



# First Family News

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## Happy Holidays

*"And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'"*

– Revelation 4:8

Happy Holidays! I know, I know, some find that phrase offensive. First, some see it as a way for money hungry corporations to take Christ out of Christmas whilst also still benefiting economically from the sale of Christmas goods. Others find "Happy Holidays" offensive because they see it as overlooking Thanksgiving and moving too quickly on to the more materialistic celebrations of Christmas. It is just now the first of November after all. Why would I already be moving on to the other holidays?! Before we, Christians, allow outrage to overtake us on "Happy Holidays" like we once did "Merry Xmas" let's take a timeout to think. Xmas, by the way, is simply an abbreviation for Christmas made by using the Greek letter Chi which looks like an X because it is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ.

What is a holiday exactly? In today's America, holidays, at least those of the federal variety, are normally seen as one of many days we get off work and school in commemoration of some person or event. Columbus Day is a holiday on the American calendar just like Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July. In other parts of the world, like England for instance, a holiday is the same thing as a vacation or a long weekend. According to Webster's online dictionary, however, the word "holiday" originated as an Old English word in the 12<sup>th</sup> century that simply meant a "holy day."

Biblically speaking, the word "holy" means "set apart" or "pure." God is holy, and we are called to be like him in this way, which we achieve only by taking on his imputed holiness. A holiday, then, would be a special day set aside in order to honor our pure and loving God. We set aside the holiday of Christmas to celebrate the fact that God became man and took on human likeness to condescend to our level and eventually serve as the ultimate sacrifice to win the forgiveness of our sins. We set apart the holiday of Thanksgiving as a time to render gratitude to God for all the blessings He's shown us.

With all of that in mind, it doesn't make any sense to buy into the anti-"Happy Holidays" outrage, does it? We, as Christians, are far too often busy complaining about what we are against that people are likely unsure as to what exactly we are for. What if, instead, we directed our critical thinking toward our

own behavior and asked ourselves some questions during this holiday season? Why are we celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas anyway? Is it just because it's that time of year, or do we celebrate simply to re-enact familial traditions? Do we celebrate because we love good food or because we enjoy giving and receiving meaningful gifts? Or do we celebrate these holidays because we are grateful for a God who comes down from heaven to save us and then blesses us with all good things? In other words, are we keeping the holidays holy?

If honoring God is our chief aim, that should affect our behavior. Then we won't get so caught up in the anxiety-inducing hurry and materialism of the holiday season in America. Instead, we'll look at the holiday season as yet another opportunity to worship our good God to whom we are eternally grateful. So again, let me wish you a Happy Holidays, and let me encourage you to keep the holidays holy.

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**COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**

**Sunday,  
November 19th  
@ 6pm**

HOSTED BY  
GRANDVIEW CHURCH OF  
CHRIST  
707 E. CRINER ST.

COMMUNITY BENEVOLENCE OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED.  
MEAL WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.



- 01 Joyce Pack
- 02 Laila Rogers
- 03 Bryan Cummings
- 04 Sue Lynn Bishop, Benji Parent
- 05 Becky Deans, Jimmy Miller, Rylee Moreno
- 06 Erin Jenkins, Kelcei Wright
- 07 Cameryn Hyles, Sarah Wallace
- 08 Tim Zamira
- 09 David Farmer, Myler Lee, Cassandra Morales
- 10 Tori Henry
- 11 Leslie Block, Kayle Bourg, Clif Luster
- 12 Jayne Moore, Inacio Pena Jr., Nina Sikes, Joe Smith
- 13 Alexandra Beer
- 14 Emma Childress
- 15 Roy Graefe, Karah Mitchell, Rodney Morphey
- 16 Bradley Blakeney, Dani Thompson
- 17 Rylan Bartlett, Cody Bishop, Brandon Braymer, Cody Bush, Sue Vaughan
- 18 Clint Nall
- 19 Re'onna Carter
- 20 Sally Greer
- 21 Selina Gilliland
- 22 Jonathan Boughton, Nate Guy, Jordan Perrin, Kevin Russell, Eddy Salinas
- 23 Michelle Martinez
- 24 Marlee Caudle, Michael Pack
- 25 Bart Basham, Don Prater, Natalie Rogers, Robert Stewart
- 26 Samantha Roper
- 27 Emily Bailey, Cody Stout
- 28 Laliah Hoskins
- 29 Garrett Gilliland
- 30 Cody Hall, Marci Odneal, Chris Rogers, Mia Meehan

### November DEACONS ON CALL

- |    |                         |              |
|----|-------------------------|--------------|
| 05 | David Self.....         | 817-929-4645 |
| 12 | Robbie Mayse .....      | 254-231-1431 |
| 19 | Brad Quisenberry .....  | 817-825-6321 |
| 26 | David Quisenberry ..... | 817-825-6322 |

## Ladies Christmas Tea

*"Christmas through the Decades"*  
 Saturday, December 2nd @ 10am  
 Tickets are \$15

*Speaker: Meagan White*

SIGN UP TO HOST A TABLE BY CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**Children's DAY OUT**  
FBC GRANDVIEW

**Thursday, November 2—2:15pm**  
Grandparent's Day

**Tuesday, November 7—11:30am**  
Ninja Day

**Thursday, November 16**  
Thanksgiving Feast

**November 21—November 23**  
Thanksgiving Break

## Exercise class

### GOLDEN GIRLS EXERCISE GROUP

**Mondays & Wednesdays @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall**  
 Contact Person: Jean Martin



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

# VETERANS DAY

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12PM  
PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

## Site Dedication Service

Sunday, November 5th, 5pm—7pm  
Future building site on Inez Hardy Way  
\*Park in FBC back parking lot\*



## Primetimers Luncheon

Monday, November 27th  
12:00pm  
FBC Fellowship Hall

Bring a "Thanksgiving Leftover" themed covered dish food item to share.



## Operation Christmas Child

Help give a child a glimpse of God's love by donating a gift-filled shoebox and sending it through Samaritan's Purse to a child in need. You can make a difference.

Pick up your empty shoeboxes and brochure now. Bring your gift-filled shoeboxes back to the church by Sunday, November 12th. To learn more, go to [www.samaritan'spurse.org](http://www.samaritan'spurse.org).



### Wednesday, November 1

Agenda Items Due

### Thursday, November 2

2:15pm CDO Grandparent's Day

### Saturday, November 4

Move Clocks Back 1 Hour

### Sunday, November 5

5:00pm Site Dedication Service

### Tuesday, November 7

CDO Ninja Day

### Wednesday, November 8

No Adult Wed PM Classes  
6:30pm Budget Discussion  
7:30pm Budget/Finance Meeting

### Saturday, November 11

12:00pm Veterans Day Lunch & Service

### Sunday, November 12

9:45am Connection Sunday  
Brunch (No SS)  
11:00am COMBINED Service  
12:15pm Church Conference  
2:00pm Nursing Home Service  
6:00pm Deacons Meeting

### Sunday, November 12

Operation Christmas Shoebox Deadline

### Wednesday, November 15

6:00pm Youthsgiving

### Thursday, November 16

11:30am CDO Thanksgiving Feast

### Saturday, November 18

3:00pm Primetimers @ Plaza Theater  
(It's a Wonderful Life)

### Sunday, November 19

6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service  
@ GV Church of Christ

### Wednesday, November 22

No Wed PM Activities

### Wednesday, November 22—Thursday, November 23

Church Office Closed

### Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

### Monday, November 27

12:00pm Primetimers Luncheon



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<b>Sundays -</b>		<b>Wednesdays -</b>	
Traditional Worship*	8:30am	Student Ministry	6:00pm
Sunday School	9:45am	FBC Kids	6:30pm
Contemporary Worship*	11:00am	Mixed Adults <b>GROW</b> Grp	6:30pm
		Ladies <b>GROW</b> Grp	6:30pm
		Men's <b>GROW</b> Grp	6:30pm
		Prayer Grp	6:30pm

\*In house and on Facebook

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## NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Copies of the 2024 Budget Proposal will soon be available on the tables in the main hallway. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the church office at 817-866-4430.

For those that have questions concerning the budget, there will be a **Budget Discussion** on **Wednesday, November 8th** at **6:30pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. The actual vote (with no discussion) will take place on Sunday, November 12th, during the Church Conference.



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH @ 6PM**  
**FBC YOUTH ROOM**  
**TURKEY WILL BE PROVIDED**  
**STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING SIDE DISHES**  
**AND/OR DESSERTS**



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
**Move Your Clocks**  
**Back 1 Hour Before Bedtime**  
**Saturday, November 4th**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF:	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24	Oct 1	Oct 8
Income Rec'd:	6764.69	10423.30	6718.53	22468.28	17628.59
<b>BUDGET:</b>					
YTD Required:	512986.13	526850.62	540715.11	554579.60	568444.09
YTD Receipts:	382491.38	389279.43	394307.86	415007.35	425668.08
Wkly Required:	13864.49	13864.49	13864.49	13864.49	13864.49
Wkly Receipts:	6180.78	6788.05	5028.43	20699.49	10660.73



**Brunch (No SS) 9:45am**  
**COMBINED Service 11:00am**

Everyone is asked to bring an item to share for the churchwide brunch at 9:45am.

**Quarterly Church Conference @ 12:15pm**

Will be voting on the 2024 Budget Proposal by ballot with no discussion.