



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!  
Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence  
with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God;  
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.  
For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,  
And His truth endures to all generations.

~ Psalm 100 ~

## from the Pastor's Pen



Many years ago, approximately six to be more exact, there was a dream fostered by a driving mission and an obvious need. It was a dream that included God's purpose for our church, that people need Jesus and they need a comfortable place of worship big enough to accommodate them. The first step in this dream coming to fruition occurred on Sunday, October 16, as the church voted in favor of expanding the worship center, building new children's space and creating a new welcome center and grand foyer. This is going to be a challenging project in many regards, but nothing too stringent for people that are obedient and walk by faith. Over the next year and a half, the prevailing Christian graces that are going to need are flexibility, patience, and sacrifice! With God at the very center of everything we are going to do, it will be a great ride!!

November is going to be a great month. We have over 60 ladies going to their conference at Pickwick. Let's pray that this will be a life changing event for them. Also, we will have our joint Thanksgiving service at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. This is always a special time as we worship God together as a community.

I really appreciate the opportunity to minister in such a great community and church.

## NOTES FROM STEVE

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### - Community Thanksgiving Service-

This year the Community Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at First United Methodist Church at 6:00pm. We will be having a mass choir that will be singing during this special service. The choir will meet in the sanctuary of FUMC at 5:00pm. We would love for you to join us!

- **Christmas in Milan!**... is the title of this year's production and will feature some brand new songs, some new arrangements of old familiar Christmas tunes, and songs from previous years' productions. There will be two performances: Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00pm and Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. This year's concert will also feature our Children's Choir, our Student Ensemble, and some VERY SPECIAL GUESTS from Milan High School! There will be a special reception for all attending following both performances in the Family Life Center.

- **Hope for the Hungry Heart** - There will be a meal and grocery giveaway for those less fortunate during the Thanksgiving season, Monday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will once again be needing volunteers to serve, bring bags of groceries and act as decision counselors. Watch for a sign-up list in the FLC and be praying that God will move many souls to be saved and lives changed as a result of this ministry.

- **You Are Worthy** - We still have copies available of the new FBC Worship Choir CD here in the church office. We are starting to hear testimonies, literally from all over the world, about how this CD is already touching lives and encouraging people. Praise the Lord! If you don't have a copy, get one. If you do have a copy, buy one as a Christmas present for someone you love or someone who needs some encouragement today.

- **Give thanks** . . . "I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people I will praise you!" (Psalm 35:18.) Join us each time we gather together with a grateful, thankful heart as we worship the One who is worthy! See you Sunday!

Blessings!  
Steve Cothran  
Associate Pastor/Worship

### UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

- Registration is underway for 2012 season  
- Upward Evaluation Nights are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights (November 7, 8, & 10) from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Each child participating MUST attend an evaluation night.

- We need coaches and referees for this coming Upward season. Please don't wait for us to ask, volunteer NOW!

- Coach and Referee Training will be Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm and Saturday, Nov 19 at 9am.

### WRAPPED WITH LOVE

Our "Wrapped with Love" event was a huge success last year and we want to make it even better this year. Please begin thinking about what you can donate for our "Wrapped with Love" event on December 10. We want to fill our FLC with items that can be chosen by community children to give as Christmas gifts to their family members. We need toys, baby items, home décor, jewelry, books, etc. (No clothing items please.) These items do not have to be new, but in good condition. We want to allow community children to "shop" for free and wrap their gifts for them so they can enjoy the blessing of giving at Christmas without it costing them. Items can be delivered to the church anytime between now and Dec. 7.

Sign up to volunteer to help with "Wrapped with Love" on the board in the FLC!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- Shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, etc. are being collected to send to children who may not otherwise receive a Christmas present. For more detailed information on "Operation Christmas Child," please pick up a brochure in the FLC or contact Rachel Cox or Tonya Pigg.

- Boxes are due no later than, Sunday, November 13.

In His Hands,  
Ms. Niki

During the month of November we celebrate and share things for which we are thankful. Here's my top 10 list:

- 10) Being a "Bulldog"
- 9) My work
- 8) The privilege of living in the greatest nation on the earth.
- 7) Mentors
- 6) Friends who love unconditionally
- 5) Loving Church Family
- 4) Extended Family
- 3) The opportunity and privilege to serve the Lord.
- 2) Wife, Marsha and my kids, Stephen and Melody
- 1) My Salvation in Jesus Christ.

As the hymn states, "Count your many blessings see what God has done." We have many things to be thankful for and to give thanks to God for what He has done. Take time to count, take time to give thanks, and take time to be a blessing this Thanksgiving.

In Christ,  
Tim

### **Share Jesus Without Fear**

On Wed. nights we are going through a series entitled "Share Jesus Without Fear." This series is designed to help and train students in sharing their faith. NOTE: Students continue to bring your book and Bible with you on Wed. nights. It would also be a good idea to bring a pen and highlighter with you.

### **Open Gym**

We will have another open gym for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00pm. Come and join us for some basketball, volleyball, and great fellowship.

### **Girls Shopping Trip**

Mark your calendars, ladies, for November 19<sup>th</sup>. All the ladies are going shopping! More details to come.

### **Community Youth Service**

Sunday night, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, all the students in the community will come together for a Thanksgiving worship service here at FBC in the Warehouse @ 6:00pm. Parents: The doors will open at 5:30 so you will have time to drop your teenager off and give yourself time to make the adult service being held at the Methodist church.

### **Hope for the Hungry Heart**

Students, we are going to be helping out this year at Hope for the Hungry Heart on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up on the youth sign-up page to help. What a great opportunity to serve our community.

### **Wed. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

There will be no Wed. night Bible study due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Giving Back**

This year we are adopting 3 families from the Milan Special School District to help provide Christmas for these families. Each Sunday School class will be given a list of items to purchase. We are asking the students to sign up for a gift and bring it in by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> unwrapped. Later in Dec. we will have a night to wrap all our gifts together.

### **Strength To Stand**

All final payments and paperwork are due Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

In His Hands,  
Brandon

# THE FIRST FAMILY

## We Extend Our Sympathies to:

- The family of Carolyn Rodell, Jim Allen's sister, who passed away October 20.
- The family of Zonie Yates, Dan Yates' grandmother, who passed away October 16.
- The family of Dorothy Harrington, Betty Marshall's sister, who passed away October 3.
- The family of Bill Powers who passed away September 28.

*"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work."  
(2 Thess. 2:16-17)*

## We Welcome those who have made decisions recently



**Canaan White**  
by Statement on October 2



**Kevin, Beverly and  
Morgan Nelson**  
by Statement on October 9



**John, Jennifer, Jake &  
Julianne Goodson**  
by Statement on October 16



**Mica Phillips with Cameron,  
and Caleb & Mya Starr**  
by Letter on October 16

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" -Psalm 118:18*

## **GOLDEN AGERS**

Hey, Golden Agers!

Our meeting next month will be on November 10 at 10:30a.m. in the old sanctuary at First Baptist. Brandon Spain will have the devotional and James Fountain from the Milan Fire Department will have a program on First Responders. We'll be having tenderloin, so prepare to bring your most delicious dish to go along with our meal.

Our day trip for November will be on the 18th and will include lunch at the Grecian Steakhouse in Dyersburg and a tour of the Green Frog Village in Bells. There will be a \$5 charge for the tour plus the cost for the buffet lunch. On December 2nd we will be going to FBC Jackson for their annual Christmas Symphony. Sign-up lists are on the Golden Agers board.

Make your plans to be with us on November 10 for our monthly meeting and our day trips in November and December. You will be blessed as you enjoy the program, food and fellowship!

*We Welcome*  
our Newest Arrival

**Reese Katherine  
Robinson**

**born October 1, 2011**

**Proud Parents:  
Will & Alicia  
Robinson**

# NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur-
		1	2 Tacos (soft / hard) Baked Potatoes / Chips / Cheese Mexican Rice / Refried Beans Salad / Dessert CHILDREN: Same	3 Steering Team meeting	4	5
6 - Adult Choir Practice - Deacon Nominations	7 Upward Evaluations - 7:00pm - Myrtice Owens Group - 10:00am - Golden Agers Planning Team	8 Upward Evaluations - 10:00am - Mann-Harper Mission Group	9 Roast Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes / English Peas Salad / Dessert / Rolls CHILDREN: Hamburgers / French Fries	10 Upward Evaluations - 10:30am - Golden Agers Program	11 FBC Women's Conference in Pickwick (thru 13th)	12
13 - Due date of OCC Shoeboxes for FBC Members - Dedication of OCC Shoeboxes (p.m.) - Deacon Nominations - Deacons' meeting	14 - Open Gym (6-8pm) - TN Bapt. Convention in Hendersonville thru 16th - Collection week for OCC Shoeboxes (for other churches)	15 - Adult Choir Rehearsal	16 <b>Church-Wide Thanksgiving Meal</b> Turkey / Dressing / Gravy Green Beans / Corn Rolls / Salad / Dessert CHILDREN: Same - 5:30pm - Stewardship	17 Upward Coaches Training	18 Golden Agers to Alamo & Dyersburg	19 Upward Coaches Training
20 - Community Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist Church with Randy	21 Hope for the Hungry Heart	22 Adult Choir Rehearsal	23 NO MEAL / NO SERVICE	24 FBC OFFICE CLOSED	25 FBC OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 - Adult Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 BBQ / Baked Beans Potato Salad / Cole Slaw Buns / Rolls / Salad CHILDREN: Corn Dogs / Chips / Cheese			

FBC 2011 Weekly Budget Requirements: \$ 23,103.10	
October 02, 2011 RECEIPTS	
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$20,325.38
" T T T "	\$ 1,305.00
October 09, 2011 RECEIPTS	
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$24,336.66
" T T T "	\$ 2,020.00
October 16, 2011 RECEIPTS	
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$31,249.66
" T T T "	\$ 1,172.00
October 23, 2011 RECEIPTS	
BUDGET RECEIPTS	N/A
" T T T "	N/A
October 30, 2011 RECEIPTS	
BUDGET RECEIPTS	N/A



Each shoebox you pack for Operation Christmas Child is a Gospel opportunity for a child to be saved. This allows you to participate in a foreign mission project that changes the lives of thousands of children and their families each year.

**NOVEMBER VAN DRIVER**  
Tony Smith  
(225-2914)

## Leadership Team

Bro. Randy Pate - Senior Pastor  
Niki Allen - Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Steve Cothran - Associate Pastor/Worship  
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## WORSHIP WITH US

**SUNDAY**  
9:00a.m. - Bible Study  
10:15a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:00p.m. - Evening Worship  
**WEDNESDAY**  
5:30p.m. - Family Supper  
6:15p.m. - Mission Friends, KAOS, Youth  
6:30p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer

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