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FROM THE PASTOR

I was reading a rather odd book on Christian ascetic practices the other day when I came across a term that made me stop and think: "mortification of joy." Surely we are not to put joy to death, are we? Absolutely not! The phrase does not mean what it first seems to suggest.

In Christian ascetic practices, mortification means putting something to death, as in Colossians 3:5: "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you…" Even if we don't practice these disciplines, most of us are familiar with fasting, silence, solitude, or giving up certain types of entertainment. We might think of people giving something up for Lent. In this case, however, what is being put to death is pride, self-will, arrogance, self-importance, and the desire to have one's own way—not joy itself.

The practice involves surrendering the sinful pleasure of exalting ourselves so that humility, obedience, and love of God may grow. I find that fascinating. Even for us Baptists, I believe this is something we can be grateful for. We are not giving up joy; we are letting go of the self-importance that gets in its way. "For the Joy of the Lord is our strength!"

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us put to death that which separates us from the love of God so that we may be filled with His good pleasure. May we learn to think less of ourselves and make more room for God's love and direction in our lives.

Shoebox Packing Party
November 1 @ 5:00

Budget Ministry Team Meeting
November 7 @ 8:30 am

Missions Update & Meal
November 8 following a.m. service
Brett Brittain-Armenia
Reagan Heflin-Kenya
Youth-Bonton

Churchwide Potluck Luncheon
November 15

Deacons' Meeting
November 15 following am service

Youth Turkey Bowl & Friendsgiving
November 15 @ 5:00 pm

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Collection Week
November 15-22

South Plains Food Bank delivery
November 16
Volunteers needed at 11:15 am

Community Thanksgiving Service
FBC November 22 @ 5:00 pm

Thanksgiving Office Hours
November 25-close @ noon
November 26-closed

FINANCE REPORT

September 2026	$61,056.22
Received YTD	$411,049,90
Expenses YTD	$469,998.50

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY NOVEMBER 1 AT 5:00 PM!! If we don't get finished, I'll leave all things out for Monday and Tuesday. Last year we packed 452 at our packing event. I would LOVE to see us pack 500!!! But I need everyone's help! Also, grab a shoebox to fill! Last year I took 1352 from our church and surrounding areas to the Central Drop-off! Let's increase that this year! *REMINDER: we can't pack toothpaste, soap, anything edible, anything liquid, and NEW this year, we can't pack Pokémon and Harry Potter items. (that was actual a request from receiving countries)

PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY: I think this was the biggest turnout ever for the annual pumpkin painting event! It's hard to count young'uns when they aren't sitting still but I'm pretty sure there were about 25 kids there!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE:
Playground has been delivered! Now to get it assembled!

FALL FEST:
Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Fest!

Thank you for supporting the Children's Ministry!

Lulu







The month of football, football, food, and thankfulness is upon us. As our youth group continues in our series on Philippians talking about joy, I challenge you to find one or two things that give you joy. Pray for those people or things and give thanks to God for He is Creator of all things. We will have our annual Turkey Bowl and Friendsgiving on November 15th where we will play a flag football game against each other and then will head back to the church for a meal with all of our friends. I pray that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving and be ready for some holiday fun in December!

The youth group did a great job serving at Kingdom Co-Op Church in Lubbock. We served hot dogs and nachos to those who come in need of food or clothing.







Matt, Carrie, Tucker & Maggie Kelley by Letter

Tyson LaFrance by Statement

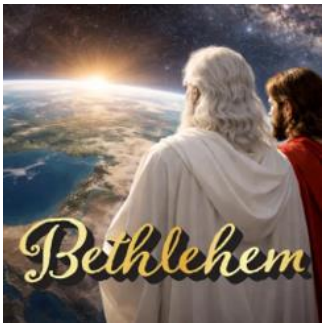
Coenraad & Yolandri Matthysen by Statement

Logan Bradley by Letter



Dear Church Family,
Our hearts are overflowing in love for you. You met our needs with cards, food, memorial offerings, comfort and helped us to keep on. Ladies the food was wonderful. The help in preparing and serving food at home, then cleaning up and tidying the house. Gene loved you and treasured the time he had in Floydada. God Bless each of you and let's keep on meeting needs when hearts are broken. California and New York family will never forget your love and compassion to this family.

Molly Beck & The Beck Kids



Senior Adult Trip to Ragtown Theater Nov. 21. Tickets $20 Sign up in the foyer or call the church office.