Last Sunday's Record - November 15, 2020

Offering: \$21,097.62 Sunday School: 182 January 1, 2020

Requirements: \$1,203,308.02 Receipts: \$1,108,499.61

Deacon of the Week

11/22 - Walter Rogers
12/6 - Jim Williamson
12/13 - Lee Rogers
12/20 Reed Scarbrough
12/27 - Brian Sellers

Deacon's Breakfast (change)

November Meeting moved to Sunday, December 6 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for November 22 "Dayenu" Psalm 136

Wednesday, November 25

No Wednesday Noon Bible Study and Luncheon or regularly scheduled Wednesday Evening Activities due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

All activities will resume on Wednesday, December 2

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - November 22

LAUNCH

Ryan and Casey Haarala

Worship Welcome

Diane Fairbanks David and Kathy Stehle
Greeter

Lydia Sanders Carolyn Hodgins Jena Sims Susan Hill

Security Team 2

John Calhoun Steve Gressett
Brad Henry Ben Webb

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 22

9:15 - Sunday School

10:30 - Morning Worship

3:30 - Acteens

4:30 - Youth Bible Drills

TUESDAY, November 24

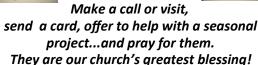
9:30 - Even Better than Eden/Laird

WEDNESDAY, November 25

No Wednesday noon or evening activities due to Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule.

Church Office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 25-27 for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Remember our FBC SENIORS!



Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. David McCubbin, Associate Pastor Emeritus
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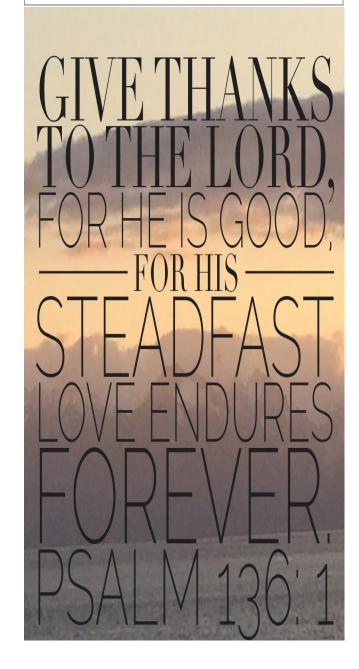
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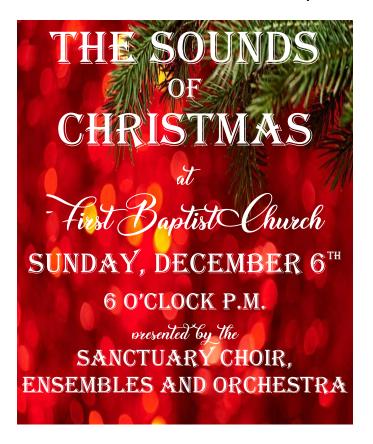
CHOOSING GRATITUDE "As you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody..." Ephesians 5:19

According to a presidential proclamation, the fourth Thursday in November shall be declared a day of national Thanksgiving, commemorating the first such observance. Thanksgiving Day is a fine custom because, for many of us (especially in the midst of a pandemic), gratitude does not come easily. We can learn a valuable lesson from our Pilgrim ancestors.

Remember that thanksgiving was not their only choice. Some of the Pilgrims suggested that they set aside a day of mourning, and they had every right to mourn. So many of that original group had died due to all the hardships. Of the eighteen wives on the Mayflower, only five remained alive for the first Thanksgiving Day. For a little bread instead of none, for a slim hold on life in place of death, for a glimmer of hope in an otherwise uncertain future - in those circumstances the Pilgrims gathered, by an act of discipline, to sing and make music in their heart to God for their blessings.

Our Thanksgiving celebrations set in the midst of festive tables surrounded by beautifully decorated homes, provide a rather interesting comparison with that first Thanksgiving. In our celebration, our gratitude should reflect the abundance of our blessings. We have so much, not just on this day, but every day. Too bad we need a presidential proclamation to make us say "thank you"!

David Bishop





The Festival of 9 Lessons Carols and Candles Sunday, December 13th 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Memorials...

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In memory of:

Justin and Brent Cobb Margaret Harrison Chuck Harmon Dr. Jim Matthews

Music

In honor of:

Miriam Chesney Barry Germany



LOTTIE MOON

WEEK OF PRAYER for International Missions beginning December 6 Watch for details!

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REMINDER

PICK UP TUESDAY, November 24
2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
FBC Welcome Center

F260 WEEK 48 READING beginning 11/22/20

Monday - Philippians 1-2 Tuesday - Philippians 3-4 Wednesday - Hebrews 1-2 Thursday - Hebrews 3-4

Friday - Hebrews 5-6

Memory Verses: Philippians 3:7-8, Hebrews 4:14-16

Thank you, FBC Church Family, for your generous gifts to L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen. Because of you we were able to deliver \$905.00 for them to use in purchasing food for their Holiday Meals. WMU of FBC