



The Best of Times

The most awaited holiday is next Thursday. I know Black Friday starts the following morning. Friday will no doubt be a blast for millions of Americans. But Thursday comes first. Thanksgiving is anticipated for many reasons.

Schools let out. People usually get together with others at a community center, a church, or in homes. Families learn about new recipes and teach children on how to be grateful. Meditate on the following quotes and share them with others. Perhaps you could read them before you eat. This is just one simple way to recognize and express appreciation for our many blessings.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." Ps. 107:1

"Give thanks with a grateful heart." 1 Thess. 5:18

"Gratitude helps us to see what is there instead of what isn't."

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Les

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 20
5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Sunday, Nov. 24
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
11:15 a.m. – Decorate the church

Teacher Schedule

Nursery

11/24 - Mary Bishop /
Brooke Tonner
12/1 - Evy Fate / Sydney Collins

Kids' Time

11/24 - Deb Klopfenstein/
Darcy Isch
12/1 - Ruth Ann Monroe /
Chris McFarren

LOL

11/24 - Remain in service
12/1 - Remain in service

Stewardship Report

Nov. 17, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	3067.00
Missions	220.00
Building/Maint Fund	425.00
White Cross	50.00
Poinsettias	48.00
Total	\$3,810.00



Come join in the fun this Sunday. Right after the worship service, we will decorate the church for Christmas. All are invited to stay and help. We will have a sloppy joes, veggie trays, chips, and cookies for our workers.



We hope each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving! The office will be open next Monday and Tuesday with normal hours, and there will not be a Link next week. Pastor Les and Debbie are excited to have family visiting for the holiday!



The nursery always needs our order early so they can grow our flowers! The deadline is this Sunday, Nov. 24 to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary and you may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service. They cost \$6.00. There are order forms on the table in the foyer. Please turn in your completed form and payment. Make checks payable to First Baptist.

College Gifts

Finals for our college students are approaching soon. If you would like to contribute money toward encouragement gifts from the church, please see Jan Jones.

Thank You

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all the people at First Baptist that have sent cards and said prayers for me. Hope before long I can get back to church!
Ruth Risser



Goody Bags

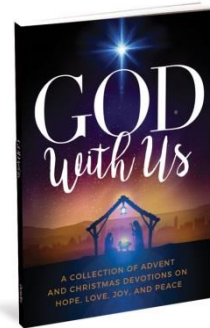
Each holiday season, we collect bags of goodies for our homebound members and deliver them when we go Christmas caroling. We have seven bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items that you think our homebound friends would enjoy such as magazines, snacks, lotions, and games.



It will once again be an honor for FBC to host a musical worship celebration led by Brad Byerly, Ryan Herschy, Randy Kistler, and Julie Crandall. This concert will be in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors! Closer to the time, we will have flyers available to help with your invitations.



On December 8, we will first enjoy some pizza in the Fellowship Hall, and then go Christmas caroling. We will sing to our homebound friends and deliver their goody bags. We will have Welcome Card sign-up the week before, so we know how much pizza to order.



On Sunday, December 1, our church family will embark on an advent journey that includes a devotional based on the theme "God With Us". You can pick up a devotional guide for your clan this Sunday from the table in the foyer. Then you will be ready to begin.



Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Barb Smekens – Room 217B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B
Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service