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First Baptist Church Newsletter

*Nov. 22, 2023*

## **Our Persuasive Message**

In Berkley, near the campus of the University of California, an entrance ramp goes up onto the freeway. After classes dismissed a few days before Thanksgiving, the ramp used to be loaded with college kids hitchhiking rides. They had signs saying, "Sacramento," or "L.A." or names of other destinations. They held up these signs for passing motorists to see and respond to. But one man was particularly impressed when he read a young man's sign stating simple, "MOM IS WAITING." How could he resist giving him a ride.

Advertising a meeting, a program, or even a church is not very persuasive any more. So how can we motivate people to join us on this exciting journey to know and love God better?

Our core message continues to be "JESUS IS WAITING." The Lord's arms are wide open; everyone is invited to follow Him. Christ also stands ready to welcome us home to that forever celebration at God's house in heaven. No one wants to miss the laughter, joy, and friendship of that feast. Promote Jesus!

Together with you,

Les



**Wide Open**

## GOODY BAGS



Each holiday season, we take goody bags to our homebound members. This year we will have four bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items like snacks, puzzle books, tissues, lotions, and cards or notes. The deadline for the collection is Sunday, December 17, so that the deacons and Pastor Les can distribute the bags by Christmas.



## Fellowship Dinner December 10



We will have a Taco Bar downstairs right after the worship service on Dec. 10. You can make your own taco, taco salad, or tortilla wrap. The church will provide the meat, shells, tortillas, drinks, and table service. This Sunday there will be a sign-up sheet for what you can bring. The options will be toppings like lettuce, onions, cheese, tomatoes, and salsa, or a dessert. Please sign up with how many are coming from your family, so we know how to plan!

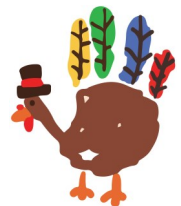


The Youth Bible Study and Adventure Kids will not meet this Wednesday, November 22. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! See you on November 29!

### Teachers for Sunday November 26, 2023

**Kids' Time**  
Deb Klopfenstein  
Logan and Hunter Zoll

**LOL**  
Loren Wanner



River Terrace  
Karen West  
Carolyn McBride



*Remember Our  
Homebound Friends*

Christian Care  
Bob Hiester

Ossian Healthcare  
Ted Shady

  
**DECORATE**  
the church

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We will decorate the church for Christmas right after the worship service this Sunday. As a thank you, a pizza lunch is provided afterwards for all of the workers. Join us!!



## *Poinsettia Orders*

You may 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. The cost is \$6.50 and the deadline is this Sunday, November 26. There are order forms in the foyer. You may turn in your form, along with payment, to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to First Baptist.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY**

We like to remember our college students and those studying away from home. If you would like to contribute toward a financial gift for the students as they finish their semesters, please give it to Howard or Jan Jones. They will make sure the students receive the gifts from their FBC family.



### **Prayer Items**

- Continued healing for the following individuals:
  - Don Reeves
  - Denise Downs
  - Chas Isch
  - Holly Zoll
- Traveling safety for all who visit others this week.
- Peaceful resolution to the conflict in Israel and surrounding region.



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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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