

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY



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First Baptist Church

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## Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

## Wednesday Evenings

6:30 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Children's Ministries



## *From the Pastor's Pen...*



November has arrived and with it the holiday season goes into full swing. No doubt, this will be a hectic time of year for everyone. There will be decorations to set out, festive meals to prepare, and many parties and get-togethers. While we are busily rushing around trying to make this a great Thanksgiving and Christmas, I pray that we do not fail to do the one thing Thanksgiving was established for—giving thanks.

I don't know how your year has gone but I do know that we all have things for which to be thankful. There's not a Thanksgiving that goes by that my mind doesn't go back to a weekend I did a Youth Revival at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Glendale, Kentucky. After the Friday Night Service, Sandy and I gathered the youth together and we formed a circle and asked them to share one thing for which they were thankful. As soon as I had said this, I was afraid I had made a big mistake. You see, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church is located right next to Glendale Children's Home. The Youth Group was made up of children ages 10-17 who were from the children's home. They had been given up by their parents, taken away from their parents, or did not even know their parents. As we started the circle, God taught me a lesson as one by one the children shared that they were thankful for their parents and praying for their parents. Their hearts were filled with gratitude and hope, trusting that they would be reunited.

When I start feeling like it's been a tough year and I seem to struggle with an attitude of gratitude, I remember those children. I see the hope in their eyes. I hear their words of thanks as they echo through my heart. I felt like those children had been given a raw deal, but they were lifting up their hearts in thanksgiving. What about you? Do you have an attitude of gratitude? Did you know that if your family makes \$30,000.00 per year that you are in the top 1% of the richest people in the world! Give thanks to the Lord! We are extremely blessed by God. He has given us salvation, health, wealth, a place to worship, a family to enjoy, and covers us with His grace. Give thanks!

Maybe you are reading this; and, you are thinking: "That's not my story. This year has been tough. I lost someone I love. I lost my job. I am on a fixed income and am barely getting by. My health is failing; and life is difficult." Maybe you are thinking it's just tough to have an attitude of gratitude with all that I have been through." I know that life is difficult and at times seems unfair; but we have the opportunity to thank God for the scars. The scars remind us that even when we went through those difficult days God was with us. They remind us that those trying events didn't break us though we may have been severely bent. The scars remind us that behind every hurt there is a God who is forever present. He is Immanuel: God with us! We can thank God for the scars because we know the story of Christmas: how God demonstrated His love for us by sending His only Son to be our Savior. We know that at Calvary, God put an end to all the injustice, all the unfairness, all the hopelessness, all the pain...At Calvary God said, "I Got This!"



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So, give thanks church! Thank Him for the blessings that have been yours this past year and thank Him for the scars. Yes, for those precious scars remind us that He never left us...and will never leave us. Look at your scars...then look at His. His scars were for you! Give thanks, my friends.

Dr. John Duncan



# Committed Leadership Team

To His purpose...For His Glory

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

Last time we talked about how blessed we are as children of God because we are known by Him and, because of that, we should want to live for Him. Now we want to look at what the scriptures say about living for Him.

Ephesians 5:1 says **“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.”** As a small child loves to imitate his parents so we should want to imitate our Heavenly Father. This does not happen all at once though and certainly not without His help because we continue to battle our “old self” and the desire to sin that we have from the time we are born. However, with the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit we can become more and more like Him.

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4:8 that God gives us His Holy Spirit so that we can become more like Him, imitators of Him. Not only that, but verse 3 states: **“For this is the will of God, your sanctification ...”** and verse 7 **“For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.”** It is God’s will that we become imitators through “your sanctification” (v:3) or “your holiness”, “your set apartness”.

So, this is how we become imitators of God. By being holy, sanctified, set apart for Him. Different than the rest of the world. And by being different His light will shine through us to those around us who do not know Him.

Our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

FBC Leadership Team

## Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry will be meeting on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am for their monthly Men's Breakfast. We will enjoy a great breakfast, time of fellowship, and hear about a mission opportunity at Community Central Church in Evansville in January. If you would like to help cook, be here around 7:45 am.

Our Men's Ministry will also be starting a new study on Wednesday evenings. We introduced it on October 30<sup>th</sup> and will be starting on November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Our new study will be a verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of John. All you need is a teachable spirit, an inquiring mind, and a Bible. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Women's Ministry

The next Ladies Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Sandy & Sara will announce the name of the study as soon as possible. Be in prayer about the upcoming Bible Study and come prepared to either watch a video or to discuss the Bible Study. All Ladies are encouraged to attend.



Girls Night Out was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> with 10 Ladies attending. Crafts, a short lesson, food, and fellowship, filled the evening.

Upcoming plans for the group include: A new name for the group, monthly meetings, and plans to begin a Secret Sister Ministry. More information on this and more will be available soon. Also please check your Sunday Bulletin and other sources of information for meeting dates. Monthly meeting weeks will continually change from month to month.

The next Girls Night Out will be held here at FBC, on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP Tina by calling 812-482-4724, by email at [pthostetler@yahoo.com](mailto:pthostetler@yahoo.com), or on the Ladies FBC FB page, if you plan to attend or have any questions.

## New Member

Jeffrey Kaldahl joined the church by letter from First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Jeffrey is a chaplain with Hosparus Health here in Jasper.

## Youth Ministry

During the month of November, the Youth will be having a Cross Walk. A table will be set up outside the Sanctuary. You have your choice of a handmade cross by donating to the Youth.

November 16<sup>th</sup> the Youth will hold a Rake and Pray day. If you would like the Youth to bless you, please sign-up at the Youth table.

December 8<sup>th</sup> the Youth will have an Ornament exchange, an early dinner, and a time of fellowship.

During the month of December, recipe books will be sold. Preorders are being taken for the books at the Youth table outside the Sanctuary.

December 31<sup>st</sup> the Youth will be putting on a talent show. A love offering is requested.

\*\*\*All proceeds will go towards Youth T-shirts and events.



*Please join Pastor John & Sandy, and the Leadership Team  
at the  
First Baptist Church Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
on  
Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
in the  
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*

*Everyone is invited to attend!*

*Please use the sign-up sheets to let everyone know what you are bringing. Rhonda's hope is to have a wide variety of side dishes to go with the turkey and the ham. If your able to bake a turkey for the dinner, please let Rhonda know as soon as possible.*



(Just Older Youth)

*Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts*

The JOY Group met for their monthly Luncheon on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. They enjoyed a great meal with chicken tenders, meat loaf, various other dishes, vegetables, and desserts. After a time of sharing, Jeffrey Kaldahl and one of his associates from Hosparus Health shared about the Hospice Ministry here in Jasper. Everyone had a great time and learned about the vital ministry that Hospice provides.

The JOY Group will not be meeting for their monthly Luncheon in November due to Thanksgiving; but, will start up again in December. However, instead of meeting at 11:00 am they will be meeting at 11:30 am on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. All those 55 and over are invited to join them.



*Calling All Seniors!*

# The Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

Edgar Albert Guest 1881 – 1959

It may be I'm getting old and like too much to dwell  
Upon the days of bygone years, the days I loved so well;  
But thinking of them now I wish somehow that I could know  
A simple old Thanksgiving Day, like those of long ago,  
When all the family gathered round a table richly spread,  
With little Jamie at the foot and grandpa at the head,  
The youngest of us all to greet the oldest with a smile,  
With mother running in and out and laughing all the while.



It may be I'm old-fashioned, but it seems to me to-day  
We're too much bent on having fun to take the time to pray;  
Each little family grows up with fashions of its own;  
It lives within a world itself and wants to be alone.  
It has its special pleasures, its circle, too, of friends;  
There are no get-together days; each one his journey wends,  
Pursuing what he likes the best in his particular way,  
Letting the others do the same upon Thanksgiving Day.

I like the olden way the best, when relatives were glad  
To meet the way they used to do when I was just a lad;  
The old home was a rendezvous for all our kith and kin,  
And whether living far or near they all came trooping in  
With shouts of "Hello, daddy!" as they fairly stormed the place  
And made a rush for mother, who would stop to wipe her face  
Upon her gingham apron before she kissed them all,  
Hugging them proudly to her breast, the grownups and the small.



Then laughter ran throughout the home, and, Oh, the jokes they told;  
From Boston, Frank brought new ones, but father sprang the old;  
All afternoon we chatted, telling what we hoped to do,  
The struggles we were making and the hardships we'd gone through;  
We gathered round the fireside, how fast the hours flew;  
It seemed before we'd settled down 'twas time to say good-bye,  
Those were the glad Thanksgivings, the old-time families knew  
When relatives could still be friends and every heart was true.



## November Birthday's

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| 2 Judy Heller       | 2 Brooklyn Thrasher |
| 2 John Dillon       | 4 Janice Cossler    |
| 4 Sara Harris       | 4 Bart Pfau         |
| 12 Phil Malone      | 13 Keith Allen      |
| 14 Tom Haworth      | 15 Sam Shinabarger  |
| 15 Wil Blackwood    | 18 Anika Montgomery |
| 23 April Crew       | 23 Tina Pfau        |
| 23 Vincent Huckelby | 23 Randy Mason      |
| 24 Genevieve Harlow | 24 Ken McGlothlin   |
| 26 Moose Weyer      | 30 Wanda Fuller     |

*Your First Baptist Church Family  
would like to wish each of you a  
Happy Birthday!*

*May God bless you today,  
And keep you all year through.  
May God give you all the faith it takes,  
To make your dreams come true.  
May His love and wisdom always help,  
To guide you on your way.  
May His light shine down upon you now,  
To bless your every day.*

# November 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Prayer in the  
Sanctuary  
5:30 pm

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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Girls Night Out  
6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Veterans Day

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Prayer in the  
Sanctuary  
5:30 pm

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Prayer in the  
Sanctuary  
5:30 pm

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
4:00 p.m.

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Prayer in the  
Sanctuary  
5:30 pm

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Happy  
Thanksgiving

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