



First Baptist Church of Clewiston

O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

(Ps. 95:1-3 KJV)

Unfortunately our nation celebrates a holiday called Thanksgiving without attention to the real meaning. We speak of “turkey day” and think of the football games being played and the number of shopping days before Christmas. We often over eat and subsequently lie around like gators sunning themselves on the canal bank.

As Christians we are influenced by the increasingly pagan culture around us and seem to do little to try to influence it. It was not always thus nor do we have to let it be that way for us today. We know that a thanksgiving life style is not just a one day event. If it is for us, we are in big trouble. Nevertheless, this is a day that we can display to the world what is important. A comparison would be that while others may choose to sit or kneel for our national anthem, we can honorably stand. So this Thanksgiving keep the Lord central to the celebration.

We have so much in our church family for which to be thankful. We have Brother Roger and Brother Raul to lead us. The Lord has given us the freedom to worship Him openly and in a comfortable house. We have brothers and sisters to help and pray for us in time of need. They also are there to celebrate the blessings we receive.

This is a fallen world. In it, we will always have trials, problems, and heartaches. Those things should not be our focus. As Peter learned, we must keep our eyes on Jesus and not on the storm or we will sink into despair. This season let us concentrate on His blessings and also strive to be a blessing to those around us. That is the way we can be “salt” in this world.

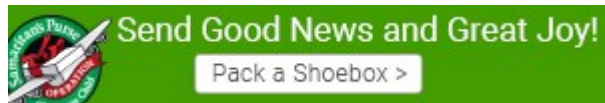
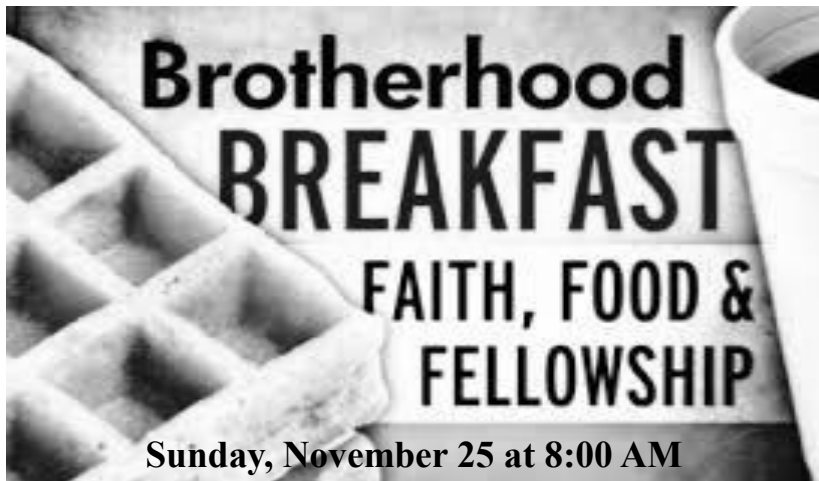
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NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship Service	5 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM WINGS Meeting	6	7 12:00 PM XYZ Luncheon 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	8	9	10
11 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Finance Com- mittee 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting Veterans Day	12	13	14 1:00 - 2:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study/Church Conference 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	15	16	17 6:30 PM Spanish Ministry Thanksgiving Service and Din- ner (Church wide event - all are wel- come)
18 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship Service	19	20 6:00 PM Gideons' Meeting	21 6:30 PM Bible Study	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	24
25 8:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship Service	26 6:00 PM Spanish Ministry Home Worship Service - Vazquez	27	28 1:00 - 2:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	29	30	

XYZ Luncheon
Wednesday, November 7
12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

All senior adults are encouraged to bring covered dishes and join in a time of fellowship.



We hope you will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year! While supply lasts, empty shoe boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary. **Your gift-filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at the church prior to November 12, 2018.** Don't forget to include a \$9 donation to help with the shipping cost or give online through Follow Your Box.

The following are suggestions to include in your box:

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Shoes and socks
- Crayons and markers
- Pens, pencils and sharpeners
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Hats and sunglasses
- Hair clips, brushes and combs
- Coloring and picture books
- Toothbrushes
- Bar Soap
- Washcloths

Do not include candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans.

November Nursery Schedule
Sunday Morning 3 Yr. Old/ Pre- K

- 11/04 - FeBeth Yongco
- 11/11 - Michele Dowdle
- 11/18 - Ginnie Fountain
- 11/25 - Yamile Perez

November Birthdays

- 11/03 - Bob Balch
- Maranda Berner
- 11/04 - Scottie Shearer
- 11/09 - Norman Austin
- 11/12 - Dorothy Linder
- 11/14 - Hannah Maxwell
- 11/19 - Jayden Porter
- 11/20 - Michele Dowdle
- Jeshua Yongco
- 11/25 - Stacy Pitts
- 11/26 - Alfredo Escobar
- 11/27 - Brooklyn Gilde
- 11/28 - Ella Welch
- 11/30 - Bianca Gonzales



Church Office Closed
Thursday, November 22
and
Friday, November 23