



The Bell Tower

November 2024



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 7th Nathan Brooks
- 9th Randy Flanagin
Wesley Terrell
- 10th Mary Jane Parker
- 12th Mylee Manuel
- 13th Marilyn Dallaire
- 16th Brad Ellis
Charles Porter
- 17th Liz Brooks
- 19th Jodie Hudson
- 23rd James Malone
Mike Stoner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th Kevin & Kayla Flinn
- 16th Don & Virginia Hendrix



Watch FBC online:

1. Links for live worship services are posted weekly at Facebook.com/groups/fbcbloom.
2. Recorded worship services are available to the public at YouTube.com/fbcbloomfield.

Tithes and Offerings

If you would like to support the church online, please visit our website at www.fbcbloom.org.

Online giving can be found here:

You can also [click here](#).



November Church Office Hours

Tues./Thurs. 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm
 Wednesday 1:00-4:00 pm
 Friday 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-11:00am
 Tuesday Evening 4:30pm-6:00pm

CLC Access

Daily access to the CLC, for those who don't have a key, will now be available during regular church hours by checking/signing in with FBC Secretary Heather Malone. Access to the CLC will be by utilizing the walkway through the church Narthex.

FBC NEWS & ACTIVITIES



FBC LOVE FEAST NOVEMBER 3 AT 6:00 PM IN THE CLC

This year's annual FBC Love Feast will be held on Sunday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the CLC. The Social Committee will provide table service, drinks, turkey, ham, ham balls, mashed potatoes, noodles, and dressing. Our Church Family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

World Mission Silent Auction at the Love Feast

Please take time to look at the variety of items/services available for bids in the Narthex for the silent auction. You are encouraged to bid on your favorites. Winners will be announced after our meal and closing program. Any questions, contact Cheri Campbell Graf 812-227-0117.



Rummage Sale! November 7-9 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

We are accepting anything you would like to donate. CLC Room 104 (in the corner by the downstairs playroom) is set up with containers for self-sorting. If your item is not part of one of our categories, leave it in the room for further sorting. Larger items such as furniture will need to be dropped off the week of our sale. Please contact Kylee Moody with any questions.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is November 18-25, 2024. Linton First Baptist will be a drop off site. I have been in touch with their coordinator. She will be sending me a list of times and dates for drop off soon. In the meantime, I would encourage those planning to participate to start gathering items for your box. Many items are on sale now. If you aren't sure what items are allowed, go to the Samaritan's Purse website. In early October, I will have an area set up in the Narthex with boxes and information. Any questions please let me know. Cheri Campbell Graf 812-384-8980.

Miscellaneous Kitchen Items

Some of our kitchen helpers have gone through the cabinets in the Fellowship Hall and identified several items of unknown origin. These items are on a cart next to the library counter to be claimed by their owners. Items not claimed by Nov 7th will be placed in the Church Rummage Sale.

Pregnancy Choices Baby Bottles

If you still have a baby bottle at home, please bring it back to the church by December 2024. Becky Smith will be picking them up. Thank you!



John Bailey giving the Children's Sermon October 27.



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Middle and High School Youth Work Day Sat., November 2

The middle and high school youth are invited to come split and stack wood for a neighbor of Dennis and Karen Kutch. We will meet at the Kutch's house, 12329 E 1700 N, Newberry at 8 a.m. Lunch provided. Please bring gloves, dress warmly, and wear good shoes.

Fusion Youth Ministry Weekend November 8-9

Aiden Malone is coordinating a youth trip to the First Baptist Church of New Castle November 8-9. Registration deadline is November 1. Please see Pastor Nathan for details.

Youth Christmas Party December 8

Middle and High School Youth are invited to a Youth Christmas Party at Nathan, Liz, and Tiffany's house, 145 Dogwood Ln Sunday, December 8 from 4:30-7 p.m.

We Need You!

We are continually seeking sponsors for youth activities. If you would be willing to lead an activity, please sign up in the Narthex and let Pastor Nathan know. Thank you!



Youth Fuse Event in Petersburg, October 20



Youth Hang Out at the Hudson's October 27



2024 APPLE FESTIVAL





ECHOES FROM THE BELL TOWER

*Give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful
deeds. Psalm 107:8*

Happy Thanksgiving Day!!

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Come, Ye Thankful
People, Come**

**Text: Henry Alford;
Music: George J. Elvey**

**Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away.
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels come;
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

Its time for our

FIRST BAPTIST



Be the first to correctly guess
the year these Love Feast pictures were taken!
(Hint: they were taken in the same year)



CONGRATULATIONS

Alex Malone was our First Baptist Flashback winner from the month of October. He was the first to correctly identify the individuals at the 2005 FBC Apple Festival noodle booth. Congratulations Alex!



Serving chicken and noodles at the Apple Festival to raise money for the Christian Life Center



Those pictured are Jean Resler, Nancy Canty, Betty Dean, and Jeff Coffin. The picture on the right is of Mike Toon and Jeff Coffin.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S CHAPTER TEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 6. DEUTERONOMY
- 7. HEBREWS
- 8. MATTHEW
- 10. MARK
- 11. JOHN
- 12. ROMANS

DOWN

- 1. EZEKIEL
- 2. JOSHUA
- 3. EXODUS
- 4. LUKE
- 5. ESTHER
- 9. ACTS

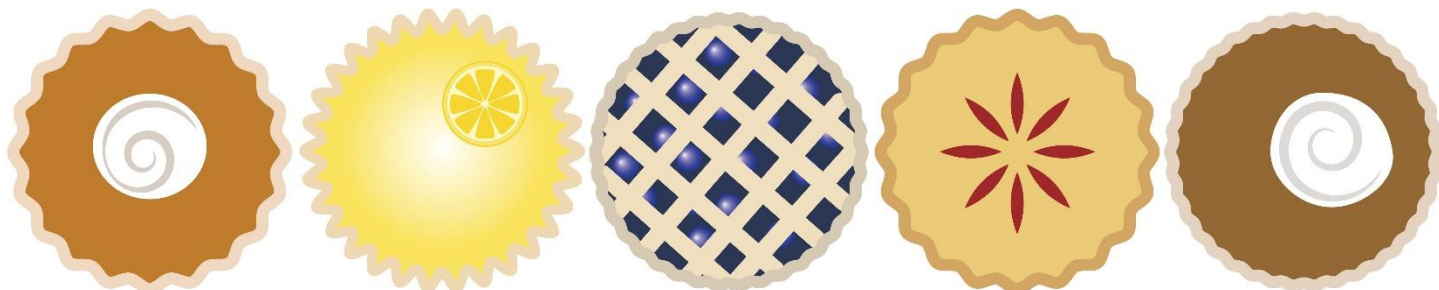
Give thanks unto
the Lord



COOKS IN THE BELFRY

(How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103 NIV)

Pies, Pies, Pies, Yum!



This month's recipes are taken from the FBC 125th Anniversary Cookbook. If you have a recipe you would like to share in an upcoming newsletter, please send to Heather at secretary@fbc bloom.org. Thank you!

Chocolate Chip Pie

Submitted by Nancy Cummings

2 eggs

½ c. flour

½ c. sugar

½ c. brown sugar

1 c. butter, melted and cooled

1 (6 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips

1 c. walnuts, chopped

Cool Whip Topping

Beat eggs and add sugars and flour. Blend in melted butter. Stir in nuts and chips. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour.

Lemon Meringue Pie

Submitted by Paula Bartlett

1 c. sour cream

3 slightly beaten egg yolks

1 (4 ½ oz.) pkg. vanilla pudding mix

1 ¼ c. milk

1/3 c. frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

1 baked 9-inch pastry shell

3 egg whites

½ tsp. vanilla

¼ tsp. cream of tartar

6 Tbsp. sugar

In saucepan, combine sour cream and egg yolks. Stir in pudding mix, milk, and lemonade concentrate. Cook and stir until mixture thickens and bubbles. Remove from heat, spoon into pastry shell.

Beat egg whites, vanilla, and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Spread onto top of hot filling, sealing to edges of pastry. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Cool. Chill before serving



MANNING THE ROPES

(Committee & Council Updates)



2025 FBC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

Please put on your calendar to plan to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14th in the FBC sanctuary. There are several issues to vote on (see agenda below). To vote on any requires a quorum of at least 20 members, either present or online. To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of FBC and at least 16 years of age. The following is the agenda for the meeting:

1. Vote to approve minutes of the previous congregational meeting
2. Committee reports (no vote required)
3. Vote to approve the slate of FBC officers for 2025 (Closed ballot)
4. Vote to approve the proposed amount designated non-taxable for the FBC parsonage
5. Vote on FBC proposed security measures
6. 2025 FBC Budget (closed ballot)

*FBC Secretary (Heather) has sent out the proposed budget via email and copies are available on the church library counter.

John,
FBC Moderator

2024 WORLD MISSION OFFERING

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering all of October and culminating on November 3 with our Love Feast Silent Auction. The main theme of the offering is "Were not our hearts burning within us?", taken from Luke 24:32-35. Offering envelopes can be found in the pews. This offering supports our global servants who are serving around the world as the hands and feet of Jesus. They are proclaiming the gospel through word and deed. God's mission has not changed as He sends these mission servants all over the world. They covet our prayers. A 31-day prayer calendar will be posted on the bulletin board for our global servants, their families, and ministries. Any questions, please contact Cheri Campbell Graf 813-384-8980.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL



Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is
good.
Psalm 106:1

November newsletter

Contact info Camryn Deschamp- camrynbulfman@gmail.com (812) 384-0400 x 28 or class dojo	Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• G, H, I, J• Blending• Long I• Beginning Sounds
Math <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calendar procedures- month, days of the week, number, date• Counting to 20• Shapes & colors	Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Halloween- Candy• Colors• Thanksgiving- Turkey• Thanksgiving- Thankful
Bible <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving• Fruit of the Spirit	
Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11/28- NO SCHOOL!• Christmas Program- December 12 @ 6 PM (MORE DETAILS TO COME)• If you are happy with our program so far, please refer us to your friends! We'd love to raise enrollment numbers for the second semester.	



But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

Preschool 2024-2025



(As of 09-30-2024)

Actual YTD Gen. Fund Income: \$182,376.69
Miscellaneous Income: \$7,918.71
Total YTD Expenses: \$188,823.76
Actual YTD Church *Surplus*: \$1,471.64

FINANCIAL Snapshot

by Adrienne



***Please pray for First Baptist Church in
2024...***

For abounding love and discernment,
Philippians 1:9-11

That God would renew our minds,
Romans 12:2

For purity and that we would faithfully minister to
those in need,
James 1:27

That we would encourage one another,
Hebrews 10:24-25

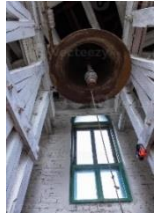
For continual awareness of God's goodness,
Psalm 34:8

For continual experience of Christ's peace and joy,
Philippians 4:4-9

For confident, faithful perseverance,
1 Peter 5:10

**Thank you for keeping our church and community in
prayer!**

A NOTE FROM PASTOR NATHAN



*I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.
I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.
Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
Lamentation 3:19-26 (NIV)*

One of our great Thanksgiving hymns is *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. Both the title and the line, "Morning by morning new mercies I see," come from Lamentations 3.

Lamentations is not a happy book. Jerusalem had recently been violently destroyed by the Babylonians. Horrible suffering had transpired. Numerous people had died from war, disease, or starvation. Multiple rounds of exile had occurred, taking much of the population far from home. The temple was gone. The city was in shambles. Both those taken away and those left behind had experienced tremendous anguish. Their world had been turned upside down.

Yet the author of Lamentations is determined to see a hope and a future. His basis for confidence is in *who God is*. His love never ceases, and His mercies are fresh every morning. Any number of circumstances might change, and possibly for the worse, but God's loyal love remains steadfast, and His mercies are our daily experience.

Therefore, for the people to whom the Lord belongs – "the Lord is my portion," says our author – the final verdict will not be destruction but salvation. The Bible is full of promises that no matter how severe our trials may become, up to and including death itself, those who belong to God by faith will ultimately experience His life and salvation.

As I write this, I don't know what sadness may be upon your heart. At any given point in time, we as a congregation are facing a spectrum of difficulties. Sometimes, life is hard. Sometimes, church is hard.

We are invited to respond as Lamentations does, both by deliberately naming the things that have brought us anguish and by intentionally remembering that God's love and mercy have not – and will not – change.

This is why we sing songs like "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." This is why we read Psalms like #136 and add our own experiences to the list of reasons to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever." This is why we take a timeout to go walk in the woods or sit on the porch quietly with our Bibles to spend time in God's presence. This is why we gather around a table with family and friends for the deliberate purpose of giving thanks.

Life automatically provides many reminders of sorrow and grief. We are invited to intentionally pause from the rush of life to remember that God's love never fails, and God's mercies are fresh today, no matter what today may hold.

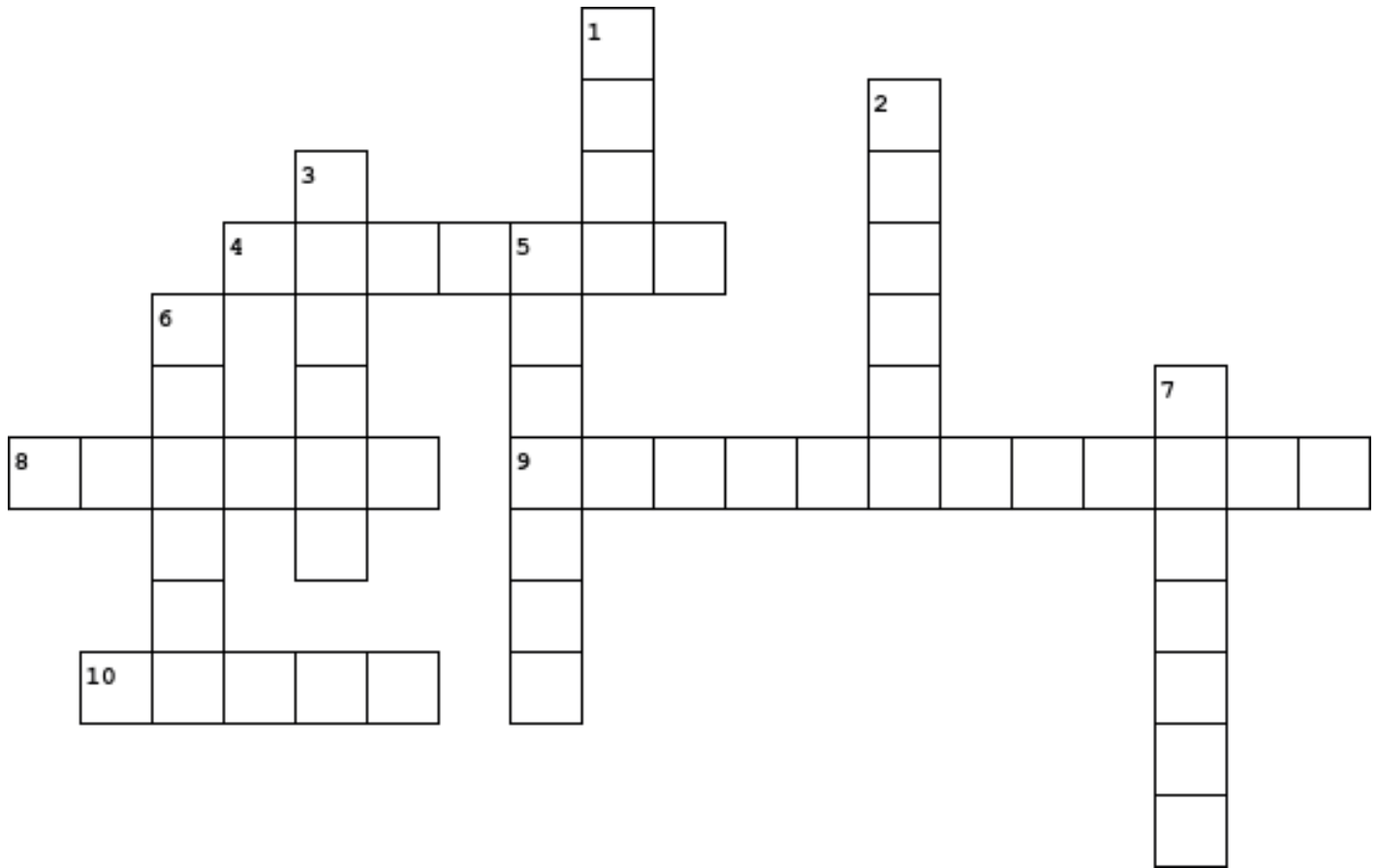
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

We call this to mind, and therefore, we have hope. Thanks be to God!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nathan

THANKSGIVING



Across

4. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures ___ (Ps. 136:1)
8. Three times a day he got down on his knees and ___, giving thanks (Dan. 6:10)
9. ...in everything, by prayer and petition, with ___, present your requests to God (Phil. 4:6)
10. Do everything in the name of the Lord ___, giving thanks (Col. 3:17)

Down

1. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing ___ (Ps. 107:8, 15, 21, 31)
2. Give ___ in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)
3. Taking the five ___ and two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks (Mt. 14:19)
5. Thanks be to God! He gives us the ___ through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57)
6. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with ___ (Ps. 100:4)
7. Since we are receiving a ___ that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful (Heb. 12:28)

Answers will be printed in next month's *Bell Tower*.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Love Feast set up	2 CLC res. Love Feast FH res. 6:00 GGW
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion/Baptisms Intl. Day of Prayer 9:00 KK Practice 12:00 FH res. 6:00 Love Feast	4 6:00 GS Com. Mtg 7:00 Choir Practice	5 Election Day 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group	6 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	7 8:00 Rummage Sale 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Deacon Mtg	8 8:00 Rummage Sale ABY Youth Conv	9 8:00 Rummage Sale ABY Youth Conv 6:00 GGW
10 8:30 Fellowship Bfst 9:00 KK Practice 1:00 CLC res.	11 Veterans Day 7:00 Choir Practice	12 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 5:00 Strength.Fam. 6:00 CLC res	13 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	14 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Congreg. Mtg.	15	16 6:00 GGW
17 5:00 KK Practice	18 7:00 Choir Practice	19 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res.	20 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	21 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Gideons	22 8:00 5 th Quarters CLC	23 8:00 CLC res. 6:00 GGW
24 9:00 KK Practice	25 7:00 Choir Practice	26 9:30 Cottage Prayer Group 6:00 CLC res 6:30 Trustee Mtg	27 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Community Fellowship	28 Thanksgiving FH res.	29	30 6:00 GGW

Deacon of the Month
Jeff Coffin

Trustee of the Month
Bill Hudson

Usher of the Month
Aiden Malone

Prayers

3rd Cheri C-G
10th
17th
24th

Snacks in the Narthex

3rd Randy & Brenda F.
10th Fellowship Breakfast
17th Ginger & Joann
24th

Greeters

Steve & Cheri Graf

Nursery Care

3rd

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