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*Thank you so much, our dear FBC family, for all the kindnesses shown during Pastor Appreciation month. Food cards came in helpful while Nola was away, and I saved some for she and I to use together. The other gifts and cards also mean a lot to us, especially this year when things have*

*been so difficult with so many losses in our church family, and the ongoing wear and tear of dealing with this pandemic. Your encouragements this year have meant a great deal. God bless you all, Pastor Richard & Nola*



November 2021



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Youth/Children's Ministry Intern Luke Chavanne

**Pastor's Notes**

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*  
 --Psalm 100:4 ESV



November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It has become a rather strange holiday, it seems to me. I wonder how many Thanksgiving Day meals and celebrations actually involve people taking time to consider how blessed they are, and then giving a pray of thanks to God. I suspect not many.

Were you aware that on October 29, 1781, just 10 days after Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, the Continental Congress passed a Proclamation for a day of public prayer and thanksgiving? A few years later, on the day after the first amendment to the constitution was proposed, Congress urged President Washington to proclaim a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, which he did. In that proclamation on October 3, 1789, Washington said:

*"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, and to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor...I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be...for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty ...which we have since enjoyed...unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions...to render our national government a blessing to all the people."*

Thanksgiving today often seems far from that, but although Washington's understandings of Christianity had significant differences from many of us today, he firmly believed it was God's hand that birthed our nation, and that we owed God a great debt of thanksgiving. In a Fareweel Address just a month earlier, he stated:

*"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness...Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that National morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."*

Looking around our world today, with so many having abandoned the churches and synagogues, we are witnessing the truth of his prediction. While I think many overstate the case in claiming the U.S. was founded as a Christian nation (after all, individuals become Christians, not governments!), since the Founding Fathers were careful to avoid that confusion of identity they had seen abused in so many other countries, yet they held our debt to God and need for God's guidance and help in high esteem.

Jefferson, whose view of the New Testament would appall many a Baptist today, yet asked for his audience's prayers in his second inaugural address:

*I shall need, too, the favor of that Being in whose hands we are, who led our fathers, as Israel of old, from their native land and planted them in a country flowing with all the necessities and comforts of life...I ask you to join in supplications with me that He will so enlighten the minds of your servants, guide their councils, and prosper their measures that whatsoever they do shall result in your good..."*

Likewise, Madison, in his first inaugural address, also confessed trust—

*"...in the guardianship and guidance of that Almighty Being whose power regulates the destiny of nations, whose blessings have been so conspicuously dispensed to this rising Republic, and to whom we are bound to address our devout gratitude for the past, as well as our fervent supplications and best hopes for the future."*

Many today seem to have entirely forgotten these principles, making Thanksgiving about parades and shopping and family and gluttony, with nary a thought of God. Deuteronomy 8:17-18 warns us:

*"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day."*

And yet, is that not the very way many believe in America today? A friend of mine pointed out it is epitomized in a Thanksgiving prayer of the cartoon character Bart Simpson, who says, "God, we paid for all this ourselves, so thanks for nothing." Clearly many in our culture have forgotten our place!

People expect and stand up for their constitutional rights, forgetting that embedded in the Declaration of Independence, where those rights are first asserted, are the words:

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights..."*

This is one of three references to God in the Declaration, and yet today people demand their rights, without recognition that we are created beings whose rights derive from our Creator, a Creator many today simply do not believe exists. So who is it that they give thanks to each November? As believers, may our practice of thanksgivings and prayer on a daily basis set the example that is so dearly missing in our country today.



### November Bible Puzzle:

In the stories of the crucifixion, there is a single mention of an individual besides Simon and John who followed Jesus toward his trial, but when challenged that individual ran away naked.

Where is the reference and who was the individual?

### November Peoples Puzzle

This church member joined 30 other young adults in the adventure of climbing Pike's Peak together!

*(Answers provided next month)*

### October Answers

### October Bible Puzzle:

Which Bible prophet was kidnapped and expedited to a foreign country? Jeremiah, whose advice to not flee to Egypt was ignored and who was taken along with the fleeing Jews. You can read the details in Jeremiah 43:1-7 (and the preceding chapters give some context).

### October Peoples Puzzle:

The church member who was spared being at the Pathfinder Explosion because of a returning to the office for birthday treats was :

Dalton Benson.



## Senior Residential | Homebound

### NYE SQUARE APTS

650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224

Dalton Benson	402-721-7717	# 126
Wes Howe	402-721-4163	# 133
Charlie Wild	402-721-2158	#130
Joan Sorenson	402-830-6519	#178

### NYE COURT

652 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224

Genny Peterson	# 213
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### SHALIMAR GARDENS

749 E. 29th St, Fremont, 402-721-1616

Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046)	#207
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### Edgewood Vista

2910 N Clarkson St. Fremont 402- 753-8800

Mary Ann Paulger	#7
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Due to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's Covid restrictions, Roddy Chong was forced to cancel this years presentation. This is just a reminder that we are still in the pandemic, and to stay safe and social distance. We pray the best for him and his crew, and hope to plan another visit in



*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted*

*-Matthew 5:4 esv*

### In Memory



Dona Mae Laten

November 23, 1929

October 6, 2021

### In Memory



Bonnie Longe

July 9, 1941

October 13, 2021

### In Memory



Evelyn Houston

September 29, 1928

October 22, 2021

**\*\*The Harvest Dinner is fast approaching, if you would like to donate a 10-12 lbs turkey, please have it to the church before November 4\*\***

If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list and it is not, please call the office at 402-721-1265 to let us know.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Happy Anniversary!**

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversary	Phone
Don Charleston	402-657-0171	2		
Brad Wiese	402-317-2498	3		
Cliff Hammond	402-721-7453	5		
Heather Newcomer	402-919-4371	5		
Leola Armstrong	402-719-3278	6		
Leland Foreman	402-719-4099	7		
		9	Jim & Debra Peterson	402-727-4034
Jean Foreman	402-719-1298	11		
Mark Anderson	402-727-0740	12		
DeLoise Peacock		16		
Steve Dodd	402-727-7228	22		
Bob Marsh	402-983-0000	22		
Dale Tharp	402-720-4912	25		
		27	Doug & Mary Ann Ritthaler	402-721-1623



Modern Woodmen representative Monti Hofpar and Marcia Hill



Modern Woodmen presented their "Hometown Hero" award to Marcia Hill on Monday, October 18. Marcia was recognized for her community charity work and willingness to help others.



Nebraska football games are being shown @ the Family Center. Bring a friend, food to eat and share and a drink. Masks are optional. Doors open 30 minutes before the game.

**\*\*No Games will be shown over the Thanksgiving Holiday\*\***

**November 4, 2021**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Hostess: Hannah**

American Baptist

**Women's**  
MINISTRIES

November Monthly Meetings

November 8 — Esther Circle - Village Inn - 11:30 a.m.

November 9 - Hannah Circle - 1:30 p.m.

November 18 — Naomi Circle - FBC Parlor - 12:30 p.m.

We are collecting **Bingo** Prizes for Maple Crest Health Centers

Please bring your donations with you to the ABWM meeting.

Examples:

- Lap robes
- Shawls
- Scarves
- Lotions
- Bath Powder
- Socks
- Stamps/ Stationary
- Knick Knacks
- Pop
- Small Candy Bars
- Costume Jewelry
- Individual Kleenex

*Bible Book of the Month:*

*1, 2, 3 John*



## Vision Team Meeting:

### VISION TEAM MEETING

October 16, 2021

Members present : Mike Raasch, Marcia Hill, Pastor Richard, Randy, Mary Weldon, June, Joel, Eileen, Don and Dorothy Charleston



Mike called the meeting to order with prayer.

Randy reported a balance of \$6,653 in the checking account on the 5th of September. The balance now is \$14,100. \$2,000 has been donated for the playground and \$10,000 for the paving.

Don made a motion to return the \$10,000 taken from the Memorial Fund and not used for the parking lot. June seconded the motion. The vote was approved unanimously.

Randy also reported a balance of \$21,098.45 in Memorials, and \$384,800.18 in the Endowment Fund. The complex loan is down to \$1700 and should be paid off next month.

Don reported the following projects have been completed; Weather stripping, Updating list of service people, Signage on the new van, Painting 3rd floor ceilings, Computer and video replaced, Windows in need of replacement and some parking lot repairs will be done next year. Signage being worked on. Roof of the parsonage was repaired. Phones are being switched from Spectrum to Allo.

June reported the background checks for children and youth helpers have been completed. The Fall opening with Wildlife Encounters was a success. Drawings for gift cards and pumpkins were held. A turnout of 15 Youth and 7 younger children was a good start. Another outreach on the 17th was held downtown. Thanks to many donations and volunteers it was another success. They ran out of hotdogs. Many testament books were handed out. Pastor reported the calendar items.

The Prayer room move to the Sunday School Office is in progress.

MMCCC has bricks available for purchase and Church Blocks for \$200 as well.

The Harvest Dinner will be held on the 14th. That is when there will be a combined Worship at 10:00 and the violinist Roddy Chong will be playing for us. Dave Manzer and his family will be preparing the meal. They are asking for donations of 10 to 12 pound turkeys.

Marcia has notes for us to write and send to Washington and Linden schools and First Responders, as well as members of our congregation. They can be picked up in the office.



# November

## Thankfulness

Day 1 – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Day 2 – Ephesians 5:18-21

Day 3 – Psalm 106:1

Day 4 – Philippians 4:6

Day 5 – Psalm 107:1

Day 6 – Psalm 100:4

Day 7 – Colossians 3:15-17

Day 8 – Colossians 4:2

Day 9 – Psalm 28:7

Day 10 – Psalm 100:1-5

Day 11 – Psalm 116:17

Day 12 – 1 Corinthians 15:57

Day 13 – Romans 14:5-6

Day 14 – Psalm 118:1

Day 15 – Psalm 50:14

Day 16 – 2 Corinthians 9:15

Day 17 – Psalm 95:2

Day 18 – Revelation 7:11-12

Day 19 – Psalm 136:1-3

Day 20 – Psalm 136:4-9

Day 21 – Psalm 136:10-22

Day 22 – Psalm 136:23-26

Day 23 – Psalm 92:1

Day 24 – Revelation 11:17

Day 25 – 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Day 26 – 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Day 27 – 1 Timothy 1:12-15

Day 28 – Psalm 107:15

Day 29 – 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Day 30 – Psalm 98:1





# KID'S CLUB | FBYOUTH

**Kids Club and FBYouth are in full swing!  
For Registration/Transportation information please contact  
Luke Chavanne or the Church office.**

With the great month of October came a great opportunity for the First Baptist Fremont Youth Program. Within the two weeks we have successfully been able to double our group size from eight youth students to sixteen and pray that God would continue to open our doors and allow us to impact the youth of this community. I myself have been incredibly in awe of the youth kids willingness and eagerness to participate in discussion and actively pursue knowledge of our Creator. These things are the intangibles that only God can provide and as we continue to grow and cast the seeds of His Word that the fertile soil, that is their hearts, may long for a relationship with the one true living God. As we begin the month of November, I ask for prayer for the soil of their hearts to remain fertile and that God's Word continue to take up root and begin to spring up throughout their lives.

Thank you to the congregation for all you have done to aid us in this!

Luke Chavanne – Youth Ministry Intern

Eileen reported ABW will have a speaker when they meet on November 4.

Evelyn Houston is now at Providence Place.

There being no further business, Pastor Richard closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy Charleston clerk

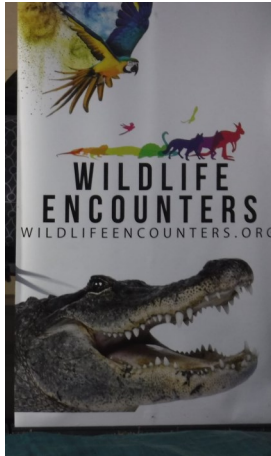


## ADDENDUM TO VISION MEETING 10/17/21

Randy, Eileen, Joel, Mary, June, Mike, and Pastor Richard met to consider a report by Mike on behalf of the Personnel Committee: Adjustments were made in relation to Amity's job description and remuneration. All present affirmed the adjustments.

# Halloween Hysteria

In early October we were able to participate in Fremont's Halloween Hysteria. We were down town passing out Candy and FREE Hotdogs. Praise God for the wonderful evening and the great turn out. Thank you to all that volunteered, donated and prayed!!!



It's always a good idea to verify times and places,  
Thanks!

# NOVEMBER 2021

## Prayer Emphasis For November:

Pray for the farmers  
who are harvesting  
their crops.  
Pray for families that  
may not have food for  
a meal to eat.

November  
Van Driver  
Bob Marsh  
402-332-7767

## Coffee Hosts

7 Esther  
14 Naomi  
21 ABM  
28 Sign Up Sunday

If you will not be able to Host on  
the week you are scheduled,  
please call the office. Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:15 pm Meal 6:45 pm FBYouth 7 pm—Bible Study	4 Please turn in your Harvest Dinner 10-12 lbs Turkey by TODAY	5	6 7am ABM Bible Study 8am ABM Breakfast 9:15 Property Team
7 <b>Communion</b> 9:30 Traditional 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Casual 6 pm <b>Movie Night</b> Time Change Fall Back 	8 7 pm—Woodcarvers	9 7 pm Young People AA	10- 6:15 pm Meal 6:45 pm FBYouth 7 pm—Bible Study	11	12	13 8:50 Personnel Meeting 9:30 Vision Team
14 9:30 Traditional 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Casual  <i>Harvest Dinner</i>	15 11:30 am—Esther Circle @ Village Inn	16 1:30 pm—Hannah  7 pm Young People AA	17 6:15 pm Meal 6:45 pm FBYouth 7 pm—Bible Study	18 12:30 pm—Naomi Circle—FBC Parlor	19	20 
21 9:30 Traditional 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Casual 6 pm <b>Brown Bag Fellowship &amp; Movie Night</b>	22 7 pm—Woodcarvers	23 7 pm Young People AA	24 6:15 pm Meal 6:45 pm FBYouth 7 pm—Bible Study	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Office Closed</div> 	26	27
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