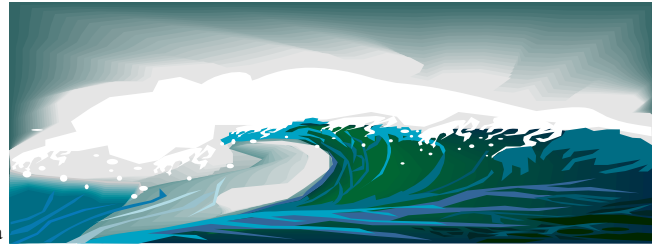




The *November 2024*
Anchor

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



LET US BE THANKFUL ALWAYS

As we enter the month of November, we start to think about Thanksgiving. Did you know that Thanksgiving is my wife Jennifer's favorite holiday? She loves eating and conversing with family with no other reason than to eat and share time together. She says, we have made Christmas too complicated and stressful. I, too, enjoy this time of the year, because people tend to be counting their blessings because of the holiday. As Jen says, people do tend to be stressed at Christmas, because of the pressure over buying gifts and decorating their homes. However, for whatever reason, few people seem to be overly stressed about Thanksgiving. For the Christian, this time of the year, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures and what they say about the harvest. All of us benefit from the great harvest that God has provided for our land, that will cover our tables over the next few weeks.

We do have so much to be thankful for. I sure do. I realize that as I write this article, this will be my first Thanksgiving without my mom. Many of you have already experienced that loss. But, for me, it will be my first. I do not think I will be sad about it though. God was good to me, and our family, and gave us a chance to say goodbye. Many families do not have that opportunity. The Lord taking my mom home was a good deed. And by Him doing so, He showed our family love and mercy. The Scripture that comes to my mind is in 1 Chronicles 16:34 that says, *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."* The book of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* We have lots of reasons to be grateful. As I look around our congregation, I realize that I am so blessed to get to serve each of you as pastor. We have so many wonderful people that we have the privilege to worship with each week, that is a blessing every Sunday. So, if you are feeling a little blue this time of year and thinking about someone in your life that has passed, take time this month to be thankful for the experiences and memories you had. I'm doing that, and I have thought more about my mom these last few days, than I have in a long time. I guess the expression that absence makes the heart grow fonder is somewhat true.

The reality is, Thanksgiving is the beginning of the holiday season for many of us. Some of you will no doubt be plotting your Black Friday shopping strategies. Others will begin to start decorating for Christmas and prepare for the Advent countdown. The main thing for all of us to do is to keep the holidays in perspective. Maybe you have a small family or your family will not be able to travel to West Virginia this year. If that is you, try to at least plan on a phone or video call. If you have a large family, just remember, everything will work out in the end. Do not allow food planning to ruin your time with the family you do get to see. Whether you have a large family or small family, let us be grateful for the people God has placed in our lives. As I have learned this week, you never know when this Thanksgiving will be the last for someone you love. So try to relax, and then laugh, hunt, watch football, play cards, play with the kids or grandkids, or maybe just watch the Macy's parade. Regardless of what you do, take time to pause and say, "Thank you, Jesus. You've been good to our family and You have blessed us with food and a time of being together." To close remember our church Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday, November 24. I hope all of you will be able to make it. Consider bringing a friend. Count your blessings this year, and remember Psalm 67:6 about the blessings we have in our nation. That Scripture says, *"The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us."* Yes, He does. **Always. God is good.**

In His Service,
Pastor Toby



In the month of October, First Baptist Church of Ravenswood's youth leaders have begun an exciting adventure into deepening community, and building lasting relationships with the students.

We have had a few new visitors, played a variety of ridiculous and fun games, and have focused on God's word. This month we have introduced the concept of developing comfortable, but real conversations with one another through a few discussion questions after Pastor Ethan's sermons. We are tackling real issues and questions that Middle through High Schoolers need to be asking, from a Biblical, God centered perspective. We have been going through a study in John this month for our lesson period, discussing Jesus' lordship, if our relationship with Christ has truly changed us from within, servant leadership, and much more.

Our youth has also decided to change our name to "**Moving Mountains Youth**" from a vote within the group.

Please remain in prayer for this ministry, as we work to deepen relationships with Jesus, and grow God's kingdom!

As always, thank you for supporting our youth and helping us to reach them for Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Ethan



Glowing for God



SENIOR HIGH CONVENTION



TEACH ME YOUR

Paths

PSALM 25: 4-5

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston

November 8-10

Grades 9-12

\$40 per person until October 25th

Join us for a weekend of worship,
Bible study, fellowship, and fun!

Register at

wvbc.org/ministries/youth

Upcoming at FBC



HAPPY
thanksgiving
FAMILY TRADITIONS : TURKEY DAY
HARVEST :
GIVE THANKFUL
thanks BLESSED
: : : : GRATEFUL

Our Thanksgiving schedule is as follows:

Sunday, November 24
Church wide Dinner
Bring your favorite side or dessert

Wednesday, November 27
No Bible Study
Go See Gallipolis in Lights

Thursday & Friday
Office closed



Young Adult
Spaghetti-to-Go Fund Raiser
November 17 after church

Love Blooms at FBC

Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Bird

Terry & Mike were married
October 17



Congratulations!

Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Woods

Taylor & Katie were
married October 26



Together, we remember.

RMMO celebrates, and expresses thanks to our servant leaders. The funds collected are distributed as thank you checks.

Recipients include retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA, as well as surviving spouses.

Give to RMMO

We are collecting for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) in November. Our goal is \$800. Please give as the Lord leads.

RMMO

Supports our retired ministers



Ken & Allison Miller



Ron & Jan Stoner

Welcome to FBC



First Baptist is happy to welcome **Samantha Willis** to our membership.

What a joy to have her with us!

We welcome you, Sam!

Reading through the Bible



Pastor Toby joined others at the Capitol Building to read the Word of God to all.

Welcome to our World



Oliver James Chapman

Born: October 1, 2024
@8:45 pm. 7lbs 13oz 22”

Parents:
Cari (Mize) & Grant Chapman

Grandparents:
Christie & Ben Mize

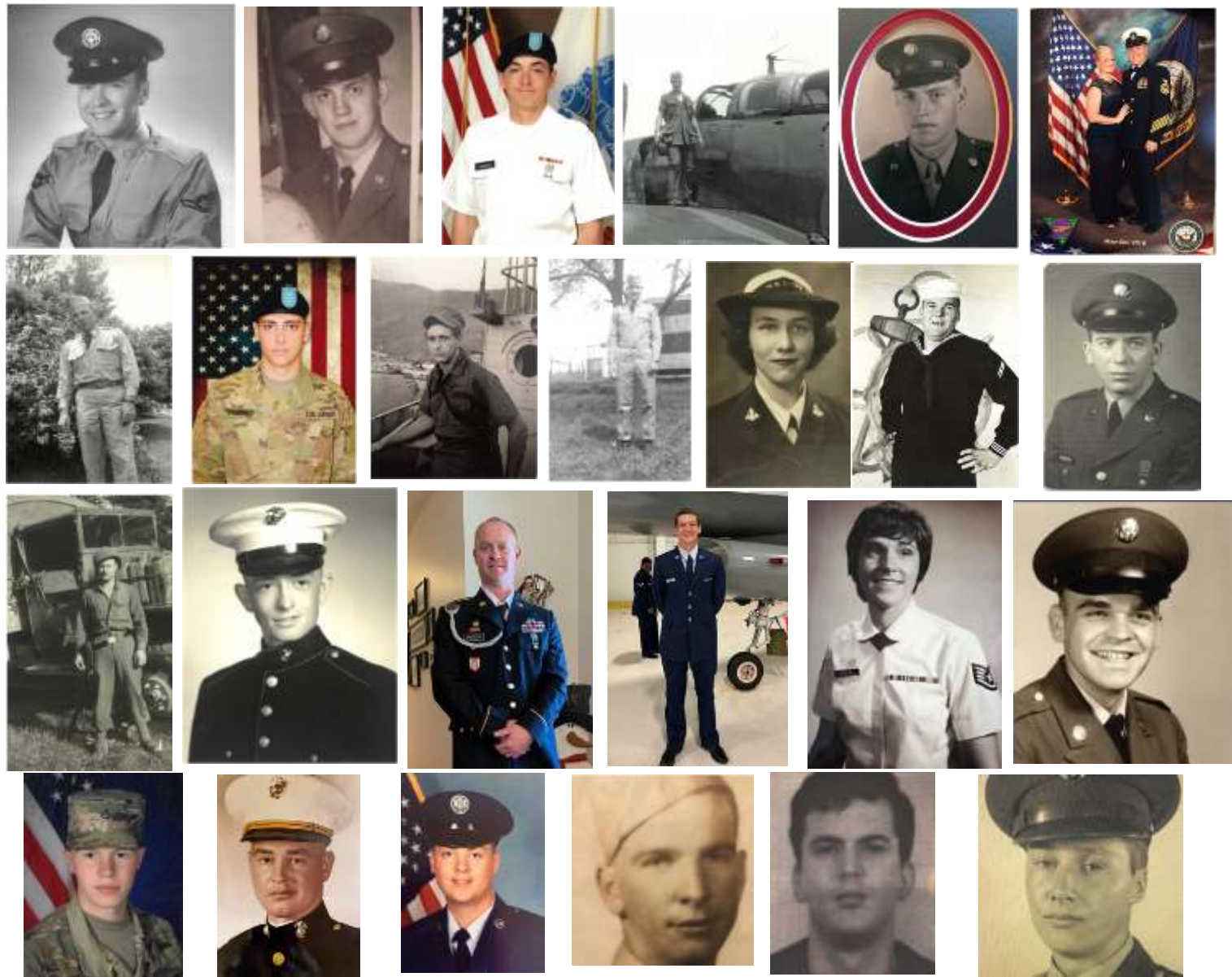


Rust Lee DeRito

Born: October 24, 2024
@ 8:45pm. 7lbs 10oz

Parents:
Kindsey (Torriss) & Dustin DeRito

Grandparents:
Carolyn & Randy Torriss





2024 BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECTS



**November 4, 2024
6:00 at Calvary Baptist Church**

All Women are invited to come and pray.

**FBC Women will present the program.
Calvary Baptist will host the meal.**



A SWEET

Baby Boy

IS ON HIS WAY!

Join Us for a Baby Shower honoring

SKYLER HICKMAN

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2ND | 3PM-5PM

Ravenswood First Baptist Church
215 Ann Street, Ravenswood, WV 26164
Ladies please RSVP to Skyler 304-373-3008
By 20th October 2024

Registered at Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/skyler-hickman-february-2025-ravenswood/2UWWTSL8P7EGJ>



October Bell Ringers



Connor & Beckett Wyant



Georgia Stevens

Thank you Little Servant Hearts!



Wren Pursley

Getting Ready for Pastor Ethan



Stop by the office and say hi!





Family Fall Festival!



And the Winners Are..



Ethan Tawney
Funniest - Adult



Trudy Casto
Most Creative - Adult



Teagan Stevens
Cutest - Adult



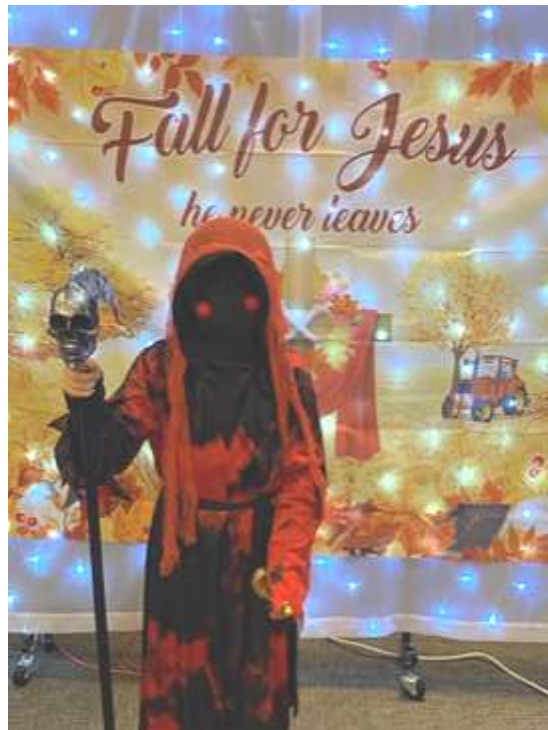
Hazel Brammer
Prettiest - Adult



Ken Vintorini
Scariest - Adult



Colton Pistelli
Most Creative



Jaxson Vintorini
Scariest



Maddi & Jonathan
Best Group



Xavier Donahue
Funniest



Trey Lawson
Cutest



Kacie Johnson
Prettiest



Rose & Glen Stevens
Best Group - Adults

Thank you for our Nursery!



Deacon Emeritus Richard Massey



Laughter



Tears



Lots of Love



Deacon Ordination



On October 20, FBC was blessed to see twelve of our deacons ordained.

These men of God heard a message from our Area Minister Mark McCloy before gathering for a prayer of sanctification and blessing.

Those ordained were Jon Moore, Jim Frazier, Ben Mize, Mark Gerstell, Alan Arrington, Danny Dzierzanski, Gary Balser, Matt King, Shawn Cole, Richard Massey Kevin Woods and Emeritus John Stephenson.



Area Minister Mark McCloy gave a message of direction and sanctification for our Deacon Ordination service on October 20.





**American
Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT

Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive
First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

215 Ann Street
Ravenswood, WV

Monday, December 2
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sign up today!

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Ravenswood to schedule an appointment.



Give Nov 18 to Dec 8 for two pairs of custom **FRIENDS**
+ Red Cross socks, ltd qty. Keep one, gift one!

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Focus on Sunday School:



I Thank you, Lord



For comfy shoes and fuzzy sox
For fun with an empty box

For puppies and kittens
For toboggans and mittens



For hankies and spaghetios
For snowflakes and bright rainbows

For puffy clouds with funny faces
For running 'round in meadow places



For eyes that see
For laughter's glee

For moms and dads
For warming pads

For Jesus who loved me true
For everything Lord that you do



I Thank you, Lord.

It's amazing what you can learn in Sunday School!

November Birthdays



Shealyn Johnson—11/4
Jamie Standridge—11/6
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 Mackerly—11/22
Max Pistelli—11/25
Dan Williams—11/25
Peggy Boothe—11/28
Bob Johnson—11/28
Burt Lyons—11/29
Connor Wyant—11/29

Is your birthday name missing? Tell Susan

November Calendar

- Nov 2 Children's Fall Rally
- Nov 3 Shoebox packing; Daylight Savings Time begins
- Nov 4 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- Nov 9 Pumpkin Rolls
- Nov 10 Veterans Sunday; Bonfire
- Nov 11 BOCE
- Nov 12 Men's Fellowship
- Nov 17 Deaconess Meeting
- Nov 18 Anchor Articles Due
- Nov 19 Financial Meeting
- Nov 21 CIRCLE
- Nov 24 Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 26 Deacons Meeting
- Nov 27 Gallipolis in Lights - No Bible Study
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving - office closed
- Nov 29 Thanksgiving Holiday - office closed
- * Game Day every Thursday 1:00-3:00 (not on holidays)

**Bible Book of the Month
November 2024
Psalms 73-150**



CommUnity Kitchen

- Nov 2 Glen & Rose, Sandy**
- Nov 9 Wagoner family**
- Nov 16 Episcopal Church**
- Nov 23 Calvary Baptist**
- Nov 30 Holiday—No CK**

*Sign up for
CommUnity Kitchen 2024!*

**Delivery People needed for
CommUnity Kitchen.
Contact Susan**

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 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bradley & Donna McCoy	2 Charlotte McCoy
3 Nancy McCoy	4 Fred & Robin McGoskey	5 Adam McGoskey, Taylor	6 Seth & Lauren McGoskey, Cole, Tyler, Kian	7 Hadleigh McGoskey	8 Theresa McKown	9 Cassandra McKown
10 Carolyn Mellinger	11 Don & Phyllis Michael	12 Daryl & Sue Miller	13 Ben & Christie Miller	14 Josh Mize	15 David & Mary Jo Moore, Hunter	16 Jon & Jane Moore
17 Eugene & Jessica Morgan, Aiden, Jazalyn	18 Patrick & Scarlet Mullins, Ryleigh, Emree, Hudson, Hunter	19 Todd & Stephanie Murray, Jake, Tatum	20 Rick & Cathy Murray	21 Rachelle Murray, Scout	22 Megan Nobel, Brody	23 John & Jennifer Ortt
24 Allen & Holly Palmer	25 Adam Palmer	26 Adam & Brittany Pistelli, Max, Ella, Colton	27 Mick & Susan Price	28 Mary Proctor	29 Kay Pursley	30 Roger & Belinda Rader

