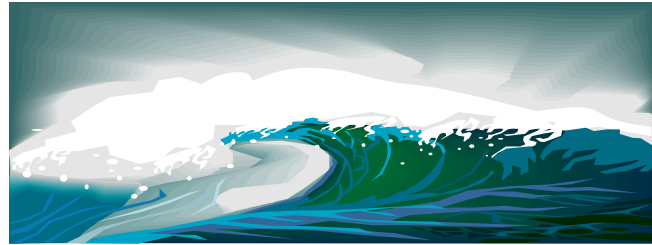




The *November 2020* Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



While our Thanksgiving celebrations may look different this year than in years past, the tradition of “thanking God” for His blessings upon our family, should be the same. *Jeremiah 33:11 tells us to give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His steadfast love endures.* Unfortunately, the church’s Thanksgiving dinner has been canceled this year. But, I’ve insisted that when things get back to normal, we will have a big dinner, where we give thanks. The church is going to be providing some of our older members and shut-ins meals for Thanksgiving this year to shine our love upon them this holiday season. To be honest, the pandemic has given us yet another reason to be thankful as most of us are in good health and have not had COVID. God has provided protection for many of us in our church. For those in our church who have lost a loved one to this dreadful disease, I know you would agree that God extended mercy and grace to you during that time of mourning. In the end, God is so good to us, because He loves us.

If you have lost a loved one in your family over the last year from COVID or by any other means, I realize this will be your first Thanksgiving without them. This can be a hard time for you and your family. So how do you get through Thanksgiving this year without this special person at the table this year? What can we do on our own in our family to make the holiday easier? The answer may surprise you, but there are several things you can do to remember that special loved one this year. Here are some things you can consider doing, according to an online blog called Very Well Health, and the title of the article is “30 Ways to Remember a Loved One on Thanksgiving.”

First, you can journal about that loved one. Write in a notebook about how you miss them or wish they were with you, or you could write them a letter. What would you say if they were present? Second, you could also create a memory board with photos and things from your past with them, to make their presence known and seen by family and friends who stop by your home. Another way you can honor that person’s memory is by leaving an empty chair at the table, with or without a place setting. You would simply tell your guests that this seat is where this person would sit if they were with us today. We leave it empty to honor their memory this year. Another idea, according to the article, would be for you to offer a special speech about the person before prayer, or even go around the table and ask your guests to share a memory of that special loved one. We do something similar in the Wagoner home. We always say what we are thankful for and if someone is missing we recognize that loss. Another thought to remember your loved one would be to make a special contribution to the church or another special cause in your loved one’s name. There are lots of things you can do to ease the pain of missing someone this year. If you’re having a hard time this year, search for the article on Google by typing in *30 Ways to Remember a Loved One on Thanksgiving Day*.

Whatever you choose to do and however you choose to remember that special person not at the table this year, be sure to give thanks to God for His love and for allowing you to have had the time you had with them here with you on earth. We know they are in heaven today waiting on us. We have to be patient in this life, and one day, we'll be reunited. But, it's ok to remember and to miss them.

To that end, I'm reminded in *1st Thessalonians 5:16-18* that *we are to rejoice always. We are to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all circumstances.* This even applies to those times when life is hard and challenging. We must always remember, the Bible tells us that *it rains on the just and unjust* (Matthew 5:45). Hardship comes because we live in a fallen world, encompassed by sin. Thank God, we have hope in Jesus as our savior. Let us all thank God we are saved. May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving this year and may your turkey be well-cooked and juicy. **Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**

In His service,

Pastor Toby





October was such a busy month for me personally! I have a new daughter-in-law and granddaughter! What blessings the Lord has given me! Psalms 107:1 says, *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.* Sounds like a song, huh? We can all be praising the Lord this Thanksgiving and everyday.

I am thankful for all the youth and their willingness to pitch in and help wherever there is a need.

I am thankful for the hearts of the youth as we write cards of encouragement to our people who are sick, lonely or have lost a loved one.

I am thankful for our church and your generous support of the youth.

I am thankful for the parents of the youth for encouraging them to attend.

I am thankful for the Bible, God's Word that is forever a true and straight guide that I can teach our youth.

I am thankful for Kaeleigh Grandon for her coming forward in October to join our church. Kaeleigh has not only been a faithful youth member for about 2 years but also attends Sunday School and church. She is a wonderful example to the other youth members.

Our average attendance in October was 22 for each meeting. This includes both junior and senior high kids. We are busy learning Bible truths that will help us in our daily activities. And, of course, eating. Thanks to Nancy McCoy for helping feed this group! Many of the kids will be helping with Trunk or Treat on the last day of October.

We will be starting our practice soon on Christmas season activities. We will be having a live nativity scene outside the church. I hope everyone will come and join in the celebration of the seasons.

As we stay busy this upcoming month, my prayer is that we always remember our main reason to work with the youth - to lead them to salvation through Jesus Christ. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Blessings,

Ann

RMMO - Who Does It Help?

Each November, we begin our collection for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. This very important offering is one that is special - it is given to those Servants of God who dedicated their lives to reaching the lost for Jesus. This offering provides financial support to retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses who have helped build and sustain our churches both here and around the world throughout the years.



First Thessalonians tells us, *“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.”*

We have men, who have worked hard pastoring our church here at FBC, and their widowed spouses who now receive benefits from the RMMO. When you give, you send love to each of them.

Our offering goal this month is \$1050. Please be in prayer and give as the Lord leads. ***Let us hold our people in the highest regard because of their work.***



What's Happening??

Children's Fall Rally - Virtual

We have 12 kids and 7 families who are going to be involved with the first ever Virtual Children's Fall Rally!

Right from their own home, each child will be able to have fun while learning about Jesus and how to use His way of thinking.

Say What?

Parents, take of pic or two and make sure you send them to the office or Talia. We'll post them in next month's Anchor!

18-35 Young Adults Plan Outing

The newest FBC group - 18-35 Life Study group - has been meeting for a month and are going places.

The group is now meeting each Sunday at 5:00 in the Anchor Room upstairs.

Now they have planned their first adventure. They will be going to the "Locked and Coded" Escape Room in Charleston on Sunday, November 1. The Young Adults plan to leave after church, eat in Charleston and then go to the activity.

If you would like to participate, please sign up with Talia Martinez or Jo Hendricks. The cost is \$10.

18-35 Life Study Group in New Location.

Meeting in the Anchor Room



Good News!!

Welcome Caralyn Jean Graham!



A new addition to the Graham family!

Caralyn has officially joined sister Alli and big brothers Zack and Jacob. Her adoption was final on October 2.

Congratulations Mike and Angela on a beautiful addition to your family! What a cutie!

*Wished for, Prayed for,
Adopted with Love* ❤️

FBC Welcomes Kaeleigh Grandon



We would all like to welcome Kaeleigh into the FBC family.

Kaeleigh has been attending our youth and church services for about 2 years now. She is moving her membership to join with us.

Welcome Kaeleigh!



Philip Lyons - Eagle Scout!

Philip Lyons was the spokesperson for the Boy Scout Troup #43 on Sunday, October 4 selling popcorn and popcorn goodies.

We also want to congratulate Philip for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Philip worked hard on his project and interview. A formal celebration and reception are being planned for a later date.

Job Well Done, Philip!

The joy of Pumpkin Carving!



Planning it out!





What will it be??





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Lighting it up!



I know the plans..





Double, Double



Toil and Trouble



Workin' at it!



Thank You, David, for Your Testimony



October 4, our first Sunday back inside was a wonderful day. We were able to observe Communion and we were blessed to have a wonderful testimony from David Scott.

David is a recovered addict with a message to tell. He now works with the Broken Chains Ministry here in Ravenswood.

David's testimony was filled with redemption, grace and outreach. We are so glad to have him and his family be a part of our church family. May the Lord continue to use you to bless those in our community.

Brothers' Keeper 2020 Helps One of our Own



Brothers' Keeper lasts more than just a week in June - they work on projects all year long when there is a need. Burt and Deb Lyons were recipients of one of these projects. A new ramp was put in at their home. Burt also received a patriotic quilt.
(pictures and article above from the Jackson Herald)



On November 29, First Baptist Church will begin our celebration of the birth of the Christ Child with the first service of Advent. A new candle is lit each Sunday to signify parts of the beautiful story of Christmas.

The first candle (purple) is the Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope. We have hope because God is faithful to fulfill all His promises

The second candle (purple) is the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. God kept His promise by sending His only begotten Son in the form of man to be born in Bethlehem. We prepare to meet our holy Savior.

The third candle (pink) is the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy. Shepherds on the hillside were filled with fear and amazement as the angels sang of the joy of the Lord's coming.

The fourth candle (purple) is the Angel Candle or Candle of Love. Hark! The herald angels sing with joy the birth of the Jesus.

On Christmas Eve, we light the Christ Candle, a white light that dispels the darkness in our hearts, in our community, and in the world. His purity and willingness to die on the cross for our salvation is the shining light we all can share.

Men's Fellowship

The October meeting of the Men's Fellowship was full of great things: friendship, a campfire, devotions, food and prayer.

As always, the Bashaw home was the place to be. Many thanks to Doug for being the gracious host.

The next meeting for Men's Fellowship will be on November 10 in the church Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to come. Social distancing will be observed.



Congratulations!
Micah and Polly Arrington
October 3, 2020



Congratulations
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Wagoner
October 10, 2020



Congratulations

Mr. & Mrs. Torren Johnson
October 17, 2020



White Cross: Providing Food to the Hungry and a Welcome to the Stranger



Each year, one of the mission projects CIRCLE gives to is Myanmar through International Ministries which supports American Baptist ministries globally.

We do this in honor of FBC's own Frances Crooks who spent years as a missionary to Burma (now Myanmar).

Frances was a Sunday School teacher here at First Baptist before dedicating the last part of her life teaching children about the love of Jesus in a far away country.

Frances is buried in Myanmar.

White Cross – Myanmar Medical Care and Food Project Report

Since 1919, White Cross has provided practical ways for individuals and churches to respond to needs around the world with the love of Christ. Through your gifts, White Cross fulfills requests for goods and supplies from global servants and our international partners. When you give to White Cross, you are making it possible for children to go to school, preventing child labor exploitation and human trafficking, and supplying basic needs.

Your gifts to White Cross provide medicine and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics as well as aid and relief to refugees, displaced people, and victims of disasters. Sometimes the smallest gifts provide tremendous help when given at a time that aids in recovery from devastating events.

For example, in an area of Myanmar (Burma) known for conflict and fighting, villagers were forced to flee into nearby towns and cities. Using White Cross funds, IM partner, the Myanmar Baptist Convention (MBC) mobilized local churches to minister to the needs of the internally displaced people with Christian affection and hospitality. They distributed rice, oil, beans, canned fish, eggs, noodles, and water as well as provided shelter and Christian hospitality.

The MBC, as the umbrella organization for many different Baptist groups in Myanmar, was able to meet the needs as they came together to feed the hungry and to provide shelter for refugees and internally displaced people. They demonstrating firsthand that we are indeed one in Christ. This is something that is made possible through the ministry of IM global servants and international partners, and it only happens because of your generous gifts to IM and to White Cross projects.

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus shares with us how our Christian walk will be evaluated.

Jesus said that whatever we do for the least, the most vulnerable, the most destitute of his brothers and sisters, we do it to Jesus Himself.

Excerpt from October 19 IM Online issue





It's that time again!!!

Each year our women's CIRCLE takes a Saturday in the month of November to do the Lord's work - specifically for missions.

Their work is done in a delicious way! **PUMPKIN ROLLS**

They will be baking 75 pumpkin rolls to sell to raise money for the various mission projects throughout the coming year: Weirton Christian Center, Gabriel Project, Scholarship Girls, MOP, BCM, Star Club and more. They give to Myanmar missions in remembrance of Frances Crooks, one of our own who spent many years in Burma to teach children about the love of Jesus.



Help CIRCLE help others!

They will be ready on November 7.

Order your pumpkin roll today!

Plain rolls are \$12. With nuts \$14.

See Connie Staats or Susan West.

Focus on Sunday School:



Sunday School teaches us many things. There are exciting stories and people in the Bible.

In our everyday work, we can follow the Lord. God used 2 women to save a lot of lives in Egypt.

Shiphrah and Puah were midwives in the time of Pharaoh. He felt threatened because so many Hebrews were being born.

Midwives were supposed to help babies be born and that's what Shiphrah and Puah did. What a blessing to be able to bring new life in the world! But Pharaoh wanted them to do something bad. He wanted them to kill all the newborn baby boys!

Shiphrah and Puah knew God didn't want this to happen and they could not sin against God. They knew that God's law was stronger than man's law. So they allowed ALL babies to be kept alive. They were wise and obeyed God.

Pharaoh had the midwives brought before him and asked 'Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?'

Shiphrah and Puah were wise and smart! They said 'The Hebrew women (God's people) are not like Egyptian women. They are strong and the babies are born before we get there.'

What wise women! They obeyed God and He protected them and their families. And more baby boys were saved!

We may need to follow the laws of man but, remember, God's laws are first. And He will protect us if we obey Him.

November Birthdays



Nikki Nicholson—11/6
Jamie Standridge—11/6
Quinter Vought—11/8
Andrea Donahue—11/10
Tim Staats—11/10
Eugene Morgan—11/10
Margaret Johns—11/15
Angela Graham—11/19
Logan Kerns—11/20
Tara Hicks—11/21
Sue Miller—11/25
Dan Williams—11/25
Marie DeLong—11/28
Bob Johnson—11/28
Rose Stephenson—11/29
Burt Lyons—11/29

Bible Book of the Month November 2020

Haggai



Right Now Media Link

For over a year, FBC people have had the opportunity to enjoy Bible Studies, Children's shows, a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want on *Right Now Media*. There is content for all ages and stages of life.

Some of you have already signed up for it. If not, I encourage you to register today. Here is the link:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/fbcraevenswood> or

Text RIGHTNOW FBCRW to 41411

CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Torren & Shealyn Johnson, Emrie	2 Jason & Leigh Ann Kerns, Mason, Logan	3 Matt & Kristi King, Landon	4 Joseph & Marjorie Knight, Joseph, Jasmine, Maurice	5 David Lehew	6 Debbie Legg	7 Wayne & Pam Legg, Joshua
8 Samantha Legg	9 Victoria Legg	10 Tom & Susan Lookabaugh	11 Burt & Deb Lyons, Philip	12 Greg & Rhonda Lyons, Cameron, Kyler, Libby Hall	13 Peg Lyons	14 Talia Martinez
15 Richard & Phyllis Massey	16 Robert McCauley	17 Brad & Donna McCoy	18 Fred & Robin McGoskey	19 Seth & Lauren McGoskey, Cole, Hadleigh, Tyler, Kian	20 Theresa McKown	21 Cassandra McKown
22 Carolyn Mellinger	23 Ross & April Mellinger, Katie, Logan, Peyton	24 Don & Phyllis Michael	25 Daryl & Roberta Miller	26 Sue Miller	27 Ben & Christie Mize	28 Jesse Mize
29 Josh Mize	30 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter					

