



# NOVEMBER 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters of First Baptist Church,

We are coming to the end of a terrific October at First Baptist Church. Our Sunday Worship Service has seen increases in attendance, our Homecoming and Revival services were well attended. We pray that the seeds of personal and church revival have been planted and watered. To continue in that path, we are going to pray together for 30 days as a church. You will find included in your newsletter the Gods Great Hope Devotional with prayer prompts. This booklet is designed to assist believers and churches as they seek Christ personally and corporately for revival and spiritual awakening. My prayer is that we will all utilize this guide for our own personal revival- which will result in revival in our church. May we also pray for revival in our nation as we enter this election day.

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:1-4*

Of course, we cannot talk about November without addressing the issue of thankfulness. One of the major attributes that God's people should have in their hearts is thanksgiving toward the Lord. Let us take this time of year to see things the way God sees them. Your life today may be quite different than it was a year ago. Perhaps for the good in which you have great reason to praise God! But perhaps there have been events that have brought sorrow to your heart in the last year. I pray that you will find room for praising God despite the trials you may have faced. May you see them through the eyes of God.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and **thankful.**”

Col. 4:2

Grace and Peace, Pastor Paul

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# **MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES**

**Galatians 6:9: *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.***

## **BLESSING BOX**

This is located in the church parking lot. Food, paper goods and hygiene items can be placed directly in the box.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Collecting food for our local Food Pantry is a mission opportunity. We have lots of volunteers from First Baptist who give of their time each week working at the local food pantry. We have a food collection box in the hallway beside the church office where you can place food items.

## **BENEVOLENCE**

This fund is used to help in the local community and in our own church family with whatever needs may arise. Giving to the benevolence fund helps us to continue to meet these needs.

## **MILE OF PENNIES**

Loose change is collected each Sunday until we reach a mile, it is then sent to the Baptist Children's Homes. We just recently sent in our 36<sup>th</sup> Mile!!

## **RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY**

We have been asked to again participate in ringing the bell for Salvation Army. We will have more details soon. If you would be interested, please call the church office.

## **Baptist Children's Homes Thanksgiving Offering** **November Offering – Goal \$1,800.00**

There is a MISSION FIELD all around us! Did you know 70% of Baptist Children's Homes residents are unchurched and unreached for Jesus? When our church participates in the Annual Offering, hope is shared, and miracles happen. Our church plays a vital role in introducing North Carolina to the love of Jesus.

## **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes**

We will be sponsoring this project. We do encourage everyone in our church to prepare a box. We have free official Samaritan's Purse cardboard boxes in the church office for anyone who would like to use them. The cost for shipping the boxes is \$9.00. Donations will be accepted to help with the cost. Please write on your envelope "Samaritan's Purse Shipping."

**Collection dates are:  
November 16-20.**

## **ANGEL TREE MINISTRY**

Each year our church participates in the Angel Tree Ministry through our local Social Services. We are given a list of children and disabled adults who, without you, would not have very Merry Christmas. The tree will be in the Sanctuary in the next couple of weeks.

## **TURKEY TROT – NOVEMBER 24**

This is our annual outreach through the Washington County Ministerial Association to prepare turkey dinners to be carried to people in our county. We will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 24 here at the church. We need volunteers to help prepare and deliver the plates. If you would like to help with the purchase of turkeys, please designate "Turkey Trot" on you check or envelope. For questions, or if you know of someone to add to the list, please call the church office.

We will observe  
Communion Sunday,  
November 1, 2020.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Sawyer 11/2  
Hulan Williams 11/2  
Ronnie Coburn 11/2  
Blake Gurganus 11/10  
Harry Ward 11/11  
Alice Dotson 11/14  
Lorita Simonds 11/16  
Paul Lilly 11/17  
Kayla Stotesbury 11/17  
Kristen Stotesbury 11/17  
Katelyn Cooper 11/18  
Dianne Swain 11/23  
Jordyn Lyle 11/23  
Gage Brabble 11/28

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Phyllis Dickerson 11/16  
Bill & Linda Sermons 11/25  
Bill & Renee Sexton 11/25  
John & Sue Smith 11/26

**The Food Pantry truck is  
scheduled for Monday,  
November 2 at 9:30 am.  
Help with unloading is  
greatly appreciated.**

### DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacons will meet Monday,  
November 16, at 7:00 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall.

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is back on Wednesday  
nights at 6:45 pm in the  
Fellowship Hall. It is also streamed  
live on Facebook.

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back  
this Saturday, October 31.**

### **Tithes and Offerings For October**

Budget	\$18,327.00
Parking Lot	\$100.00
BC Homes	\$300.00
Shoe Boxes	\$188.00
Back Packs	\$50.00
Maintenance	\$290.00
Radio Mins.	\$25.00

### NEW ADDRESS

Tyrell House  
Joyce Harrell Room 205 B  
PO Box 359  
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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**CHURCH FAMILY:** Family of Ann Jackson, Tracie Wildman, George Boyd, Louie Askew, John Smith, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Kristie Nicholson, Claudia Beacham, Faye McCombs, Oliver and Frances Lucas, Sandy McMurtrie, Clifford Frymier, Barbara Peyton.

**OTHER CONCERNS:** Jan Street (Mother of Sherri Harrington), Marty Barfield, Neal Brown, Teresa Peakes (Niece of Brenda Bullock), Dennis Freier (Father of Elizabeth Benjamin), Don May (Friend of Dee Gee Griffith), Sue Owens, Greg Spruill, Faye Lyle, William Sexton, Alfonzo Boyd, Ryan Alligood (Nephew of Wade Rogers), Christi Rogerson, Dr. James Hagwood, Kim Wynne, Mike Ward, Jason Phelps, Rodney Rogerson, Frank Winslow.

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:** Three Rivers- Christine McMurtrie #208; River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center, Washington- Pauline Humphreys #418; Eunice Carraway #325; Roanoke Landing- Alice Dotson #209, Tim Elks #315; Rich Square Health Care Center -Annie Griffith #108-B; Chowan River Nursing Home- Rae Owens; Tyrell House- Joyce Harrell #205 B.