

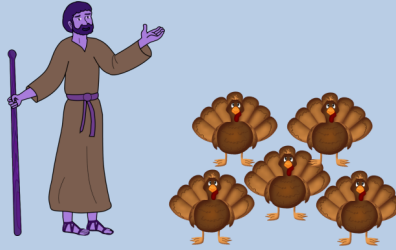


Flock Talk

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Pastor's Ponderings

Grateful Hearts

November holds one of our most important holidays, Thanksgiving. Sadly though, it is often overlooked as the activities and decorations of Halloween are quickly changed into ones for Christmas as holiday shopping begins earlier and earlier. And while we do celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and friends, it usually comes without too much fanfare and is over very quickly. The concern with Thanksgiving being diminished is that we can miss out on understanding and practicing gratitude.

You see, being truly thankful is humbling, because that means someone else has a part in our success or well-being. If I did everything for myself, then I don't have anyone to thank. Imagine if someone received an award, like an Oscar, and got up and said, "You know, I don't have anyone to thank because it was only through my hard work and amazing acting ability that I got this award, so thank you to me." We would all be surprised and think that person to be pretty arrogant. The fact of the matter though, is that there are countless people in our lives who have showed us kindness, sacrificed in some way on our behalf, given us things, given us attention, and shared life with us. None of us are here on our own. We have been taught, encouraged, and strengthened by so many. We have much to be thankful and grateful for. Most significantly, we have a Savior who humbled Himself to become one of us (we'll celebrate that next month), and who gave His life so that we can be made right with God.

So as the Christmas season ramps up (a wonderful and beautiful season it truly is), may we not forget the ones who have touched our lives. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and thanks for them and for our Savior.

Sign Up For A Picture Time

Monday November 20 or Tuesday November 21 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Sign up for a time in the foyer. Times are every ten minutes.
Every family photographed will receive a free 8x10 and a church directory.
If you attend First Baptist, then your picture should be in the directory.

Get your SMILE on and sign up today for your picture time. It won't be complete without you.

See Mary Strantz for questions about sign ups. 574-870-0768



Order Your Poinsettias

Once again the church will be decorating with poinsettias. If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please take an ordering envelope out of the pew and fill out completely. Your payment must be included with your order. Place the order envelope in the offering plate or hand them to Deana Strantz.

Poinsettias are \$7.75 each. Last day to order is Sunday November 26.

You may take your poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve Service.



November's Sunday School Offering
"White County Food Pantry"
Open the Bible and join us for Sunday School

ABC: A Book Conversation

We have changed our meeting times to the first Thursday of the month.
Thursday November 2 at 6:30 we'll meet to have a conversation about Answering the Call, The Doctor Who Made Africa His Life.
 It is the story of Albert Schweitzer.

ABC will not be meeting in December.



November Birthdays

2nd Sue Wiltfong
 10th Jared Price
 16th Joe Schnepf
 16th Bev Tatlock
 17th Barb Middleton
 24th Ethan Price
 27th Mike Copas

November Anniversaries

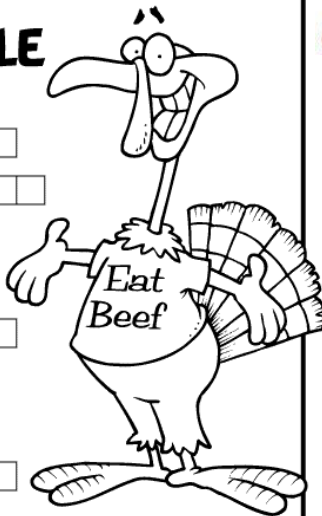


4th Dave & Patti Tolley
 10th Dick & Donna McFadden

THANKSGIVING

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Sunday November 12th Thanksgiving Carry-in

Join us as we gather together with friends and family to celebrate God's Blessings with grateful hearts.



\$\$ September Financials \$\$

Income \$10,494.64
 Expenses \$9,605.15

Net Operating Income \$889.49

