

The Encourager

“Making Jesus First in Our Lives”

November 2018



PRAISE GATHERING: FBC Annual Thanksgiving Meal and Testimony Service will be Sunday evening, Nov. 11 from 5 – 7 p.m. The church provides the Turkey and drinks. We ask you to sign up to bring specific food items to complete our meal. Sign- up sheets are in the Main Entrance.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL: The Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a carry-in dinner at 5 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 18 at First Christian Church followed by a worship service. Please plan to take 2 items (meat, vegetable or dessert dish).

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

We have entered a season of giving . . . thanksgiving and giving of gifts. We have heard Jesus' words - "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Yet we must ask ourselves in what ways we will put those words into action? How will we incorporate giving into the routine of our daily lives? What will I let go of in terms of time and resources that others might be blessed?

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

It's hard to believe it's November! Haven't the tree's been beautiful? Isn't God so good to us in so many ways? There are so many things to be thankful for! You might take some time and just write down what you're thankful for this month and give God thanks for all He's given and done for you. Here are several songs we sing that give thanks to the Lord – "Thank You," "Lord," "10, 000 Reasons to Bless the Lord," "Count Your Blessings" and "We are So Blessed." I am thankful for songs we can lift up to God to remind us of what He has done for us. God Bless! Hope to see you Sunday!!

YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth pastor

October was a full month of activities starting with our fundraisers and ending with Hallelujah Night. We also attended Judgement House again at FBC Cameron. November is a little lighter on the activities this year. We have our service/bonfire day on Saturday November 3rd. This month's service day and bonfire remind me of the trees and all of the colorful leaves that we will be picking up to help out others. Psalm 24:1 says "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness there of, the world and those who dwell therein." We are still selling t-shirts to raise funds for all of the summer activities the youth are involved in.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

Turkeys, Indians, and Pilgrims – it must be November. We will be talking about the Pilgrims and Indians while making turkeys, headbands, drums and vests.

Two new colors will be introduced this month – orange and brown.

You will, also, hear Christmas songs as we get ready for our Christmas Program on December 16 at 3:00 p.m. for the 3 year old class and 5:00 p.m. for the 4 year old class.

AWANA: by Terry Liles, commander

Thank you to all those serving in AWANA. If you are interested in helping with AWANA, please contact me. Our first Store Night is November 14th. Donations of age appropriate new or gently used items are always appreciated. The kids really like those one of a kind unusual items that you have stored away collecting dust in your attic or garage. Help us get some great store items for the Clubbers to buy with those hard earned AWANA Bucks. Reminder no AWANA on November 21...Happy Thanksgiving.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES. Boxes are due back by Monday, Nov. 12th. There is an insert in each box letting you know what is needed. Thank you for helping with this wonderful ministry. See Margaret Stevens if you have any questions.

Building For Tomorrow (BFT) Committee by Roy DeShon

Work on the new building is progressing. The house is gone. The stumps are gone. And the additional parking keeps expanding. Our next major step will be organizing. Most of the detail design will take place in committees. Soon we will be posting sign-up sheets for various areas such as kitchen, class rooms, landscaping, etc. There's plenty of work coming. Be thinking about your own talents and where you can plug in. Let us know your thoughts. Send an email to Robert or me. My email is RoyDeShon@Hotmail.com. Put the word BFT in the subject so you aren't filtered out. It's going to be fun.

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

It is not too late to participate in the World Crafts event. Catalogs are available in the church foyer. You can order on line from home: WorldCrafts.org or pick up an order form in the foyer. To order by phone: Call WMU Customer Service 1-800-968-7301. World Crafts is a member of Fair Trade Federation.org. We like to keep track of how many people order something. This an organization that established a way for victims of persecution and prostitution to make enough money to support themselves and their children. Please let Carolyn Fitzpatrick or Margaret Stevens know if you place an order so we can keep track of how many participate.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes are here! They are due back by Sunday, November 12.

B.I.G.F.I.S.H. by Dotty Davis

We appreciate everyone's help making animal balloons for Hallelujah Night. Thankful for new people helping with B.I.G.F.I.S.H. God is truly awesome.

LIBRARY: by Alison Belt

As the days get chillier and can be gray, gray, gray, why not pick up a good mystery, love story, or historical novel from the church library? We also have excellent books on Christian living and on spiritual growth. Do you prefer biographies? We have shelves of them waiting to be checked out. We have many children's books, especially for younger children. Forget TV (there's not much that's good on I anyway) and enjoy a book from the church library.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR: We have updated our Go our www.fbcplattsburg.com and click on calendar to see



website's online calendar to a Google calendar. events.

Happy Birthday to Members and their families: 3-Linda Petty, Alex McDowell & David Jones 5-Nicole Bowman 8-Madelyn Minter 10-Bonnie White 12-Vickie Tippit 14-McKenzie Compton 15-Velma Vaupel 16-Jon Taylor & Isaac Mitchell 17-Remington Gudde 18-Josh DeMint 21-Jacqueulyn Gollaher, 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