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Return Service Requested

November 2026 Baptist Visitor

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come...

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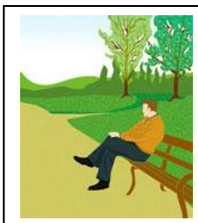
SUNDAYS
9:00 Sunday School
10:20 Morning Service
6:00 BroSis grades 7th – All adults

WEDNESDAYS
6:00 BEF grades k-6th



Dear Church Family,
I want to thank those that have prayed for me, sent cards, made home visits, provided meals etc… during my recovery from back surgery. I dearly miss my Sunday school class and Sunday services and those that make up our church.

God Bless You All,
Mark Pfaffee



The Deacon Bench

Wisdom of the Falling Leaf

When the days grow shorter, deciduous trees do not fight to keep their leaves. They undergo a deliberate biological process, sealing off the stem so the leaf can detach gracefully in the wind. The tree lets go not out of defeat, but out of preservation and preparation.

Our spiritual lives mirror this rhythm. We often cling tightly to familiar patterns—Exhausting routines, quiet resentment, comparison, or worry – because even painful familiarity feels safer than the unknown. But holding onto what is dead or outdated weighs us down.

This viral reflection is an excerpt from a widely shared spiritual and mindfulness essay posted on the Facebook page **Empaths, Old Souls & Introverts**.

In Christ,
Tom Brown

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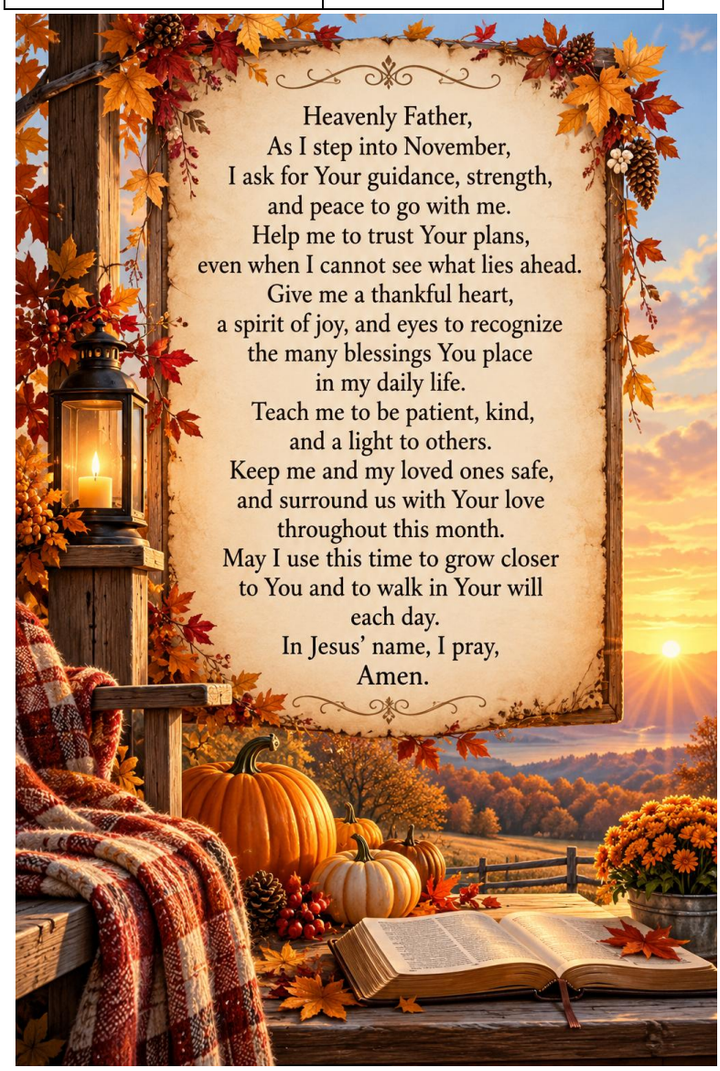
OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
8 a.m. – 11:00
12:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Stewardship
ATTENDANCE

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	Parking Lot	SACNTUARY /NURSURY
SEPT			
27	48	1	41
OCT			
4	37	2	39
11	38	2	29
18	46	0	54

3rd Quarter

INCOME For Gen. Fund	EXPENSES For Gen. Fund
$ 33,677.60	$ 41,107.44



November 11, 2 0 26



"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, Tina Gibson, John & Jeanne Taylor
Teresa Brotherton, Ken Mlyniec – heart valve, Don Hale, Lucille Starr, Wendy Kelly, Julee Wixom,
Joe (heart attack) & Carol Ryland, Clark Adkins, Ginger Curfman, Jeff Matlock, Ginger Richardson, Mark & Kelly Neuendorf, Tony King, Bev Brotherton (eyes), Evonne's son Eric – cancer is back,
Janet Corrington – husband sick, Mark Russell – Heart, Mark Pfaffe – healing of spine, Kim Buerklin-surgery,
June Haun & Linda Fox (Grace Glasscock's sisters),
Missionaries: Doug & Amy Roeglin, Kristy Engel,
Tim & Erin Nehre, Shawn & Teresa Ott (Forest Lake)

Pastor Bob's Corner

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Say Hi to the Holidays! Once again we just experienced another Halloween. My wife and I give candy as well as gospel tracts. Why not give out the gospel? Halloween is a holiday that could use more light. A little less Zombie and a little more letting our light shine with the story of the Gospel.

Right now, I am in the pastor's study composing this letter. I want to write about giving thanks in the Bible. So often I choose not to be thankful, and I choose instead to complain and grumble and murmur, and not give robust thanks to the LORD!

Lean into the following Bible verses and meditate on what it means to give thanks. The verses will be an encouragement:

I hope that you do not have strife in your home, among family members. If so, let it go. Forgive.

Psalm 100:4–5: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

1Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him".

1Thessalonians 5:16–18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus".

Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

On a personal note physically, I have been feeling better, and more encouraged. I am still in the Army. As I write this I am waiting for orders to go Ft. McCoy (WI), or some other split training venue for just about 5 days. The whole purpose is for Soldiers to pass their "Weapons Qualification."

May the LORD bless and keep you! I am honored to be your pastor.

Pastor Bob







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

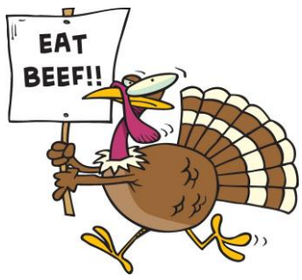
Come to BEF

Wednesday Nights – Huiskamp Hall

6:00 p.m. BEF Kids K-6th grade

Christmas cards
are available.







Pumpkin Spice Latte

INGREDIENTS

1 cup milk
2 Tbsp pumpkin puree
1 Tbsp sugar
⅛ tsp pumpkin pie spice
¼ cup brewed coffee
⅛ tsp vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small saucepan, w hisk together the milk, pumpkin puree, sugar, and pumpkin pie spice. Heat over medium heat until hot. Remove from the heat and whisk in coffee and vanilla extract

Warm Spiced Milk

INGREDIENTS

2 cups milk
1 Tbsp brown sugar
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
⅛ tsp ground nutmeg

INSTRUCTIONS

In a small saucepan, combine the milk, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Warm over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved and the milk is hot.





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 3rd 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 salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup low fat buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 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.

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Nutrition Information

Calories: 185kcalCarbohydrates: 36gProtein: 3gFat: 4gSaturated Fat: 1gPolyunsaturated Fat: 1gMonounsaturated Fat: 1gTrans Fat: 1gCholesterol: 15mgSodium: 357mgPotassium: 63mgFiber: 1gSugar: 23gVitamin A: 42IUVitamin C: 1mgCalcium: 44mgIron: 1mg







Join together to decorate First Baptist on Sunday afternoon, November 29!

Decoration of the sanctuary and common areas of the church will begin at 3:00 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.

2026 November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THRUSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
1 11:30 Deaconess Nominating Comm. 5:00 Fall Festival 	**2** **11:15** Prayer Time	**3** **NOON** Sewing & Crafts Group	**4** **6:00** BEF kids grade k-6-Ed. Bldg.	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 6:00 BroSis grades 7-All Adults	**9** **11:15** Prayer Time	**10** **NOON** Sewing & Crafts Group **6:30** Trustees	**11** --OFFICE CLOSED— **6:00** BEF kids grade k-6-Ed. Bldg. 	**12** **9:00** Effie Linquist Circle	**13**	**14**
15 3:30 Lionize 6:00 BroSis grades 7-All Adults	**16** **11:15** Prayer Time 	**17** **NOON** Sewing & Crafts Group	**18** **6:00** BEF kids grade k-6-Ed. Bldg.	**19** 9-2 Food Pantry	**20**	**21**
22 3:30 Deacons 6:00 BroSis grades 7-All Adults	**23** **11:15** Prayer Time 	**24** **NOON** Sewing & Crafts Group	**25** --OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:00 noon--	**26** --OFFICE CLOSED-- 	27 --OFFICE CLOSED-- 	28
29 **3:00 pm** **Hanging of the Greens**	**30** **11:15** Prayer Time	**Deacon of the month is Don Davis**				



1 Marissa Neil
Steve Page
2 Gage Barnes
4 Leah Hotop
5 Wendy Gilbert
Andrew Swanson
Lisa Brandhagen
6 Merry Powers
Shelby Dickens
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!