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Baptist Visitor



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...



REV. BOB BRANDHAGEN, PASTOR

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**SUNDAYS**

9:00 Sunday school  
10:00 Morning service  
~~6:00 Youth Group (on hold)~~

**WEDNESDAYS**

6:00 BEF Adult Group and  
Children ages 5-12



**The Deacon Bench**

From 2020

Autumn Reminds Us That Jesus Will Return

“Be patient, then brothers and sisters until the Lord returns. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near” (James 5:7-8).

What a hopeful reminder that Jesus will return. In this scripture for autumn, we see a farmer patiently awaiting his bountiful harvest in season. In the same way, we can rest assured that, just as the harvest will come, Jesus will return. Can you imagine? It will be even more glorious than the autumn leaves at their peak.

Yours In Christ  
Tom Brown  
Deacon

**STAFF**

Teresa (Tess) Brotherton (secretary@keokukfbc.org)  
 Julie Ramsey, Organist  
 Russell Brotherton, Custodian



**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday  
 9 a.m. – 11:30  
 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

# Stewardship

## ATTENDANCE

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Parking Lot	Sanctuary
<b>SEPT</b>			
26	39	3	43
<b>OCT</b>			
3	45	4	41
10	33	17	57
17	36	3	42
24	36	5	41

### FINANCES

General Missions Maint. Total  
 Needed each week:

SEPT 3,105.00 721.00 626.00 4,452.00

(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)

26 2,679.73 359.00 160.00 3,198.73

OCT 3,105.00 721.00 626.00 4,452.00

(Averages include Maxwell Trust expenditures.)

3 2,959.70 487.70 378.00 3,825.40

10 2,057.75 381.00 305.00 2,743.75

17 3,319.00 575.00 85.00 3,979.00

24 2,713.10 315.00 630.00 3,658.10

### OTHER TOTALS FOR OCTOBER

Deacon Fellowship Fund. . . . . \$ 12.00

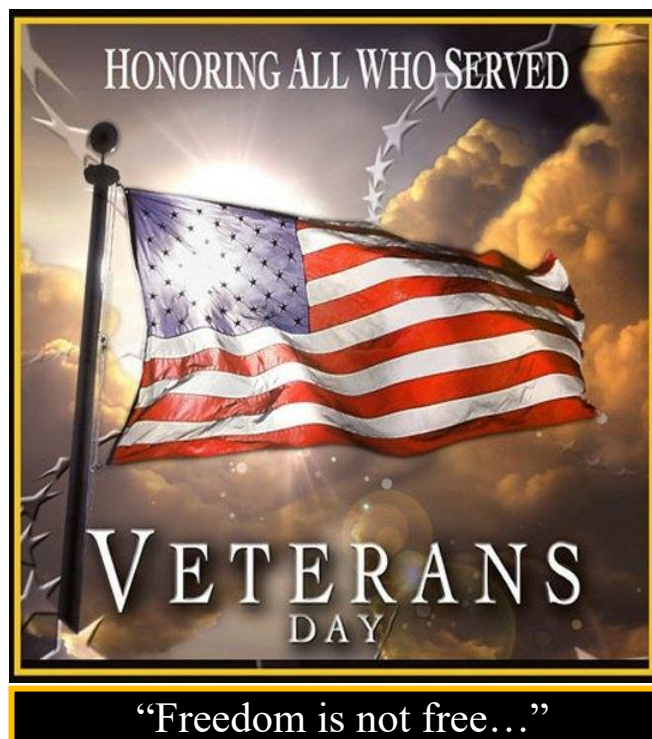
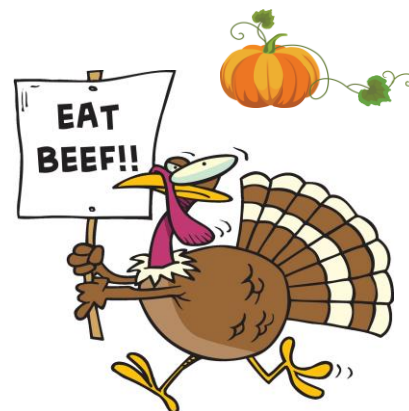
Clauzelle Pfaffe Mem. Med. Scholshp. \$ 25.00

### OTHER FUNDS TO DATE

Stained Glass Preservation Fund . . \$21,563.98



For the food pantry this month we are going for Thanksgiving dinner type food. Candied yams, marshmallows, green beans, jellied cranberry sauce, etc...



## December Altar Flowers

It's time to begin thinking about whether or not you would like to provide a poinsettia for the altar this Christmas season. If so, please contact Flower Committee Chairperson Suzy Glasscock at 319-470-9733. More specifics will appear in your Sunday bulletin and the next newsletter!

Christmas cards and 2 year planners will be available for a small cost.

**October's Prayer Requests** Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy and Family, Doug & Amy Roeglin and Family, Ginger Curfman, Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Don Hale, Vera Neuendorf, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Carl Wixom – Serious industrial accident, Fouad & Noura – Pastor Bob's friends in Egypt, Loza – Fouad's Mother N Law, Sherry Dalton, Tom & Betty Dickens, Kevin (Tess's cousin – Lymphoma), Family of Tim Nehre (West Nairobi School & Health), Carol Ryland, Evonne Young, Kevin & Andrea Simon Bentzinger (11 yr. old in Warsaw with terminal cancer), Nathan @ BK, Chris & Valerie, Doris Adkins, Lexia Rau – thyroid and heart age 20  
 Pray that we "do no wrong" and "be made complete"! (2Cor 13:7,9)

# Come to adult

# BEF

Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

6:00 p.m. Adult BEF Group and  
Children ages 5-12



**“Freedom** *is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”*

- Ronald Reagan



**Missions Soup Lunch**  
**Sunday November 14 at 11:30 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**



## Operation Christmas Child

O. C. C. is an opportunity to spread the love of Jesus by sending love and gifts, along with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to millions of boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world!

This year we are again offering you the opportunity to fill a plastic shoebox for a needy child somewhere in this big, wide world! Anyone interested in doing so, may pick up the needed Information Sheet and Instruction Sheet either at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Filled shoeboxes should be in Fellowship Hall by Monday, November 8.

**ALL** monetary donations (\$9 each) for O.C.C. should be placed in a separate envelope (designated O.C.C.) and either placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

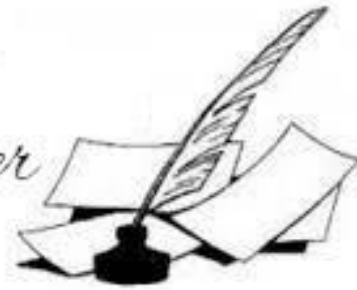




### Family Fall Festival

The FFF has been scheduled for November 7th from 5:30 to 7:00, with Trunk or Treat starting at 7:00. Due to concerns regarding COVID, the festival will not be advertised as a community event. Rather than being a community outreach, this year it will be a family outreach. All church members and their extended families are welcome to attend and appropriate fun costumes are encouraged! Many of the games and food treats that have been part of the festival in the past will still be available, but some adjustments may be made for safety. Fewer people should make distancing possible and sanitizers will be available, but please consider your personal health concerns before joining in this group activity.





## True Prayer Requires Three Things

Dear Church Family,

In Mark 11:22-25 we read, **“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.** <sup>23</sup> **“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.** <sup>24</sup> **Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.** <sup>25</sup> **And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”**

According to Mark’s Gospel, we must pray with no doubt, with lots of belief, and with open-handed forgiveness. “Have faith in God,” said Jesus in Mark 11:22. But, what does having faith in God look like?

First, if we have faith in God, we kick doubt out. Jesus tells us that if we say to a mountain to throw itself into the ocean, and we do not doubt but believe, “it will be done for them.” Walter Wessel, in the *Expositor’s Bible Commentary*, explains that, “Since Jesus was standing on the Mount of Olives, from which the Dead Sea could be seen on a clear day, he may have been referring specifically to this mountain. Of course, Jesus was speaking figuratively, saying that the greatest possible difficulties can be removed when a person has faith.” So ask the Lord for things that agree with his will. Then, don’t let anyone or anything make you uncertain. Don’t have a battle of doubt or wavering within yourself. And, do ask. Then act as though you believe that the Lord hears and will answer your prayer.

If you pray for more hours at work so that you can pay the bills, don’t waste your time doubting, worrying, and wavering as to whether the Lord is going to provide. Instead, clear your calendar so that when you are called in to work an extra shift, you are ready to go. That is what it looks like to act as though you believe that the Lord hears and will answer. D.L. Moody said, “If you pray for bread and bring no basket to carry it, you prove the doubting spirit, which may be the only hindrance to the boon you ask” (*D.L. Moody Quotes* via quotefancy.com).

Second, if we have faith in God, we believe in order to receive (11:23). To have faith means to have total trust, reliance, and confidence. If you are prone to doubt and unbelief, then make this your prayer: **“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief”** (Mark 9:2)!

Third, forgive with an open hand and so be forgiven (11:25). When you truly forgive someone you let go and pardon the person who hurt or wronged you.

By way of summary and illustration, what kills that pesky fly buzzing around your house? A fly swatter, of course. What kills our prayers? Doubt. Unbelief. Unforgiveness. Those three things are a SWAT team that kills our prayers. Think it over.

Matthew 6:14-15—**“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** <sup>15</sup> **But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”**

Matthew 18:21-22—**“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’** <sup>22</sup> **Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”**

Sincerely in Christ,

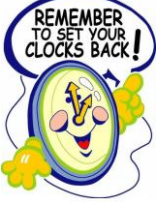



Bob Brandhagen  
Pastor



**Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>  
At 3 pm**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2021	1	2	3	4	5	6 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 
	7 Family Fall Festival 5:30pm 7pm Trunk or Treat	8 6:30 CE Board	9 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	10 6:00 BEF	11--OFFICE CLOSED-- 6:30 Trustees <b>Veterans Day</b> 	12
14 11:30 am Mission Soup Lunch 6:00 pm Movie Night	15 	16	17 6:00 BEF	18	19	20
21 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	22	23 5:30 Sewing & Craft Group	24 6:00 BEF	25 --OFFICE CLOSED-- 	26 --OFFICE CLOSED--	27 
28 3:00 Hanging of the Greens	29	30				



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marissa Neil
- Steve Page
- 2 Gage Barnes
- 4 Leah Hotop
- 5 Wendy Gilbert
- Andrew Swanson
- 6 Merry Powers
- Shelby Burchett
- Waylon Weirather
- 7 Ken Mlyniec
- 8 Jan Varner
- Jamie Taylor
- Mike Schrader
- 9 Dee Ruddell
- Andy Wade
- 11 Tom Dickens
- Willie Ackley-King
- 12 Bill Seibert
- 13 Ivryel McAlexander
- Garrett West
- 16 Alisha Atterberg
- 17 Wendy Matlock
- John Jenkins
- 18 Elyse Bierwirth
- 19 Betty Houston
- Keitha Harker
- 20 Paul Weirather
- 22 Ron Scott
- 24 Reagan Dickens
- Erin Anderson
- 25 Becca Cook
- 26 Jeremy Matlock
- Ella Maxwell
- 27 Wade Plowman
- 28 Tim Glasscock
- Teresa Bogener
- Dakotae Brown
- 29 Brent Ryland
- Michael Glasscock
- 30 Chris Arrowood



*Happy Anniversary!*



*Tom & Dee Ruddell  
November 6, 1976*

*Steve & Debra Carman  
November 6*

*Travis & Tina Fox  
November 21, 1992*

*Chuck & Carol Williams  
November 23, 1968*

**The newsletter deadline will be earlier for the months of November and December due to the holidays!**