

November

1 Thessalonians 5:18 ~

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

Don't forget!

On November 10, at 6:30 PM -- there will be a 75th Anniversary Celebration of the San Felipe Baptist Association. It will be held at Katy's First Baptist Church. If you plan to attend, please sign up so that we can RSVP!

Coming Up....

- 11/19 ~ Thanksgiving Service 5:00 PM
- 12/1 ~ Ladies Ornament Exchange 6:00 PM
- 12/10 ~ Church Christmas Party 5:00 PM
- 12/17 ~ Candlelight Service 5:00 PM

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- ♦ **Wednesday, November 1 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ♦ **Sunday, November 5 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Evening Service 5:00 PM
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- ♦ **Monday, November 6 ~** Deacon's Meeting 6:00 PM
- ♦ **Tuesday, November 7 ~** Building & Grounds Meeting 6:00 PM
- ♦ **Wednesday, November 8 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ♦ **Sunday, November 12 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Business Meeting 5:00 PM
~Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due!~
- ♦ **Wednesday, November 15 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ♦ **Sunday, November 19 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Thanksgiving Service 5:00 PM
- ♦ **Wednesday, November 22 ~** **No** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
- ♦ **Thursday, November 23 ~** Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed
- ♦ **Sunday, November 26 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, No Evening Service



From The Pastor's Pen



October 25, 2023

Dear FBC family,

I can hardly believe it has been over 15 years since I became your Pastor here at First Baptist. It has been almost 16 years since I first spoke with the search committee!

We had come out to Lefors (TX) from Savannah (GA) for the birth of our youngest granddaughter, Rachel, in May of 2008. We came down through Brookshire on our way back to Savannah. We fell in love with the building, the parsonage, and finally, the people who formed the 'church'! We moved in August to the house we've lived in for longer than in ANY house!

When we moved here, our older son and his family lived in Winterberg, Germany, where they served as IMB Missionaries. They served 18 years there and are now home, residing in Jonesboro (GA). Wendell currently serves as the Minister for Marriage and Family/Online Pastor/Pastor for Prayer at FBC Jonesboro.

Our younger son, Christopher, and his family have been in Tyler (TX) for three years, serving as the Senior Pastor of the New Harmony Baptist Church.

We have watched people come and go at our church for the past 15 years. Some moved on, and some died. I've seen a lot of good, some bad, and some weird stuff in these past 15 years! Some years ago, we had a couple who were part of our church for several years. During that time, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We went to a large facility in Katy to celebrate. They had a 'quick draw' gunman put on a show. I sat in the back, fortunately. I saw him draw his forty-five, loaded with blanks, and fire a shot. Even on the back row – it was LOUD! I had my fingers in my ears when he did it the second time. The wife, however, never regained all her hearing!

Thank you for recognizing Lynda and me on Pastor Appreciation Day this past Sunday. The fellowship was great, the food was exceptional, and the expressions of gratitude were greatly appreciated! Did you see that BIG card? It reminded me of once in Army Basic Training when the clerk delivered the mail during chow. Most of us were 18-19 years old. I was 19 but different from most of the men there! I was married! That day, the clerk handed me a HUGE envelope that contained one of those HUGE CARDS! Some men made fun of me – but I didn't care! NOW – I will have two LARGE cards to remember!

What would I love to see in the future? More decisions to trust Jesus! More committed Christians -- striving to live for Him!

Since we returned from Tyler, where I preached several weeks ago, various folks have asked us, 'Are you going to retire and move to East Texas. Lynda and I tell them: One day, perhaps. But, the Lord has not released us from being here! When and if He does, we will probably move there. But – only when He says to GO!'

Calvin and Lynda

Time to order your poinsettias! There will be a sign up sheet next to the organ and they can be picked up anytime following the candlelight service.



November Birthdays

Lisa Ivy	November 1
Carolyn Kitzman	November 2
Karen Gonzales	November 9
BB Waddle	November 10
Ina Woods	November 17
Carolyn Christ	November 21
Carolyn Martin	November 21
Ken Freitag	November 23