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Birthdays

November 8 Beth Wilson
Ashley Highbaugh
Darcy Arnold
Preston Self

November 9 Barbara Huccaby
Barbara Gowen

November 10 Clarissa Thomas

November 11 E.G. Sanders
Carolyn Drake

November 12 Arlie Gardner
Kathy Ross
Dustin Russell

November 13 Roy Rock
Emmilyn Cline
Nathan Townsend

November 14 Jack Bradley
Brooke Lewis

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6,7*

For many of us, we are enjoying our favorite time of the year. We love the beauty of God's world that He so vividly places in front of our eyes to enjoy, and we look forward to spending sweet time with family and friends. Many of these loved ones may live far away, but there is a unique drawing of our hearts toward home at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We long to spend these special times with those who are dear to our hearts. Unfortunately, at this time that our hearts and minds should be focused on thankfulness and joy, we may also begin to experience a great deal of stress. We can easily become entangled in the thought process of preparation for these holidays, and lose sight of the One we praise and adore.

Looking back at our heritage, we do not see an easy path that led to a great big feast by some Pilgrims and Indians. Those first Americans experienced great hardships. After that first harsh New England winter, over half of those who had traveled to America had died. Can you picture in your mind what it would be like to cross the Atlantic with your family in a wooden boat crammed with other people, and then finally land in New England with winter quickly approaching, and nothing there? No houses. No home improvement stores to buy what you needed to build a house to keep your children warm. No grocery stores. No police dept. (and certainly no phones) to call for help in the event of an attack. No hospitals for the sick. No place to buy a new coat. No wonder those Pilgrims felt such gratitude in their hearts to God, when during that following Fall, they experienced a wonderful harvest. God had brought them through extremely trying times. He had even provided them with much needed agricultural knowledge from a very unlikely source-peaceful neighbors who happened to be Indians and who were willing to share what they had learned. Being devout Christians, I'm sure those early Americans probably spent a great deal of time in petition to God for their needs. And when He answered their prayers and brought about great blessing, they remembered to say "Thank You". May we always be a thankful people, praising Almighty God, our Provider and Sustainer.

May the Lord open your eyes to His wonderful blessings,
Misty

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Annual Women's Event

Ladies in Waiting

Saturday, November 7, 2009
8:30am-2:00pm

Topics include:

What's in a Name?-Wait, who am I?
To Wait and Not to Whine That is The Question: Waiting in the Storms of Life
I Wait For I Am? Worshipping while I wait

Fellowship, Music, Lunch Included...All Women College Age and Up Invited!

www.fbchodgenville.org/womensministry or call 358-3193.

First Baptist Women's Ministry



November Greeters:
Peggy Edwards,
Barbara Gowen, Bill
Hazle, Liane McDowell,
Tom Rossi, Tim Underwood
Host: Cindy Smith

Deacons of the Week

November 8: Glenn Williams and Barry Stephens

Head Usher: Jimmy Rogers

November 15: LeRoy Clark and Kenley Conner

Head Usher: Dean Williams

Children's Workers

November 8:

Breakfast: Kim Warnshuis

Infant: Heather Cline and Jean Thomas

Toddlers: Daniel and Clarissa Thomas

2's & 3's: Ruth Ann Frazee and Cindy Smith

Jr. Children's Church: Allison McDowell and Katie McDowell

Evening Worship: Perry Huccaby and Bethany Hall

Wed., November 11: Liz and Laurie Pearsall

November 15:

Breakfast: Kellie Sandidge

Infants: Lynda Stearman and Barbara Gowen

Toddlers: Kristin Thompson and Megan Townsend

2's & 3's: Pam Price and Bethany Hall

Jr. Children's Church: Suzanne Boone and Cindy Smith

Evening Nursery: Carolyn Duggins and Bonni Clark

Wed., November 19: Debbie Dickerson and Mae Burden

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The season of preparation for this blessed time of year is here, and the Music Ministry family is looking forward to sharing it with you and with our community. We would like to make you aware of some important dates that you will want to mark on your calendars.

This month, our Magic Hands Ministry will be performing at the PAC in Elizabethtown on Friday, 11/13 at the Glenn Rice Concert, and in our Morning Worship Service on 11/15. On Thurs., 11/24, the Community Thanksgiving Service will be held here at FBC at 7PM. Sunday, 11/29 will be the First Sunday of Advent, and we will have our annual Hanging of the Green Service at 6PM with a reception following. This will be a wonderful service explaining the Christian symbolism of our Christmas traditions. We would love to involve everyone in some way.

In December, the Magic Hands Ministry will perform in our Morning Worship Service on 12/6, and we will get to hear from our Preschoolers in "Big Church" on 12/13. On Sat. and Sun. evenings, Dec. 19 and 20, the Music Ministry will present *"An Evening in December"*. We will begin with a delicious candlelight Christmas dinner served at 6PM, and the program will begin at 7PM. You will not want to miss this celebration of the birth of our Savior. This music and drama presentation will involve our entire Music Ministry, ages Kindergarten through Senior Adult. Please begin inviting your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. This is a great outreach opportunity to our community. The story of the birth of our Lord, the Savior of the World, will be clearly explained and portrayed. With two presentations being offered, this will provide a wonderful opportunity to schedule bringing someone who needs to know Christ with you to a delicious dinner and deeply meaningful presentation of His birth. On Thurs., 12/24 we will have our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service at 11PM. May you be filled with joy and thanksgiving for God's "unspeakable gift" to us, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Misty

Remember the Back to the Future movies from the 1980s? I'm kind of partial to these movies because the main character was named Marty (McFly), and in case you haven't noticed, there aren't many Marty's in the movies. Anyway, all three of these movies were based on the idea of using a time machine to go back in time to change one event in the past in order to make a better future. I wonder how many of us, if given the chance, would go back in time to change something they did or said in the past?

Unfortunately no one's been able to invent a time machine yet, so for now we're stuck living with the consequences of our poor decisions. But what happens when the bad decisions of our past seem to limit our opportunities to serve God in the present? I wonder, do you ever feel like you've already "blown it" and somehow missed out on God's best for your life? I know I feel that way sometimes. In fact, I was feeling that way this morning when I thought about Peter.

If anyone ever felt like they'd completely blown it, it had to be Peter. Can you imagine what he felt like after denying that he even knew Jesus three times on the night before the crucifixion? But then I read Jesus' gentle restoration of Peter in John 21 and I'm reminded that just as Jesus never gave up on Peter, He never gives up on us either. Peter was able to do great things for the Kingdom of God even after he'd "blown it", and so can we.

Warm Hearts Warm Kids
I'd like to invite everyone to come out on Monday night (Nov 9) to help greet and show Christ's love to our neighbors as they come to our church to pick up the coats and hoodies you helped to provide through Operation Warm Hearts Warm Kids. We will be passing out coats and hoodies from 6:00 -7:30pm in the CFC.

30-Hour Famine
The date for our 30-Hour Famine has been set. Participants will begin their fast on Friday, November 20 at noon and will finish at 6pm on Saturday. Our students have set a lofty fundraising goal of \$10,000 for Hunger Relief. Stay tuned for much more to come about this event.

In Christ,
Marty

November 15—Teacher's Meeting
9:00—9:30

Whenever you enter my office you will notice on my desk a calendar. One page will be for the current month, the one next to it will be for next month. I just switched them and realized that next month is December. I already have December's calendar up. That's nuts! Of course there isn't a month that goes by that I don't sit there and wonder how we got to this point so quickly. And yet this is the way life is. Everyone experiences it in pretty much the same way. We go through living life and then all of the sudden another year has passed and we wonder where the time went. The irony of it all is that the time went to the same place it always does...into the past. It never goes faster or slower, it is constant and always the same.

The problem is that we can get caught up in the normal day to day living and miss out on some of the greater things in life. We can get bogged down in work, sports, children, you name it and forget that God desires to be a part of our lives as well. Where does he fit into your normal everyday living? Are you in contact with him on a consistent basis or does he only see you on Sunday mornings? Do not allow the busyness of the present prevent you for forgetting the importance of the eternal future. God expects all who trust in Him to follow Him above everything else. Nothing must take His place. Not friends, not family, not sports...nothing.

This is a reminder as we enter the busy holiday season that Jesus Christ is the reason we have hope to celebrate. Make sure that Jesus is of first priority in all that you plan. Have a God-honoring day and I will see you in the future as well look back and wonder where today went.

-Adam

You are invited to celebrate with
Jimmy and Frances Phelps
Their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday Afternoon,
November 15th, 2009
2:00-5:00 p.m.
in the Christian Fellowship Center



Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsals
Sunday evenings
from 7:00-7:30 in the choir room.

Students (6th-12th grades) who wish to participate in the Christmas program will have the opportunity to rehearse from 6:15-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings during regular activities.

Four adults are needed, 3 kings and Joseph. Speaking will not be required. If you are interested, please contact Misty as soon as possible.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, November 8
8:45 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
2:00 p.m. CFC in use
4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Crazy Love
6:00 p.m. Children's Activities
7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Com. Meeting

Monday, November 9
7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast, Paula's
10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

Tuesday, November 10
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Art Class
11:00 a.m. Young at Heart
6:00 p.m. Handbells

Wednesday, November 11
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
6:00 p.m. TeamKid, Student Revolution, Prayer and Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 13
7:00 p.m. Magic Hands w/Glenn Rice in concert, PAC

Saturday, November 14
10:00 a.m. Men's Christmas Bonus Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15
8:45 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
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7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

November 1st Financial Report	
Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Budget Received:	11,035.33
Total Budget Received:	404,927.64
Budget	497,178.91
Designated:	
World Hunger	210.00
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Women's Retreat	50.00
Lottie Moon Offering	2.00
Other	208.00
Total Offering	11,755.33

November 1st Attendance	
Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	57
Adult	71
Youth	22
Children	27
Preschool	14
Visitors	7
Total	199
Morning Worship	257
Evening Worship	