVEMBER 6**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

#### **NOVEMBER 10**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
5 p.m. Life U Studies

#### **NOVEMBER 11**

5:30 p.m. GriefShare 5:30 p.m. Outreach

#### **NOVEMBER 12**

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **NOVEMBER 13**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: Prayer Warrior Night

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

#### **NOVEMBER 14**

5:30 p.m. Sentinel Security Training for mission trips

#### **NOVEMBER 17**

#### **Shoebox Dedication Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill
4:30 p.m. Brazil Mission Trip
Interest Meeting
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth

5 p.m. Life U Studies

**NOVEMBER 18** 

## 5:30 p.m. GriefShare

#### NOVEMBER 19 7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast

Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **NOVEMBER 20**

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study5 p.m. Fellowship Thanksgiving Meal5:30 p.m. AWANA: Color Team Night

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth

6 p.m. Annual Church Conference 6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study



6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

#### **Annual Church Conference**

Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Special called business meeting to present and vote on the 2020 church budget.

#### **NOVEMBER 21**

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Book Club (Email wmin@gotofirst.org for details)

#### **NOVEMBER 24**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes 11 a.m. Worship Service 3 p.m. Children's Choir

#### **NOVEMBER 26**

Noon Prayer Meeting

#### **NOVEMBER 27**

No evening activities

#### NOVEMBER 28-29 Thanksgiving

Church office closed

#### **Sunday school attendance**

Oct. 6 - 450 Oct. 20 - 565 Oct. 13 - 504 Oct. 27 - 493

#### **Budget October 2019**

 Budget
 \$167,953.08

 Building
 \$5,460.00

 Designated
 \$21,848.80

 Total
 \$195,261.88

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering FBC Oxford goal: \$100,000

#### **Our Sympathy**

To Mrs. Anne Otts after the loss of her nephew Lee Hollie

To the family of Mrs. Gladys Starnes; Mrs. Dee Hey and Mrs. Gloria Armbruster

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Oct. 27- Jeff Busby, Gary Carter, Nov. 2 Craig Kirkendall

Nov. **3-9** David Erhart, Brad Golmon,

Lane Wilson

Nov. 10-16 Michael Ferris, Paul Hale,

Fred Johnson

Nov. 17-23 Paxton Little, Nelson Little,

Dave Miller

Nov. 24-30 Lanny Shackelford,

Derrell Doss, Jim Rose

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

- Pick up your GO boxes now in the Atrium! Packing tips at gotofirst.org/occ
- Bring your packed shoeboxes to church before worship service Nov. 17!
- Cash donations will be used to benefit Operation Christmas Child.
   Checks should be made out to First Baptist Church.
- Volunteer to work shifts in the Central Drop Off. Sign up at the OCC table in the Atrium or talk to the Quinns if you can greet, count, pray over, or cartonize boxes for a shift.

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK NOV. 18-25
SHOEBOX DEDICATION SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 17

### MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Contact Jeff Holeman at 662.234.3515 or wigtake@gmail.com

### MONDAY OUTREACH Nov. 11

Light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Outreach.

Preschool care begins at 5:45.

# MONDAYS in MARKS

continues on Mondays in November

Leave church at 2:30 p.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Helping the Reclaimed project with Tutoring, helping with homework, recreation with kids.



# Sentinel Training

Security training for those traveling internationally on mission trips.

November 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the youth room

Call church office if you plan to attend.

## **OAXACA MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP**

Medical Trip to Oaxaca. February 8-14, 2020

We have room for 2 more. Cost is \$450 per person for FBC Members. \$1250 per person for non-members. \$100 deposit is due before November 15.

# BRAZIL CHURCH PLANTING TRIP TERESINA, PIAUÍ, BRAZIL

June 6-15, 2020

For Adults, Families, Students.

Personal Evangelism, Church construction, Medical, Children's ministry.

Cost: Approximately \$2200 per person.

Interest Meeting Sunday, November 17 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



The Alethia Ladies Sunday School class will be offering

# Gift Wrapping for Lottie Moon

December 8 in the Atrium from 8-11 a.m.

Bring your already boxed gifts with gift labels taped lightly to the tops and drop them off. We will alternate attending worship services, so we can have your gifts wrapped after each service. We provide all paper, tape, ribbon and sparkles. Just drop a donation in the basket on our table for the Lottie Moon offering.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org

Monthly Book Club Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Our book for November is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more info.





FBC Men's Ministry is able to provide assistance for small home projects in between scheduled men's work days.

If you have a need of this type, e-mail your request to mm@gotofirst.org, call the church office at 662-234-3515 or see Mr. Russell Finley at the Welcome Center in the Atrium.



### STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



We have a few spaces left!

January 17-20 • Pigeon Forge, TN Cost is \$195 plus meals. For all youth grades 7-12. \$50 deposit due now! Students will need \$120 for meals. Space is limited to 48 students.

### PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



UPWARD BASKETBALL FOR GRADES K5-4TH Register now at www.gotofirst.org
Registration ends November 5!

Preschool & Children's Departments

# NIGHT OU cember 6 • 6-9 p.m.

Signup begins Nov. 17





# Preschool Christmas Party

## December 8

3:30-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will be doing Christmas crafts and have pizza and cookies. Be sure to wear your pajamas!



# Children's Christmas Party

### December 8

3:30-5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

Christmas snacks and games for all K-6th grade children!





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