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Security Concerns

A few Sundays back the women who were working in the nursery became concerned when they encountered a man they did not know walking down the hallway between the nursery area and the Fellowship Hall during worship. They were able to get Ron Henderson to speak with him and the man told Ron he was looking for help with his housing. Ron sat with him in the conference room until I came downstairs and could talk with him about his needs.

This has raised some security concerns which were discussed at this past Sunday’s deacons’ meeting. It is vital that the parents of children feel that their children are safe in our nursery. The incident described above tells us that someone could enter our building and get to our nursery while we are in worship and hardly anyone would know. This could also endanger those who work in the nursery.

At the deacons meeting it was suggested that we not unlock the outside door to the kitchen on Sunday mornings and that we lock the outside office entrance door at 11am as we begin worship. We would post a sign directing people to enter one of the sanctuary doors after 11am. Keep in mind there is a ramp entrance to the sanctuary for those who could not negotiate the steps.

I would like to hear some feedback on these ideas. We may have overlooked something that should be considered before we do this. I realize this may inconvenience some people – some members of the Fellowship Class enter through the kitchen door -- but we do have to consider safety issues with our nursery. Please let me know what you think about this, especially if you feel there is an issue we are missing on this.

Carlton

FALL FESTIVAL!
Sunday, October 20 4:30pm
Outside the FFC!
We’ll have a hay ride, bouncy houses, games, cake walk, chili cook off, bonfire, live music, The Pumpkin Gospel and more! This is a free event and all ages are welcome!

Want to get involved? Bring candy for prizes to the bins in the hallway outside the church office. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office to bring chili for the cook off, cake for the cake walk and help set up games.

Bring your chili to the FFC October 20 by 4:30 pm! Judging will begin at 4:45 pm. Our celebrity judge will be Chanda Palmer, principal of East Jackson Comprehensive High School.

Bring your cake to the FFC October 20 by 5:00 pm! The cake walk will start around 5:30 pm.

Have your game set up by 4:00 pm! We’ll “open doors” at 4:30 pm.

Fall Festival Set-Up Day

We will be setting up for the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19th. If you can help, please contact Georgia at georgia@fbc-commerce.org.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes

We will be collecting packaged shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan’s Purse.

Instructions and boxes are available in the hall near the bulletin board. Boxes must be turned in by Sunday, Nov. 17.

The youth will deliver that week to the collection center.

Please note: The shipping cost has gone up to $9.00 per box. Please include a check to Samaritan’s Purse for $9 or $9 in cash in your completed shoeboxes. We will also take donations of items that can be packed in boxes by the children on Wednesday night.

The following items cannot be included in boxes – candy, toothpaste, used items, chocolate, food, fruit rolls, drink mixes, liquids, lotions, vitamins, breakable items, glass, aerosol cans, toy guns, toy knives.

Completed boxes can be left in the conference room across from the church office.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
October 27
8:00 am
at FUMC
This Week at FBC

Sunday, October 20
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Morning Worship
4:30-7:30 pm Fall Festival
No Other Evening Activities

Wednesday, October 23
9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting
5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:00-6:15 pm Pre-School Story Time—Library
6:00-7:15 pm Preschool Missions & Choir (Pre-K—K)
6:00 pm Kids Choir (Grades 1-4)
6:00 pm SproutTown4:12—(5th & 6th Grade)
6:15-7:15 pm FOUR for Youth (6th-12th grades)
7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
(Nursery Provided from 6:00-7:30 PM)

Thursday, October 24
10:00 am-12:00 pm Breaking Free Study
All Saints Observance
8:00 am Men’s Breakfast—FUMC
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Morning Worship
Communion
12:00 pm Covered Dish Luncheon
& Church Conference
6:00-8:00 pm F4—Youth
No Other Evening Activities