



Holiday Season

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It is hard to believe that we are once again nearing the holiday season. As the leaves are disappearing from the trees, we are reminded that colder weather is on its way. While many dread the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it can be a time when the world looks to God. Certainly Black Friday marks the beginning of our consumer holiday. Yet many in our culture have learned the beauty of reaching out to those less fortunate. They have learned that giving provides immeasurable joy. Whether they know it or not, they are reflecting the image of God as they give. Many who have little interest in church are willing to open their hearts during the holiday season. How much more should those of us who serve a generous God be willing to open ourselves this season?



You don't have to look far to find opportunities to give this season. Many opportunities are offered through our church. From helping with shut-in baskets to working on a Habitat for Humanity house to participating in Operation Christmas Child, you can find a way to give. I hope that each attendee of First Baptist Church will live in a generous posture this season. As we have learned in our James study, our actions matter.

(James 1:22 NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

May we be a church family that lives out our faith by giving this holiday season. May we reject the pull of our self-centered consumer culture. May we reveal God to those in our neighborhoods, schools, and community this season as we offer our time, talents and resources to the world around us.

Judson Choir in Concert

We will be hosting the Judson Choir, **Thursday, November 6 at 7 PM**. On the Thursday evening (Nov. 6), we need volunteers for a meal and lodging, and sack lunches for their tour on Friday. Please contact Dana Davis, Barb Eidson, Lydia Burton, Joe Songer, or Shirley Pittenger if you are available to help in any way. Keep this group in your prayers for a safe journey and uplifting repertoire.

Worship in November

As we begin the month of November, you may want to read the Scriptures ahead of time. The November schedule is:

- November 2 - Poisoned (James 3:1-12)
- November 9 - The God Kind of Wisdom (James 3:13-18)
- November 16 - Follow (James 4)
- November 23 - Patience (James 5)
- November 30 (Advent) - Getting Ready (Mark 13:24-37)

All Saints Day

On **Sunday, November 2**, we will commemorate All Saints Day with a brief tribute to those in our own church family who have passed from this life. If your loved one or family member has died since the first Sunday in November last year, please provide the picture of them that you would like used in the tribute. Give it to Mary Ann Bayer or leave it in the church office in an envelope with her name on it. Also include the birth and death date of the person. We will make certain you get the photo back after the tribute is over.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due **Saturday, November 15**. If you need ideas and /or boxes, they are available at the back of the church or in the lower auditorium. If you don't have a complete box filled, bring it anyway and we will fill in the rest of the items! Questions? Call Jane Patton 759-8276. Thank you on behalf of the precious children!

Camp Tippy Dining Hall Dedication

Camp Tippy will be having a dedication service for the new dining hall on **Saturday, November 22** at **2 PM**. The afternoon will consist of a time of worship, scripture reading, and cutting of the ribbon.

Missional Community Update

The Fall Missional Community Session continues in November. We continue to have social events, mission projects and life groups as a part of this ministry. Each month, we will have a social event on the first Sunday of the month. On the second and fourth weeks of the month, life groups will meet in homes. The third week of each month will be a time of mission for all life groups. Life groups are now closed to new members until next session. However, everyone is invited to join in the social events and mission projects.

November Social Event – On **Sunday, November 2** from **4 PM to 6PM**, we will be having a board game night! Bring your favorite board game and snacks down to the fellowship hall for some fun and fellowship. See you then!

November Mission Project – On **Saturday, November 15** from **9 AM to 3 PM**, we will be serving with Habitat for Humanity rehabbing a house in Muncie - exact location to be announced at a later date. We are looking for about 10-15 committed volunteers. For those that cannot be there the entire time, we have split the day into 2 shifts - one from 9 AM-12 PM and another from 12 PM-3 PM. **Volunteers should arrive 15 minutes early** for check-in and orientation. Though we will likely be working inside on this project, please dress appropriately for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes. Tools and supplies will be provided, but please bring a water bottle. You must be 16 years or older to be on the worksite and if you are younger than 18, you must bring a signed youth waiver which will be provided at the sign-up table. The suggested donation is \$5/person for a pizza lunch that the church will provide. Please pray for and join us as we worship God through our service to our community.

Life Group Days and Times –

Leaders	Day	Time
Allen	Sunday	2 PM
Rodriguez	Saturday	6 PM
Fink	Monday	6:30 PM
Stigers	Sunday	5:30 PM

Shut-In Baskets

On **Saturday, November 22** we will be assembling fruit baskets for our shut-in members. If you know of someone who needs to be added to the shut-in list, please contact Cheryl Flaherty at 765-520-7260 or cl.flaherty@comcast.net. If you would like to volunteer your services for assembling and/or delivery, please contact Cheryl.

Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 23, our church family will gather for the annual Harvest Dinner. The meal will begin following the second service in the lower auditorium. Meat, beverages, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish with you if you plan to attend. This is a wonderful time to “meet and eat” with everyone in our church and a time to give pause for all the many blessings we have.

If you are in one of our mission groups and looking for a way to serve, consider helping in the kitchen prior to the Harvest Dinner, or afterwards for cleanup. Call Cheryl Flaherty at 765-520-7260.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing in December

We are signed up to ring bells at the Mall **December 16 and 18** from **10 AM to 8 PM**. Our bells will be at Macys both days and at MCL on Tuesday (Dec. 16) until 4 PM and at JCPenney on Thursday (Dec. 18). Sign up sheets will be available at the Harvest Dinner; then, it will be posted on the bulletin board in lower hall. Give some of your time to help another.

Part-Time Job Opportunity

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is seeking motivated individuals to proctor assessment sessions with 4th-, 8th-, and 12th- grade students in schools for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. You must be available **January 26–March 6, 2015**. Paid training, paid time and mileage reimbursement for local driving, and weekly paychecks. This is a part-time, temporary position. To apply, visit our website at www.westat.com/CAREERS and select “Search Field Data Collection Jobs.” Search for your state, find the NAEP Assessment Administrator position and select the “apply to job” button. For more information e-mail NAEPrecruit@westat.com or call 1-888-237-8036.

Visitor and Bulletin Information – If you would like to place an announcement in the church bulletin please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org. If you have an article for the December newsletter, please email it to wade@fbcmuncie.org by **Sunday, November 16**.

Thank You Notes

– A special thanks to Mark Say for scrubbing our carpets in the sanctuary and classrooms. We appreciate you, Mark!

Linda (Kirby) DeHaven, Daughter of C. Vaughn Phelps – Pastor Wade, I want to take this opportunity to express our families gratefulness for the kindnesses extended by First Baptist Church. Your eulogy was just what we wanted and personal, thank you so much. The beautiful church gives me fond memories of our wedding there and Mother’s second wedding was also held there. I sang in the choir as a teenager. What a beautiful building that still stands in downtown Muncie. Thank you again for everything.

David Jones, Campus Pastor of Oasis – I would like to thank Adam and Matthew Fink and Nina Oisten for coming and helping us out at The Oasis Campus Ministry in September. We got a lot done along with students, Ryan Swayer, Molly Palecek, and Sharifa Djurabaeva. We are so grateful for the support of FBC Muncie.

The Family of Ray Zirkelbach – Thank you for the flowers and the very nice service. Also being there for Ray.

Christian Ministries of Delaware County – Dear First Baptist Church Deacon Fund: Thank you for your gift to Christian Ministries. Christian Ministries supports programs that help with food, shelter, and emergency assistance. Thank you for your generosity and for caring for others in our community. (We give a portion of the deacon’s fund each month to be distributed to Christian Ministries.)

Donna Craig – (This thank you note was written to Duane Davis. We wanted to highlight the DVD ministry by publishing this note. The DVD ministry is supported by a number of individuals who run the camera, burn the DVDs and deliver the DVDs to shut-ins). Dear Duane: Bob and I wanted to thank you for sending the DVD’s of First Baptist Church services to Lois. She enjoys them and because her Alzheimer’s has advanced there is much she doesn’t remember or understand. She remembers the church that was such a central part of her life for so many years. She sings along with the hymns and remembers who was in the choir with her years ago. What a blessing! These DVDs have provided her (and us) a happy-hour each time to spend together. Thank you so much for taking the time and care to do this.

Calendar

Life Groups will be meeting at various times throughout the month.

Sundays – 9:15 AM Early Gathering/Early Sunday School (Intergenerational Class, K-5th grade), 10:15 AM Fellowship Time (enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship), 10:45 AM Late Gathering/Late Sunday School

Tuesdays – 7 PM - Friendship Class

Wednesdays – 6 PM Praise Team (Sanctuary), 6 PM Children's Choir (Elementary Room), 6:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room), 7:40 PM Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

No Rehearsals on Wednesday, November 26

November 2 – All Church Game Night

November 6 – Judson Choir Concert

November 15 – Habitat for Humanity Mission Project

November 16 – Life Group Leader Meeting

November 17 – CCT Meeting

November 22 – Shut In Basket Prep and Camp Tippy Dedication

November 23 – Harvest Dinner

November Birthdays

We would like to say Happy Birthday to the following people in the month of November. Please let them know that you are thinking of them on their special day.

11/3 - Lexi St. Myer	11/18 - Darlene Hill
11/4 - Bradley Rodgers	11/18 - Britney Sue
11/7 - Sara Martin	11/23 - Thelma Jones
11/8 - Michael Songer	11/24 - Kara Conley
11/11 - Katie Braswell	11/25 - Dick Flaherty
11/11 - Emme Hembree	11/26 - Brady Lemen
11/12 - Pam Barnhouse	11/27 - Dawson Allen
11/13 - Anderson Smith	11/29 - Maren French
11/13 - Marsena Washburn	11/29 - James Martin
11/14 - Betty Clark	11/30 - Jamie Harris
11/14 - Sandra Davis	11/30 - Gerry Minnick
11/14 - Sofie Pannell	
11/17 - Bethany Cummins	