

Upcoming Events

November

Scout Sunday.....Nov. 6th
Pastries and PrayerNov. 12th 8:30 am
College and Career Picnic.....Nov. 13th 1 pm
Hobo Soup.....Nov. 19th 5 pm
Thanksgiving Dinner.....Nov 23rd 6:30 pm
Staff Appreciation Day.....Nov. 27th



Give Thanks

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Newsletter - November 2011

Around First Baptist

We had a wonderful time with our Trunk or Treat this year! Enjoy some of the pictures.



Scripture of the month:

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalms 118:28-29 (ESV)

From the Pastor's Desk



The holiday season is fast approaching, and as such it is appropriate for me to write with this in mind. Many of us will be traveling in the next couple months. Some of you will be taking winter vacations, some will travel to see family, and others will just settle in here at home to celebrate. This time of year is always an exciting time as we enjoy our families and celebrate the season.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, hopefully giving thanks is at the forefront of your mind. The Scriptures are full of passages that point us to be thankful for all that the Lord has done and is doing in our lives.

Here are a few passages to help you see this and think about:

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psalms 69:30 (ESV)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. Psalms 9:1 (ESV)

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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

With these passages fresh in your mind I hope and pray you will reflect upon them in the coming days. Thanksgiving should be a constant thing in the life of a believer, and especially so during this time of the year as we emphasize its importance.

I know several in our congregation have been going through a great deal of difficulty. However, no

matter what we are going through or what we have gone through, God is good and has most definitely given us all more than we deserve.

I like the old hymn "Count Your Blessings." That song is a great reminder to us especially in times of trials to help comfort us.

We need to reflect more on God's grace and blessings in our lives. If we truly evaluate our lives we will find that God has blessed us in so many ways we really have little room to complain.

So be sure to take time today and in the coming days to give thanks to our great and gracious God.

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Dewayne Slusher

Servants of the Month

This month we wish to recognize **Don and Donna Mead** as our servants of the month.

This great couple serves in so many ways at First Baptist; I couldn't begin to list them all.

Don has served for years as a deacon and most is still doing the work of a deacon. Weekly, he helps maintain our property by replacing light bulbs, taking out trash, cleaning bathrooms, and helping with general repairs.

Donna helps him in many of these things as well, and she also serves as our church clerk and works in the women's ministry.

Both Don and Donna are involved in our outreach program and the choir. Don also teaches Sunday School, and Donna has done the same in years past.

This couple is a huge blessing to me, as pastor, and to First Baptist Church and that is why we wish to honor them for their service this month.



Missions' Monthly

Paske, Bondye sitèlman renmen lèzòm li bay sèl Pitit li a pou yo. Tout moun ki va mete konfyans yo nan li p'ap pedi lavi yo. Okontrè y'a gen lavi ki p'ap janm fini an. Jan 3:16 Haitian Creole Version (HCV)

It's easy to take for granted the English Bible. We have had access to it for all of our lives. But the reality is that there are people groups that have no access to the Scriptures in their language. They have no knowledge of the wonderful promise and hope in John 3:16.

This month we want to emphasize the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Learn more about them at: www.wycliffe.org.

Pray for their work to be fruitful and give during the Evening service to support this work!