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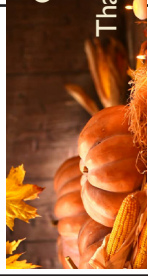
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NOVEMBER 2019



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>HOMECOMING 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Jimmy Reames Bill Ramey Mary Alice Ramey Blenda Macemore</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 6pm Adult Handbells</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1pm Norton WMU 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study Betty S. Cox Mel Patterson</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Community Youth Worship @ LDHS Wednesday Night Activities See Below Jennifer Patterson Sara Kalyn Croker Ellen Reynolds Carter Mitchell</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5pm Grief Support Group Johnnie Bolt Frances Feighner Ann Hofrichter Barrett Holmes</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Nancy Fowler Alison Rawl</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bill Craig Til Culbertson Jackie Burns Lynn Lancaster</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Rhonda Harman Tara Dean Walter Chandler Julie Griffin</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am CWA Trip to Pretty Place 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 6pm Adult Handbells Darlene Curry Robert Crow Olivia Bishop</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Music Makers Trey Finley</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities See Below Allyson Sherer Sarah Bishop</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5pm Grief Support Group Hugh Madden Jimmy Chandler</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kirby Martin</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 4:50pm D6 Parenting Class Sunday Night Activities See Below Tommy Curry Hadden Martin</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am Senior Adult Game Day 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team 6pm Adult Handbells 7pm Deacon's Meeting Lauren Luiz</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7am Men's Study 11am CWA Meeting 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Music Makers Debbie Bishop</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Wednesday Night Activities See Below John Yarbrough</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2pm Knitting Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Sadie Lee McGowan Ridge Howell Matt Henderson</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Jennifer Young Chloe Smith</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Anna Nance Reynolds Dylan Brink</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6pm Adult Handbells Gail Allen Gary Bishop</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>No Wednesday Night Activities Russell Dean Walt Addy</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Gail Ricard</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Cathy Sherer</p> <p>Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</p>	<p>30</p>

Sunday Evenings

5pm Youth Choir or Bells 6pm Youth Group	6pm Men's Study 6pm Adult Study
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Wednesday Evenings

5pm Supper 5:45pm 1 st -5 th Grade Choirs 6pm Preschool Choirs 6pm Adult Studies	6pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Kids on Mission 7pm Adult Choir
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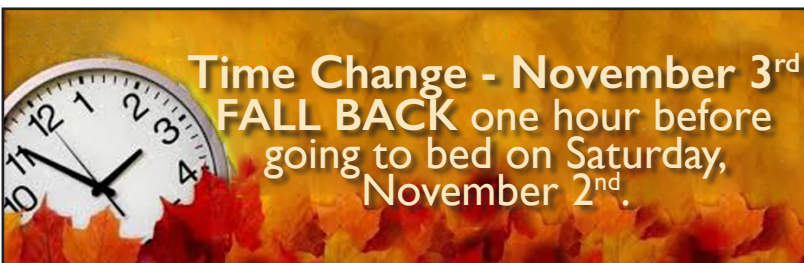
FBC Construction Update

As we enter into November, the major construction around First Baptist continues. We have accomplished an amazing amount through your generosity and support. Here is an update on what has been done and what we expect to see take place between now and the end of the year.

Phase I is all complete, now being fully used and all bills related to this portion of the work have been paid. Thanks be to God!

Phase II is beginning to take shape. We are beginning to occupy some of the Adult rooms that had cosmetic work done. We also hope to occupy the Children's rooms and the Music rooms on the third floor where more extensive work was done in the coming weeks. We hope that by early January of 2020 that all of the space in Phase II will be open and usable. Phase II includes the renovation of almost 20 Adult, Children's and Music classrooms in our education space.

Again thank you for your support. Please help us by continuing to be faithful to giving to the Capital Campaign in the days and months ahead.



Worship In November at FBC

Nov 3	Homecoming at First Baptist	
Nov 10	<i>Being Kind While Being Kind</i>	Mark 7:31-37
Nov 17	<i>Honor & Gratitude</i>	Romans 1:18-25
Nov 24	<i>The Importance of Going Back</i>	Luke 17:11-19

Harvest Offering, Sunday November 3rd

Each year on the first Sunday in November, we receive a Harvest Offering. The Harvest Offering is intended to encourage us to look back over this year and to be mindful of and thankful for our blessings. As we do, sometimes, we find that we need to catch up in terms of our giving year to date to our church and at other times we recognize that because of God's blessings, we can do more than we had originally intended from a financial perspective. The Harvest Offering serves as an additional offering for the General Fund and helps us to end the year strong. To aide with your reflection, you should have received an up to date Financial Statement for the year from FBC. Likewise, in your November packet you will find a special envelope for the Harvest Offering. If you cannot be present on November 3rd, you may certainly drop your gift by the church at another time. We also invite you to use this time to think about your giving to the Capital Campaign as well. As always, we thank you for your faithful and generous gifts to our church.

New Bible Study Beginning on Wednesday, November 13! Thanksgiving and Christmas are the best times to reflect on and thank God for His goodness. However, many of us find that what should be the best time of the year turns into a busy blur of activity and hurry. Others find the time of year lonely and unsettling. *A Season to Celebrate* is a four-week study that will discuss the importance of pausing to reflect on and celebrate the grace of God that is so richly manifested during these holidays. Tommy will lead this study each Wednesday from 6-7pm in the Conference Room

Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child. It's the time of year to begin gathering our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Our children will be putting together these shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 6. We will also have a few boxes left over if you, your Sunday School class, small group, etc. would like to participate in this mission effort. Boxes and instructions on how to pack the boxes will soon be available in the hall outside the church office. Completed shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 17. Make a commitment now to be involved this year!

November At A Glance

Nov 3	Homecoming
Nov 6	Kids on Mission Shoebox Packing Party Community Youth Worship @ LDHS
Nov 11	CWA Trip to Pretty Place
Nov 14	Last Grief Support Group
Nov 17	Music Makers play during Worship
Nov 17	D6 Parenting Class
Nov 19	CWA Meeting
Nov 21	FBC Book Club
Nov 26	No Music Makers
Nov 27	No Wednesday activities
Nov 28-29	Church Office Closed for Holiday

First Baptist Book Club Fall Reads

One of the real joys of this past summer was the formation of our FBC Book Club. It was great fun to gather monthly for fellowship, food and the discussion of books of all types. It is certainly an experience that those who participated feel is worth repeating. In turn, we are offering a similar opportunity this Fall. The discussion will take place at the home of Rickey and Ann Marie Letson at 207 Sherwood Drive from 7-8:30pm. Participants are to purchase their own book and to come ready to discuss the book together. Our second Fall read is: *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg on Thursday, November 21st.



FBC Children's Ministry

- **November 3** - No Sunday School; Homecoming; 3rd-5th Graders sing during worship; Extended Session for children ages 1 - 3 years will be kept by YCDC staff
- **November 6** - Shoebox Packing Party during Kids on Mission for Preschoolers through 5th Grade
- **November 13** - Back to God Game with Til Culbertson in Preschool Kids on Missions
- **November 17** - Music Makers play during Worship
- **November 17** - D6 Parenting Class at 4:50 in the Youth Room; Childcare provided.
- **November 20** - Back to God Game with Til Culbertson in 1st-5th Grade Kids on Missions
- **November 26** - No Music Makers
- **November 27** - No Wednesday night activities



- **November 6th** - Students will meet at the LDHS football stadium for a community youth worship event from 6:30 till 7:45. LDHS FCA has planned a night of worship and testimonies and will have the worship band from Presbyterian College FCA leading worship.
- **November 17th** - There will be a D6 Parenting Seminar at 4:50 in the youth room. Last meeting, we tackled the most difficult thing that youth have to deal with today and the ramifications. This time we will continue to look at what's going on in youth culture and find out what we, as parents, can do to parent our children and youth through it more successfully as a Christian Parent.
- **December 1st** - Youth Christmas Party. Be looking for details as our Lead Team continues to work on planning the party.

Schedule of Choirs for November and December

We are blessed with so many children, youth and adults who are all contributing to our worship each Sunday! Here is the schedule of the groups that will be leading in worship for the next 2 months:

- **November 3** - 3rd-5th Grade Choir
- **November 10** - Youth Choir
- **November 17** - 1st-5th Grade Handbells, Choirchimes and Chimebars
- **November 24** - Youth Handbells
- **December 1** - 1st-5th Grade Music Makers
- **December 8** - Preschool Choirs
- **December 15** - 1st-5th Grade Choirs
- **December 22** - Adult Choir and Adult Handbell Choirs

MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

Oct 28-Nov 3	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
November 4-10	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
November 11-17	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
November 18-24	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
Nov 25-Dec 1	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424

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For the Record - FBC in October 2019

August Average Sunday School: 340
August Average Worship Attendance: 406
August Average Worship & Extended Session: 438
Giving YTD Budget: \$864,865.94
Giving Needs YTD Budget: \$865,873.76
Capital Campaign Receipts to Date: \$1,304,152.41

CWAs (Comfortable with Age)

Our Senior Adults will be going to **Pretty Place, Caesar's Head** to see the hawks migrating, Sassafras Mountain and having lunch in historic Pickens County on Monday, November 11, leaving at 8:00am. The only cost of the trip is the cost of your lunch. Call the church office to sign up.

Our **Thanksgiving** meeting for the month of November will be Tuesday, November 19, at 11:00 in Bobo Hall. Lee's will be preparing our Thanksgiving meal. Mayor Nathan Senn will be our guest for this Thanksgiving meal and will update us on the happenings in Laurens! The meal is \$7. Please call the church office to sign up!

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