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Birthdays
November 16-22

Nov. 16 Jonathan Nunn
Nov. 18 Melinda McCubbin
Tiffany Snodgrass
Nov. 20 Frances Flanders
Roland Haun
Nov. 21 Doug Lasley
Nov. 22 Kitty Dixon

Our heartfelt thanks to members of First Baptist Church for your many calls, cards, food and prayers for your loved one, Mary W. Carter. It was deeply appreciated.
Ruth Ann Brown & Family

 A Thanksgiving meal will be provided at First Baptist for those who would not have a family meal. If you would like to help, please let Phyllis Blakeman know or call the church office.

 **There will be a special-called business meeting Sunday morning, November 16th, for the purpose of a vote to call Adam Townsend as Minister of Education and Children.**

November's business meeting will be November 23rd after the evening worship service.


MIKE'S-SPACE

Today I want to set a challenge before you. As of this past Sunday we are \$22,850 behind in our giving using our budget as a guideline. Right or wrong I have some ideas as to how this happened. On Lincoln Days Sunday we missed an opportunity for giving altogether and immediately fell more than \$10,000 behind. Also since then there has been an economic downturn that is beginning to affect the entire country. And we have been without some full-time staff people for several months. It could just be that some of you have seen less of a need to give.

Nevertheless, let's set a goal of meeting our church budget by the end of the year. You have been very faithful in your giving until this last month. Now let's get back on track as we head into 2009. It just so happens that we have a fifth Sunday in November. That extra giving day can offset that Sunday of giving that we missed at Lincoln Days. Then if we just concentrate on giving a little more toward our budgeted amount on the rest of the Sundays left in the year, we can reach our goal that we set for ourselves way back in December of 2007.

I don't know how it is at your house, but at ours we seem to always find extra money to buy all those Christmas gifts we have in mind to give to friends and family. This year at the same time, let's see if we can't find that extra money we need to fulfill our faith goal of giving to the Lord's ministry.

Your Pastor,
Bro. Mike

 Many of you have asked about Shoe Boxes and Brochures for the Shoe Boxes. Both are now out in the lobby of the church. We were given a very limited number of the preprinted shoe boxes this year. If you do not get one, you can use a regular shoe box or buy a plastic box at Walmart or the Dollar Store for \$1.00. The children can keep and use the plastic boxes.

Thank you for your interest in preparing shoe boxes. This year millions of children will experience Christmas joy when they receive gift-filled shoe boxes and hear the gospel through Christian literature and follow-up discipleship programs. As you fill your shoe boxes, please pray for the children who will receive the boxes. After you have brought your boxes to the church, please continue to pray for the children and for Samaritan's Purse as they distribute them.

We usually prepare around 300 boxes to send around the world. This year, I challenge us to prepare between 350 and 400 boxes. **REMEMBER—THE BOX YOU PREPARE MAY BE THE ONLY CHANCE A CHILD WILL HAVE TO HEAR THE STORY OF JESUS AND COME TO KNOW HIM!**

These words are from Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse, "Thank you for making an ETERNAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HURTING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. May God bless you."

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 **November Greeters:**
Suzanne Boone, Rob Brown, Carey Coffey, Barbara Gowen, Tommy Locke, Janet Long, Tim Underwood, Delma Wells

Host: Barbara Gowen

Nov. 16: Deacons of the Week: LeRoy Clark and Kenley Conner
Head Usher: Jimmy Rogers

Nov. 23: Deacons of the Week: Steve McCubbin & Barry Knight
Head Usher: Jimmy Edwards

Children's Workers

November 16:
Breakfast: Cara Beth Dawson
Infants: Emma Cox, Janet Williams, Janet Long
Toddlers: Greg and Katie Cooper
2's & 3's: Jamie and Cari Self
Jr. Children's: Lori Puyear and Leslie Gibson-Patton
Evening Nursery: Karen Singleton and Kristin Estes
Wed., November 19: Mae Burden and Morgan Dickerson

November 23:
Breakfast: Lori Puyear
Infant: Bo Decker and Stefanie Rock
Toddlers: Jonathan and Tiffany Spratt
2's & 3's: Ron and Jennifer Mills
Jr. Children's: Roni and Damon Milby
Evening Worship: Carolyn Duggins and Bonni Clark
Wed., November 26: Katie Sandidge and Maria Durham

The Link...
...between a ministering church and the home.

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A NOTE FROM GREG

Thanks for the time away. Our back porch (the project of the month, that is... our summer project) is looking great!... well mostly. Not quite finished.

We're back on schedule and driving toward Christmas. If you are a member of the Worship Choir, Orchestra, Handbells, or the Christmas Cantata Choir, let me encourage you to make every effort to be at all of the remaining rehearsals. At this point each voice/instrument is vitally important.

Just a cantata reminder...

Here are the dates that are remaining for rehearsals on the Christmas cantata:

- * November 12
- * November 19
- * November 24-Monday
- * December 3
- * December 10—Dress Rehearsal
- * December 14—Performance, 7pm

Please make plans to attend the remaining rehearsals. They are crucial to preparing the final performance. Thanks!

Is your Sunday School class signed up to participate in the Hanging of the Green November 30? If not, make plans now to attend.

Band members, good luck this week!
Greg

Student Ministry Stuff



You've probably heard by now that our youth group will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine on November 21-22. I'm really excited about this event and believe it will have a positive impact on our student ministry as well the church as a whole. Let me share a few of the reasons why we've chosen to participate in this year's Famine:

1. To help our students gain a deeper understanding of suffering in the world and to learn what it means to sacrifice for the sake of others.
2. To build unity within our youth group by allowing them to work together to reach a common goal.
3. To give the church a chance to get to know our students a little better and see how they are growing in their relationship with Christ.
4. And of course, to raise money to combat world hunger.

Honestly I didn't know what to expect when I first shared the idea of doing the 30 Hour Famine with our students. I have to say I've been amazed by their response. At least 18 students and 5 adults have agreed to participate so far, and several others are considering it. Over the next 2 weeks you may be asked by a student to donate to the famine. I hope that you will say yes. All of the money we raise will go directly to World Vision to feed hungry children all over the world.

Our regular schedule will be modified a bit the next couple months due to holidays. The biggest impact will be on Wednesday and Sunday nights. **There will be no evening youth activities on the following dates:**

- Wednesday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve
- Sunday, November 30 – Hanging of the Greens
- Sunday, December 14 – Christmas Cantata
- Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
- Sunday, December 28 – Christmas Break
- Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

And mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Restaurant Progressive Dinner - Monday, Dec 22
- Snow Tubing - Sunday, January 18

In Christ,
-Marty

Children's News

Operation Christmas Child

Wow! Is it that time already? It is hard to believe that the season of giving to this program is already upon us. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse and provides Christmas for a child in something as simple as a shoebox.

Gift ideas include school supplies (pens, pencils, crayons, writing pads, etc), small toys such as cars, balls, dolls or jump robes, personal hygiene items or other things like hard candy, gum, t-shirts, flashlights, etc. But, whatever you purchase needs to fit into a shoebox.

Labels to mark the age and gender of your items are found on the table in the front of the sanctuary. Boxes are available but any regular shoebox you have at home will also work. The due date for the boxes is **November 19**. So get your shopping done and turn in the shoeboxes. Just imagine what a difference this seemingly small gift can make in the life of a child who is desperate for some of life's simplest pleasures. Please be in prayer for this program as churches all over work together to be part of Operation Christmas Child.

Deena

Sunday, November 16 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
Monday, November 17 7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking 7:00 p.m. Body Sculpting, CFC
Tuesday, November 18 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Art Class 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir 6:00 p.m. Handbells
Wednesday, November 19 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday, November 20 7:00 p.m. Body Sculpting, CFC
Friday, November 21 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
Sunday, November 23 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Children's Mission Groups 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Children's Schedule for Wednesday 6:00-7:25 Children rotate through: TeamKid class Meal Praise Music Recreation
Youth Schedule for Wed. Evenings Middle School 5:00 Gym & Youth Area Open 5:50 Café Opens for Supper 6:30 Middle School Worship 7:30 Worship Dismisses; Gym/Loft Open 7:45 Lights Out High School 6:30 Help with Middle School & Children
Youth Schedule for Sunday Nights Middle School 6:00 D-Group High School 4:30 Gym & Youth area open 4:30 Praise Band Practice 5:00 Café Opens for Desserts & Drinks 6:00 High School Worship 7:00 Worship Dismisses; Gym/Loft Open 7:45 Lights Out
Magic Hands rehearsal is dismissed until January.

Babysitter Needed: If you are interested in earning a few dollars providing child care Monday evenings 6:45-8:15 p.m. for the Body Sculpting class, please call Tiffany Nunn at 358-4624.

There are about 20 college students who still need to be "adopted." If you are willing to "adopt" a college student, please call me at 358-3634, or see me at church. When you adopt a college student, you are agreeing to the following:

1. Be a prayer Warrior for the student.
2. Send her/him a card on her/his birthday and on holidays, such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.
3. Send a card, with a \$5 or \$6 fast food gift card in it during finals week, just to remind her/him that you are thinking about them.

This does not require a lot of money, just thoughtfulness and prayer. Please call Janet Long at 358-3634 if you will "adopt" one of our college students. You have no idea how much it means to a college student to hear from someone at church and know the church still cares about them.

Nov. 9th Financial Report	
Needed Weekly:	10,663.46
Budget Received:	9,828.75
Budget given:	457,005.52
Budget needed:	479,855.70
Designated:	
Youth	150.00
Video	100.00
Eliza Broadus	20.00
Poinsettias	398.00
Upward	495.00
World Hunger	125.00
Total Offering	11,116.75

Nov. 9th Attendance	
Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	3
Adult	90
Young Adult	23
Youth	30
Children	21
Preschool	17
Visitors	10
Bible Study Total	211
Morning Worship	340
Evening Worship	112

**"Body, Mind & Spirit...
Women Seeking God's Heart"**
Saturday, November 15
Registration 8:30; Retreat 9-2
Lunch & Child Care Provided

All Women are Invited

(College Age and Up)
**Breakout sessions,
Fellowship, Music and Worship**

For Information and to Register: Call 1st Baptist Church Office 270-358-3193

2009 Budget — Copies of the 2009 proposed budget are available for review. If you will not be at church to pick up a copy before the November 23rd business meeting, please call the church office to have a copy mailed.