

## A Word From Our Pastor

It is the custom of many Christians to bow their heads in public places and give thanks for the food that has been placed before them. Yet, on several occasions I have had waiters and waitresses tell me they have never seen someone bow their head with their family and pray aloud. It is commonly something they have never seen in a restaurant.

Still millions never pause to give a word of thanks to God for their meal. Very few homes gather daily for a meal in the home and pray. Even during thanksgiving only a minority pause to thank God.

Psalm 100:1-4 records, "... Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! (...) Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

The deepest roots of Christian thanksgiving go back before the Pilgrims set foot on American soil. It began two millennia ago at a place called Golgotha. At the cross Christ paid a debt that we cannot dream of repaying. This alone is reason enough we should thank God. But in case you're struggling this year with a thankful heart, remember you don't have to drum it up in your own power. Just walk in the Holy Spirit and God will produce a grateful heart within you. Find Him and you'll find grace.



## Going on This Month

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| 11/4          | 9:30 am WOM Meeting<br>6:30 pm M-Night             |
| 11/6          | 6:30 pm AWANA<br>6:30 pm FBC Youth                 |
| 11/10         | 6:30 pm Business Meeting<br>6:30 pm TCG Work Night |
| 11/11         | Happy Veteran's Day!                               |
| 11/13         | 6:30 pm AWANA<br>6:30 pm FBC Youth                 |
| 11/15         | 6:00 pm Christmas Gathering                        |
| 11/20         | 6:30 pm AWANA<br>6:30 pm FBC Youth                 |
| 11/21         | 12:00 pm Senior Adult<br>Thanksgiving Dinner       |
| 11/24         | 10:30 am Communion<br>6:30 pm Reverb               |
| 11/27         | No Wednesday night program                         |
| 11/28         | Happy Thanksgiving!                                |
| 11/28 - 11/29 | Office Closed                                      |
| 11/30         | 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at<br>Hope Royal           |

## *Ministry Highlight*

*God is good and here are some of the ministry highlights we participated in at FBC Bethany last month:*

On Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a Sunday Breakfast fellowship and took up a love offering for community needs. (C.C.O.)

On Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> we began our Operation Christmas child ministry. It will conclude Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> we invited Kim Marshall to share with us about her summer mission trip to Zambia.

On Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> we hosted the HBA Ladies Fall Celebration

On Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> one of our S.S. classes hosted a special Tailgate before the Bulldog football game.

On Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> we joined FBC Gilman's revival in support of Pastor Casey

On Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> we joined FBC Cameron for Judgement House

On Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> we reached more than 800 kids with Bible Tracts and goodie bags at "Scare on the Square".

On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> we hosted the HBA M-Night.



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# *Faithful Servants*

*We appreciate your service to our church for our Lord...*

## **November 3**

**Bus Driver:** Jeff Bottcher

**Prayer:** Dale Mitchell

**Greeters:** David Mulnix, Carol Mulnix, Mary Jane Sweat, Kay Parker & Matthew Heintz

**Praise Team:** Kim Marshall & Julie Kunce

**Special Music:** Heintz Family

**S.S. Nursery:** Kim Fish & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Pat Barnett & Carma Hansel

**Children Church 4-K:** Ranae Shahan & Harmony Cornett

**Evening Service Nursery:** Jane Smith

## **November 10**

**Bus Driver:** Eric Sweat

**Prayer:** Jeff Williams

**Greeters:** Eldon Woodward, Ella Adkins, Jack Hodge & Joyce Lee

**Praise Team:** Kim Marshall & Julie Kunce

**Special Music:** Leo Madison

**S.S. Nursery:** Leslie Price & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Ruby Heintz & Sherry Joyce

**Children Church 4-K:** Arlene Lanning & Travis Ellis

**Evening Service Nursery:** Kim Fish

## **November 17**

**Bus Driver:** Bryan Barnett

**Prayer:** Gerald Parker

**Greeters:** Jana Price, Bob Price, Jackie Wynne, Gerald Parker & Larry Smith

**Praise Team:** Kim Marshall & Julie Kunce

**Special Music:** Barbara Glenn

**S.S. Nursery:** Julie Kunce & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Lori Pottorff & Rita McCall

**Children Church 4-K:** Arlene Lanning & Travis

**Evening Service Nursery:** Carol Mulnix

## **November 24**

**Bus Driver:** Gary Lanning

**Prayer:** Brian Bottcher

**Greeters:** Carma Hansel, Tom Hansel, Michelle Williams, Greta Bottcher, Kelvin & Angie Cox

**Praise Team:** Kim Marshall & Julie Kunce

**Special Music:** Adult Choir

**S.S. Nursery:** Brooklyn Ellis & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Taurren Bottcher & Jamie Carter

**Children Church 4-K:** Kalsey McCall & Tricia Spurling

**Evening Service Nursery:** Lois Woodward

# *Youth Highlight*

Our youth have had a busy month. We had the opportunity to put together 1,000 bags for "Scare on the Square," which then allowed us to engage many children and families in our community with the Good News of Jesus. We also took a group of our own students and adults down to FBC Cameron to experience their "Judgement House," which was a tremendous blessing. Now we're looking forward to turning the corner into the holiday season and remembering the many ways the Lord has blessed us.

# *Kids Highlight*

Children have been memorizing and reciting Bible verses in AWANA. Already several of our students have begun earning their awards. Their awards may range from vests, badges, or a jewel depending on the class the student is in. Each night the kids continue to receive discipleship during their Bible lessons and time of prayer. They also receive a time of fellowship with both their AWANA leaders and fellow students during game and snack time. Please remember that if your student requires transportation to contact our church office.

The Children's Bible Drill ministry has also been chugging along for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Already students are learning to rapidly navigate their Bibles, memorize verses, and learn key passages.

# *Looking Ahead*

We are excited to announce that this month will be the completion of our first church New Member's class. We plan to routinely offer the course one to two times a year.

We are also expecting a great turn out for our Ladies Christmas Gathering on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 250 tickets sold out within 15 minutes of going on sale. Our Ladies Christmas conference has quickly become one of our community's most anticipated events. Great job ladies!

Our Senior Adult Thanksgiving is scheduled for Nov. 21st at noon. Sign-ups are in the foyer

We will be participating in Communion Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pray as you prepare your heart.

The FFA has been invited to join us in worship on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. We're excited to be hosting this year.

# *With Gratitude*

Pastor Ryan and Pastor Casey would like to once more express their thankfulness for the kindness you showed them during Pastor Appreciation month. *"Thank you everyone for your generosity!"*

We would like to give special thanks to our WOM for organizing our Christmas Shoebox ministry.

We would also like to give a special thanks to everyone who donated candy for our Scare at the Square Outreach. With your partnership we were able to reach more than 800 children with bible tracts and church information.

