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# #November 2029 Baptist Visitor





Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...



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**SUNDAYS** 

9:00 Sunday School 10:20 Morning Service

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 BEF Groups





The Deacon Bench

#### THE SUFFICIENCY OF JOY

Unless you have joy in Jesus, your joy is not full. What is the secret to finding this joy? Jesus said He spoke "these things that your joy may be full." By "these things," Jesus is referring to His words in John 15:1: "I am the true vine and my father is the [gardener]." Our relationship with Jesus is like that of a branch to a vine. A branch is absolutely dependent upon a vine. Do you depend upon Jesus totally and absolutely?

It is Jesus, the vine, that produces fruit; and we, the branches, *bear* the fruit, including the fruit of joy. Here's how the joy of Jesus gets out of Him and into me: As I am in union and communion with Him, as my life is blended with His and His life infuses mine—just as the sap flows from the vine into the branch—the life of Jesus Christ flows into me and the joy that is in Him is now in me. You belong to God just as the branch belongs to the vine. When you start seeing your life in that relationship you will find in your heart a miraculous joy because the joy of Christ which is the life of Christ is going to be flowing out of Christ and into you.

Your brother in Christ, Mark Pfaffe, the Deacons' Board

# Stewardship

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Parking Lot	SACNTUAR Y/NURSURY
SEPT			
29	42	0	42
OCT			
6	50	9	44
13	42	5	45
20	40	5	47



"Freedom is not free..."



### 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!

#### **October's Prayer Requests**

Friends & Family: Unspoken Requests, Michelle Dorethy, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Tom Rudd, Teresa Glasscock, Ginger Curfman, Mike Gibson,

Bob & Barb Collier, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Jeanne Taylor, Teresa Brotherton, Don Hale, Teresa Jefferson, Lisa's Dad, Kim & Gloria Reid, Family of Don Davis,

Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel,

Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake),

**Political:** Nations of the World

Please pray for Christians kidnapped in Egypt: Marina Sameer William – 23 year old Woman



#### "Put God's Promises on the Menu This Thanksgiving" Pastor Robert Brandhagen

Dear Church Family,

Hebrews 11:17 says, "By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son" (NIV). According to Louw & Nida, the word "embraced" (as in, Abraham "embraced" God's promises) means, "to welcome, receive into the home." According to the same source, "embraced" also means to "experience, as the recipient of an event." How might this apply to you and me? Let's look at the promise in Matthew 28:20. Jesus says, "...and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (By the way, this really needs to be read in the context of the previous 19 verses where the topic is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.)

Jesus said, "I am with you always." He is with His followers. Jesus promises His presence with His people. It is a promise we can "surely" and "always" count on until "the very end of the age." Above it was noted that we must welcome and receive God's promises into our homes, and even experience those promises as events. What events do you enjoy watching? I enjoy competitive high school sports, the slow progress of tugboats as they barge their way up and down the river, and good, decent, funny movies that leave my conscience clean.

Those events—high school sports, river traffic, worthy movies—I welcome them into my life. And how might the Lord bless us if we would welcome His promises into our homes like we welcome friends and family to Thanksgiving dinner? Write God's promises on the walls, and store His promises in your heart. Read one of the Psalms of thanksgiving before the prayer at your Thanksgiving table. By faith in Jesus, we can enter God's story and experience His promises. 2Peter 1:4 calls God's promises "very great and precious promises." Since God says His promises are "great and precious," then those promises deserve great and precious study and attention and sharing on our part. And with the study of a given promise may come the experience of that promise.

The word "promise" occurs about 125 times in the Bible. It is a theme worth tracing. Some people are very meticulous in the study of family genealogy. As we read through God's many promises, maybe we can detect a genealogy in them: What are God's promises? Where did they come from? Who they are related to? Who are they for? And what are the great things God has accomplished through those promises? All praise to the Great Promise Keeper, Jesus Christ! About Him the Lord has said, "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God" (2Corinthians 1:20).

God's promises, on the lips of Jesus' followers, can run like an ambulance to the aid of those who are sad and scared and sick. Those same promises can be creatively served at your Thanksgiving dinner. Could you pray for yourself to embrace, receive, and experience God's promises as events, and welcome God's promises into your heart and home in an Abraham-like way? Could you write a card with a promise from scripture (like Jesus' promise, "I am with you always....") to one of those scared people in your life? Could you find a way to serve the promises of God along with the turkey and stuffing? If you do that, I am confident that the Lord will bless your Thanksgiving as never before.

Thankful for Christ Jesus Now and Always,

Pastor Bob Brandhagen



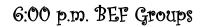




**Freedom** is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once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



Wednesday Nights - Huiskamp Hall





Christmas cards are available and pocket Calanders are available.





As I write this First Baptist has just had their annual church picnic. If you weren't there, I will try to remember things that made it a special day, for me. First, I got to see some folks I hadn't seen for a while; which felt soooo good and met a few new ones. The food was "The Best" bar none. Our cooks just out-did themselves. I must have added another 5 pounds, but you have to try everything don't you? And then we come to the entertainment. A song "lip synced" by 12 people dressed up in "old timey" garb. The song was one of Ray Stevens comedy songs entitled "The Great Mississippi Squirrel Revival". It was a hoot to do, and judging from the people's reaction who watched it, was fun to watch too. I was so pleased with how we did and really had fun with it. My sincerest thanks to all who stepped up and took part in our rendition of Ray Steven's recording. It was a "hoot" and a real fun way to top off the evening. Thanks again to all who helped make it happen!

Deb Baum

### ATTENTION!

Looking for those who would be interested in singing a Christmas Cantata. Must start practices **very soon**. Please call Deb Baum if interested. 319-795-9048





The FBC food pantry would like to ask for your help filling the shelves. The holidays are upon us and we hope to help families out with a nice holiday meal. The food pantry is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 9-2.

God Bless You and Thank you so much!



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins

#### 5 from 3 votes

These Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffins combine warm pumpkin spice flavors and delicious pockets of chocolate. You will love how quickly they come together and how tender and moist they are!

Prep Time**15minutes mins** Cook Time**20minutes mins**Total Time**30minutes mins** Servings**12** 

#### Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon <u>salt</u>
- 1/2 teaspoon <u>nutmeg</u>
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup low fat buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon <u>canola oil</u>
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips plus extra for sprinkling

#### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, mix the dry ingredients flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg.
- In a large bowl, mix pumpkin, brown sugar, buttermilk, egg, and oil.
- Add dry mixture to the wet mixture. Stir just until combined, DO NOT over mix.
   Mixture will be a bit lumpy.
- · Fold in chocolate chips.
- Line a muffin tin with muffin liners. Fill each liner about ¾ of the way full. Sprinkle extra chocolate chips on top if desired.
- Bake for 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.
- As soon as muffins are cool enough to touch, remove from pan and transfer to a cooling rack. Let muffins cool to room temperature.

#### **Nutrition Information**

Calories: 185kcalCarbohydrates: 36gProtein: 3gFat: 4gSaturated Fat: 1gPolyunsaturated Fat: 1gMonounsaturated Fat: 1gTrans

Fat: 1gCholesterol: 15mgSodium: 357mgPotassium: 63mgFiber: 1gSugar: 23gVitamin

A: 42IUVitamin C: 1mgCalcium: 44mglron: 1mg







Join together to decorate First Baptist on Sunday afternoon, December 1!

Decoration of the sanctuary and common areas of the church will begin at 3:30 and many hands are needed. Sunday School class decoration will begin about 4:00 or whenever the class decides to meet.

Supper will be served at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall of the main building.

Please join your church family for this festive time of kicking off the Christmas season, praying together that the name of Jesus would be heard and honored during our celebration of the birth of our Savior.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THRUSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Fall Back	4	5 NOON Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer Time	6 6:00 BEF Groups	7	8	9
10 6:30 CE Board	11OFFICE CLOSED Veterans	NOON Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer Time	6:00 BEF Groups	9:00 Effie Linquist Circle 6:30 Trustees	15  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16
17	18	19 NOON Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer Time	20 6:00 BEF Groups	9-2 Food Pantry	22	23
24 11:30 Deaconess 3:30 Deacons	25	NOON Sewing & Crafts Group 4:00 Prayer Time	OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:30	28 OFFICE CLOSED		30



- 1 Marissa Neil Steve Page
- 2 Gage Barnes
- 4 Leah Hotop
- 5 Wendy Gilbert Andrew Swanson Lisa Brandhagen
- 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
- 20 Paul Weirather
- 22 Ron Scott
- 24 Reagan Dickens Erin Foster
- 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







Tom & Dee Ruddell November 6, 1976

Steve & Debra Carman November 6

Travis & Tina Fox November 21, 1992

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