

The Encourager

"Making Jesus First in Our Lives"

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

Loss comes in many ways. We have witnessed natural disasters in recent months through hurricanes, forest fires and tornadoes. We have seen pictures of total devastation and watched people stand in the ruins of a lifetime of memories destroyed in a matter of minutes or hours. There have been miraculous stories of rescue and survival and gripping stories of tragedy. We also grieved at the deaths in Las Vegas caused by one man. So much loss.

The Bible reminds us that we come into this world with nothing and we leave with nothing (Job 1:21, 1 Timothy 6:7). Faith in God reminds us of the transitory nature of life and of the permanence of eternity. May each of us learn to hold loosely to tangible things and to pursue activities that bear fruit into eternity. As Jesus said, "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:20-21). I want to spend less time groaning about things I think I am missing and more time thanking God for the things He gives me daily.

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

November is the month we are reminded to be thankful. We have so many wonderful songs that we sing that give the Lord thanks for all He has done. I look forward to singing them with you!!

Christmas Cantata is going well. Please remember to come each Sunday but especially December 10th for our Cantata. Our children's choir will be singing on Sunday evening, December 3rd at 6:30 with cookies served after program. God Bless!!

CARING AND SHARING EVENT is planned for Sat., Nov. 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. focusing on infants thru high school/college clothing. Event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Clean out your kid's closets and bring your clothing items by Thurs., Nov. 16. This event is for everyone and will be open to the public this time. So feel free to donate and/or shop. If you missed our last one, turnout was awesome and had lots of wonderful clothing. All excess at the end of the day will go to the Women's Shelter, as it did the last time. Questions? See Vickie Wade (816-592-1734).

AWANA: by Terry Liles & Jon Taylor

We continue the AWANA ministry each Wednesday night. Children are regularly learning new Bible verses. Let us know if you want to help. Nov. 15 is Store Night. There will be NO AWANA on Wed., Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving break. We will have guest speakers on Wed. Nov. 29.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

November is the month for giving thanks. Pilgrims, Indians, and the color orange. Each class will be learning about the first Thanksgiving. We will be singing songs about turkeys, Indians, pilgrims, and giving thanks.

Looking ahead: Christmas Programs will be Dec. 10th. Tuesday-Thursday program will held at 3:00 p.m., the Monday-Wednesday-Friday 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth minister

October was a very busy month for the youth as we had Fields of Faith, Youth Bonfire and Judgment House as well as starting new Bible studies on both Wednesday and Sunday nights. Throughout November students will be continuing their Wednesday study on Apologetics and learning ways to defend their faith. Students are learning how to share their faith and effectively explain why they believe what they believe. Just as it says in John 20:21, "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'" Currently there are no youth activities on the calendar for November, however, the Youth steering Committee will be meeting to plan a service project day for later in the month.

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

Thanks to all who participated in the World Crafts and Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes. The OCC boxes are due back by Sunday, Nov. 12. Both of these are mission efforts around the world that we have helped.

All ladies are invited to our November 2 WMU meeting at 2:00 p.m. to learn about missions in Russia. Diane Bishop will lead our program. Russia is one of the countries we will learn about in the International Mission emphasis in December. Two missions facts: 1.9 million people throughout the world heard the Gospel in 2015 because of our IMB missionaries. Southern Baptists have been sharing the Gospel around the world for 172 years. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving. Week of Prayer for International Missions is Dec. 3 – 10. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$8,800. We will have IMB missionaries with us on Sunday, Dec. 3 who serve in Southeast Asia.

JOYFUL NOISE will perform We Three Spies on Dec. 3 at 6:30. This is our Children's Choir for Kindergarten, which rehearses each Wednesday at 5:00 PM. Dinner is provided at 6:00 PM for those staying for AWANA and for our youth that are helping. We ask for donations, monetarily or otherwise for this ministry. Please contact Danielle Schmitt by text (816-726-5811) to see how you can help.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR: We have updated our website's online calendar to a Google calendar. Go our www.fbcplattsburg.com and click on calendar to see events.



VBS: Just a reminder that VBS will be held July 9-13, 2018.

LIBRARY: by Alison Belt

We have some new books by some favorite authors arriving. For the Mitford fans, the 14th book, To Be Where You Are, by Jan Karon, will be available soon to read! Terri Blackstock has begun a new series, If I Run. The first, If I Run is in the church library. If I'm Found will be there shortly. If I Live will be available next March. Check out the church library for some good reading!!

Happy Birthday to Members and their families: 3-Linda Petty, Alex McDowell, Jessica Gump & David Jones 5-Nicole Bowman 8-Madelyn Minter 10-Jennifer Hamilton & Bonnie White 12-Vickie Tippit 14-McKenzie Compton 15-Velma Vaupel 16-Jon Taylor & Isaac Mitchell 17-Remington Gudde 18-Josh DeMint 21-Jacquelyn Cradic, Shirley Thomas, Vickie Wade & Terry Liles 22-Diana Carter 23-Ben DeFord & Brad Bowman

24-Mary Blanton 26-Caleb Gudde & Allison Smith 29-Whitney Bruto, Eric Tilford & Zechariah McMurtrey 30-Paul Compton

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 2:00 PM WMU	3	4 7:30 AM Christian Men's Brkfst-FBC
5 1:30 PM Oakridge	6 <i>No School</i>	7	8	9 1:00 PM Joy Group Movie 7:00 PM Night WMU	10	11 
12 5:00 PM Praise Gathering OCC shoeboxes due	13 <i>Caring & Sharing Collection</i>	14 <i>Caring & Sharing Collection</i>	15 Caring & Sharing Collection	16 <i>Caring & Sharing Collection</i> 6:30 PM Women's Ministry "The Grateful Gathering"	17 <i>Set up for Caring & Sharing</i>	18 10:00-4:00 PM-Caring & Sharing
19 8:45-9:15 AM SS Fellowship Brkfst-Taylor Class Host	20	21	22 <i>No Wednesday Activities</i> <i>No School</i>	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> <i>No School</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	24 <i>No School</i>	25
25	27	28	29	30		
<p align="center"><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:00-9:00 AM Worship 9:15-10:15 AM Bible Study 10:30-11:35 AM Worship 6:30 PM Youth</p>			<p align="center"><u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 4:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-8:15 PM Youth 6:30-8:15 PM AWANA 8:15 PM Ensemble</p>			