



the Vision

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SHALLOTTE | NOVEMBER 2019

Thanksgiving Day Proclamation Excerpt

“The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God..... It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.”

-Abraham Lincoln
October 3, 1863

Church Events

- Nov 1st—3rd – Youth Fall Retreat
- Nov 3rd – DST Ends
Turn Clocks Back One Hour
- Nov 11th – Ladies’ Ministry Meeting
- Nov 24th – OCC Shoebox Dedication (boxes due)
- Nov 24th – Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Nov 24th – Decorate the Church for Christmas
- Nov 26th – Family Fellowship Night
- Nov 27th – No Services
- Nov 28th—29th – Church Office Closed

Thanksgiving Luncheon

You are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 24 following the morning worship service. The church will provide the ham and turkey. So, don't forget your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Bring your friends, neighbors, family, and kids—all are welcome to attend.

Fifteen Years Ago This Month

*A GLIMPSE BACK AT WHAT WAS HAPPENING THIS MONTH FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.
HONORING OUR FIFTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN THIS BUILDING.*

- George W. Bush defeats John Kerry to win a second term as President
- Eleven American states ban gay marriage.
- Jeopardy champion Ken Jennings finally loses. He finishes with the largest game show winnings of all time of \$2,520,700.
- Kmart Corp. announces it is buying Sears, Roebuck and Co. for \$11 billion USD and naming the newly merged company Sears Holdings Corporation.
- More than 10,000 U.S. troops and a small number of Iraqi army units participate in a siege on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.



What's Going On Behind the Scenes?

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So when they had the opportunity to ask Him for one lesson, what did they ask? "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1-4).

And when Jesus had risen from the dead, taught His disciples for forty days, and then ascended to be with His Father, the earliest disciples were tasked with waiting for the Holy Spirit to arrive and the era of the Christian Church to begin. So, in the meantime, what did they do?

They prayed (Acts 1:14).

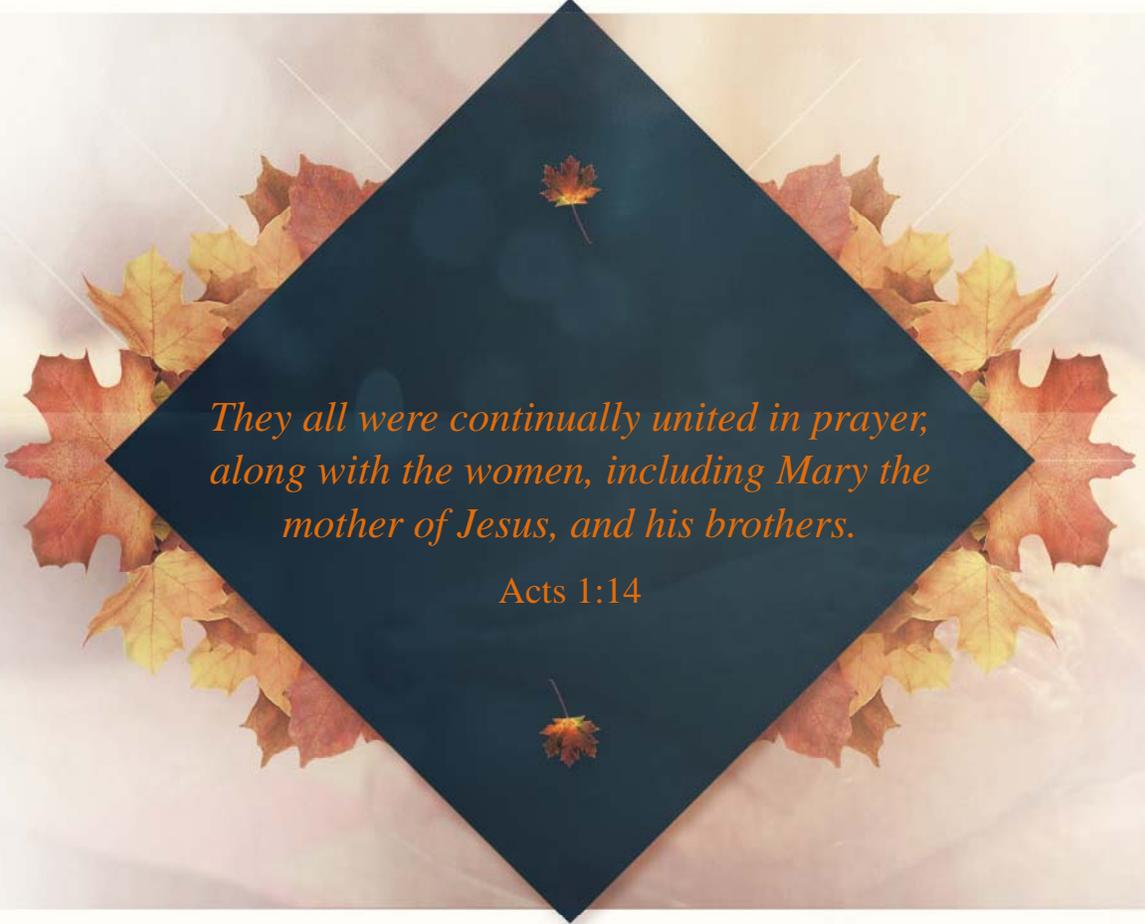
And in every letter of the apostle Paul, when he advances the cause of Christ, offers blessing and encouragement to young

of God every day in prayer and Bible study. If Jesus needed to do that, how much more should we!

- Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in room 112 for our deacon-led prayer time. Your deacons are doing this for you! We need to start Sundays in prayer together—praying for the Sunday School classes, the worship, and for your personal needs.

- Participate at other times when we pray together as a church. For instance, each Sunday night we pray together, and we often gather for "House of Prayer," just as we did on October 27.

- Bathe your meetings, ministries, and gatherings in prayer. Leaders especially should remember to always seek God before making decisions with your committees or teams.



*They all were continually united in prayer,
along with the women, including Mary the
mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

Acts 1:14

Christians, instructs believers on participating in the power of God, or requests help and support from His friends, what is his focus? Yep. It's prayer.

The point, of course, is that people on the outside looking in may not see us pray. They may not know the strength of your own prayer life. But they see the long-term results.

In the last ten years at each Church Family Chat someone has asked that we "pray more as a church" (I know this because I have notes from every CFC we have ever had). Or that we need more prayer. Or something like that. I'm not kidding. Every single time.

We teach it, and we talk about it, and we say we want it. So, let's do it.

- Strengthen your personal prayer time. Tap into the power

- Maybe there is a lot going on at FBBS, and that's awesome! But if the main thing is not happening behind the scenes, it will show.

Maybe not today, and maybe not tomorrow. But if God's people at FBBS are not active in prayer, if their visible activity is not bolstered by an unseen prayer life, eventually the activity will dry up, and weeds will move in, and we will be a story someone tells about a church that once was great.

So let's do what we all know we need to do.

Let's pray.

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

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Monthly Ministry Info

children

FUN DAY WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30PM

QUEST FIRST KIDS MINISTRY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:15PM

FIRST KIDS CHOIR
SUNDAYS | 6PM
PRACTICING CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DEC 8 | 11AM

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FUN DAY WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30PM

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM

SMALL GROUPS
SUNDAYS | 5:30PM
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FUN DAY WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30PM

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30

SMALL GROUPS
SUNDAYS | 5:30PM
RODNEY & JENNIFER BROWN'S HOME
885 VILLAGE POINT ROAD, SHALLOTTE

STRENGTH TO STAND YOUTH CONFERENCE
JAN 17-20, 2020
PIGEON FORGE, TN
\$50 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE NOW

prayer

DEACON LED PRAYER
SUNDAYS | 9:30AM

missions

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX MINISTRY DEDICATION
ALL BOXES DUE
NOV 24 | 11AM

ladies

MINISTRY MEETING
NOV 11 | 6:30PM

DANCE FOR JOY
TUESDAYS | 6:30PM

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

message

CONTINUING SERIES: "BLESSED ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS: RESOLVING CONFLICT IN
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS"

thanksgiving

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
NOV 24 | 12:30 PM

DECORATE THE CHURCH
NOV 24 | 6PM

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
NOV 26 | 6PM

NO SERVICES NOV 27

OFFICE CLOSED
NOV 28 & 29

How to Pack a Shoebox

FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

1. FIND A SHOEBOX

START WITH AN AVERAGE-SIZE CARDBOARD OR PLASTIC SHOEBOX. IF YOU WANT TO WRAP IT, COVER THE BOX AND LID SEPARATELY.

2. GIRL OR BOY?

DECIDE WHETHER YOU WILL PACK A BOX FOR A GIRL OR A BOY, AND THE AGE CATEGORY: 2-4, 5-9, OR 10-14.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

SELECT A MEDIUM TO LARGE "WOW" ITEM SUCH AS A SOCCER BALL WITH PUMP OR STUFFED ANIMAL, THEN FILL WITH OTHER FUN TOYS, HYGIENE ITEMS, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

4. PRAY

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRAY FOR THE CHILD WHO WILL RECEIVE YOUR GIFT. YOU CAN ALSO INCLUDE A PERSONAL NOTE AND PHOTO.

5. BOX LABELS

COMPLETE YOUR BOX LABEL AND ATTACH TO OUTSIDE OF YOUR BOX. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR \$9 DONATION FOR COVER POSTAGE INSIDE YOUR BOX.

6. DELIVER YOUR BOX

DROP OFF YOUR BOX AT THE CHURCH BEFORE NOVEMBER 24. WE WILL HAVE A TIME OF PRAYER AND DEDICATION OVER THE BOXES.



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Love One Another.
Love the World.

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M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm

365 Days of Scriptures Revealing God's Promises

- Nov-01 PROMISE #305 I am tenderhearted towards all that I have made. Psalm 145:9
- Nov-02 PROMISE #306 My love stretches to the heavens and My faithfulness extends above the clouds. Psalm 36:5
- Nov-03 PROMISE #307 I have chosen you to be My own precious possession. Deuteronomy 7:6
- Nov-04 PROMISE #308 I know everything about you and am mindful of all your ways. Psalm 139:1-3
- Nov-05 PROMISE #309 The Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from sin and death. Romans 8:2
- Nov-06 PROMISE #310 Jesus bore your sins on the cross so you would be healed. 1 Peter 2:24
- Nov-07 PROMISE #311 Draw near to Me and I will cleanse you from an evil conscience. Hebrews 10:22
- Nov-08 PROMISE #312 My love is patient and kind, and does not keep track of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- Nov-09 PROMISE #313 I am your light and your salvation, the strength of your life. Psalm 27:1
- Nov-10 PROMISE #314 I have given you the Spirit of adoption so you can call Me Father. Romans 8:15
- Nov-11 PROMISE #315 Come boldly to My throne when you need to find mercy and grace. Hebrews 4:16
- Nov-12 PROMISE #316 Taste and you will see that I am a good God. Psalm 34:8
- Nov-13 PROMISE #317 I wait for opportunities to show you My compassion. Isaiah 30:18
- Nov-14 PROMISE #318 I will shower My Spirit and My blessings on your offspring. Isaiah 44:3
- Nov-15 PROMISE #319 I will comfort you with My everlasting encouragement. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- Nov-16 PROMISE #320 Delight in Me and I will give you the longings of your heart. Psalm 37:4
- Nov-17 PROMISE #321 Just ask and you will receive. Matthew 7:7
- Nov-18 PROMISE #322 I look throughout the earth to strengthen those who belong to me. 2 Chronicles 16:9
- Nov-19 PROMISE #323 I will be your safe place in difficult times. Nahum 1:7
- Nov-20 PROMISE #324 I will give you power over the enemy and nothing will hurt you. Luke 10:19
- Nov-21 PROMISE #325 If you love Me with all your heart, I will provide all you need. Deuteronomy 11:13-14
- Nov-22 PROMISE #326 My children will overcome the world through their faith. 1 John 5:4
- Nov-23 PROMISE #327 I will root your heart in the depths of My love. Ephesians 3:17
- Nov-24 PROMISE #328 I will come to you as certainly as the sun rises and spring rains fall. Hosea 6:3
- Nov-25 PROMISE #329 I will bless the poor in spirit with My kingdom. Matthew 5:3
- Nov-26 PROMISE #330 I will give you beauty to replace your ashes. Isaiah 61:3
- Nov-27 PROMISE #331 I will be your light and you shall reign with Me forever. Revelation 22:5
- Nov-28 PROMISE #332 The eternal glory that is in store for you far surpasses your present troubles. 2 Corinthians 4:17
- Nov-29 PROMISE #333 An everlasting city awaits you, for I am not ashamed to be called your God. Hebrews 11:16
- Nov-30 PROMISE #334 Every word of every promise that I have made will come to pass. 1 Kings 8:56