

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sundays	@	9:00 AM	Ray's Sunday school class
	@	10:15 AM	Worship Service
	@	5:00 PM	Life Group at Carr's
	@	6:00 PM	Life Group in Fellowship Hall
Mondays	@	10:00 AM	Women's Life Group
Wednesdays	@	5:30 PM	Family Meal
		6:00 PM	Kid Zone/Youth Zone
		6:00 PM	Worship on Wednesday

Monday, Nov. 1	No Women's Life Group today.
	4:30 PM Trustee Board meeting
	5:30 PM Deacon Board meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 2	6:30 PM CE & M&E Board meetings
Tuesday, Nov. 9	6:30 PM Church Council meeting
Thursday Nov. 11	5:45 PM Pastoral Relations Committee meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 16	1:00 PM Maxine Bates Circle meeting
Thursday, Nov. 18	6:30 PM Sac & Fox Lapidary Club
Sunday, Nov. 21	Church Family Thanksgiving meal following Worship

We'll still be providing a Worship experience through Facebook Live. You can tune into that worship by clicking on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Fairfield-First-Baptist-Church-104294022934947/>



Fairfield Prayer

*"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them."
 (1 Timothy 2:1)*

We are a praying church. We're constantly lifting one another up in prayer. We pray for each other, and we pray for the needs and concerns of our families, friends and neighbors. We faithfully call on our church family to pray for needs as they come to our attention, and this shows that we trust that the Father hears us and is attentive to our prayers.

This strength that we have, in taking our concerns to the Father, is actually a great way to serve the community around us. It's such an awesome privilege to be able to intercede on someone's behalf in prayer. I believe it's this kind of service that God is particularly calling our church, Fairfield First Baptist, to engage in as our **MISSION**. There are many reasons I think God is leading us to focus in this way.

First of all, prayer is a non-confrontational way of connecting with people in our community. We're all a little touchy, these days, about people invading our time and space, especially when we're not asking for it. We're confronted with robocalls, mass mailings and clerks asking if we want to sign up for the latest store rewards. Everyone's a little put-off by people trying to "sell" them something.

So how are we to serve others and share the gospel in a way that doesn't bring offense but is actually welcomed? I think the way forward is simply to **offer** something that meets a need.

What we see all over social media is that people still request prayer. When we come up against a crisis in life, we still feel the need to call out to Someone who is above us and can do something about it. While it may be that most people have a cloudy concept of what prayer is, (they may not even know if they believe in God or not,) they are still drawn, instinctively, to “cry out” and are thankful when others come alongside them in prayer. So, part of our MISSION will be to employ strategies to serve people by simply offering our services to pray for them and take their concerns, whatever they are, to the Father. After all, we have a relationship with him, and we know he hears us.

It may be that those we serve in this way will want to find out more about how they can have the kind of relationship with God that we have, and then we can offer them the Good News that God, through Christ, is just waiting for them to call on him, too.

And most importantly, the Father delights in answering and meeting the needs of his children when they come and ask for it. James tells us, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results!” (James 5:16 NLT) In other words, we get a lot done when we pray because when we pray we’re calling on the one who can get the job done for us, in the best way!

So, we’re simply going to start letting people know that we’re available to pray for them, and give them ways to pass along their requests to us. We might set up a Facebook page, called Fairfield Prayer, that’s just a “prayer-need collection space”. Anyone can put their prayer request up so we can take it to the Father for them.

Another way to make ourselves available is through, what other churches have called, a Prayer Station or Prayer Tent. This is a portable tent that can be set up in different areas of town, (during special festivals, for instance, or just on our church lawn, or periodically in Central Park.) We’ll just put the tent up with signs that say Prayer Station, or maybe, “Can we pray for you?” Whoever the Father sends to us we’ll pray for them. It’s totally non-invasive, but it gives a way of making Christ a presence in our community.

There are countless other strategies for meeting our community needs through prayer, and we’ll be providing opportunities for training and serving in the coming weeks and months. **In the meantime...**

Pray,

Pastor John

PRAYER LIST

Tiff Widmer, Jerry Leazer, Pat Campbell, Ellen Donnolly, Marilyn Holmes, June Workman, Mike Adam, Deanna Wilson, Henry Salee

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to John & Diane Van Winkle on the October 12th passing of John’s mom, Del Reice.



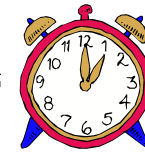
THANK YOU NOTE

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the fruit basket. Your thoughts and prayers throughout Gordy’s hospitalization and passing were so appreciated.

Ed & Trudy Oliver

REMEMBER
to set your Clocks



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7

Just a reminder to set your clocks back one hour before

going to bed November 6th. Daylight Savings time ends at 2:00 AM on November 7th.

FALL BACK

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Do you have a job that you are unable to tackle by yourself? Sometimes even the smallest task is too big to



do...like changing a high-hanging light bulb or

taking the trash out to the curb! Well you’re in luck! Our church has a Helping Hands Program through the Deacon Board ministry that is waiting to complete such a task for our church members and attendees. Just call the church office (472-5205) any weekday morning or contact one of your deacons and we will try to fulfill that need.



Jan Baird 472-5293
Darrel Bisgard 472-6201
John Rathbun 472-1452
Lee Muntz 919-3337

Lisa Greenig 919-4343
Sharie Leazer 472-3892
Harold Munson 472-8895



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Ruth Leazer | 21 Emily Reneker | 27 Betsy Wright |
| 6 Marla Knowles | 23 Jamie Gates | 27 Ed Oliver |
| 6 Gwen Rathbun | 24 Greg Fritz | 30 Virgil Symmonds |
| 18 Randy Baird | | |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

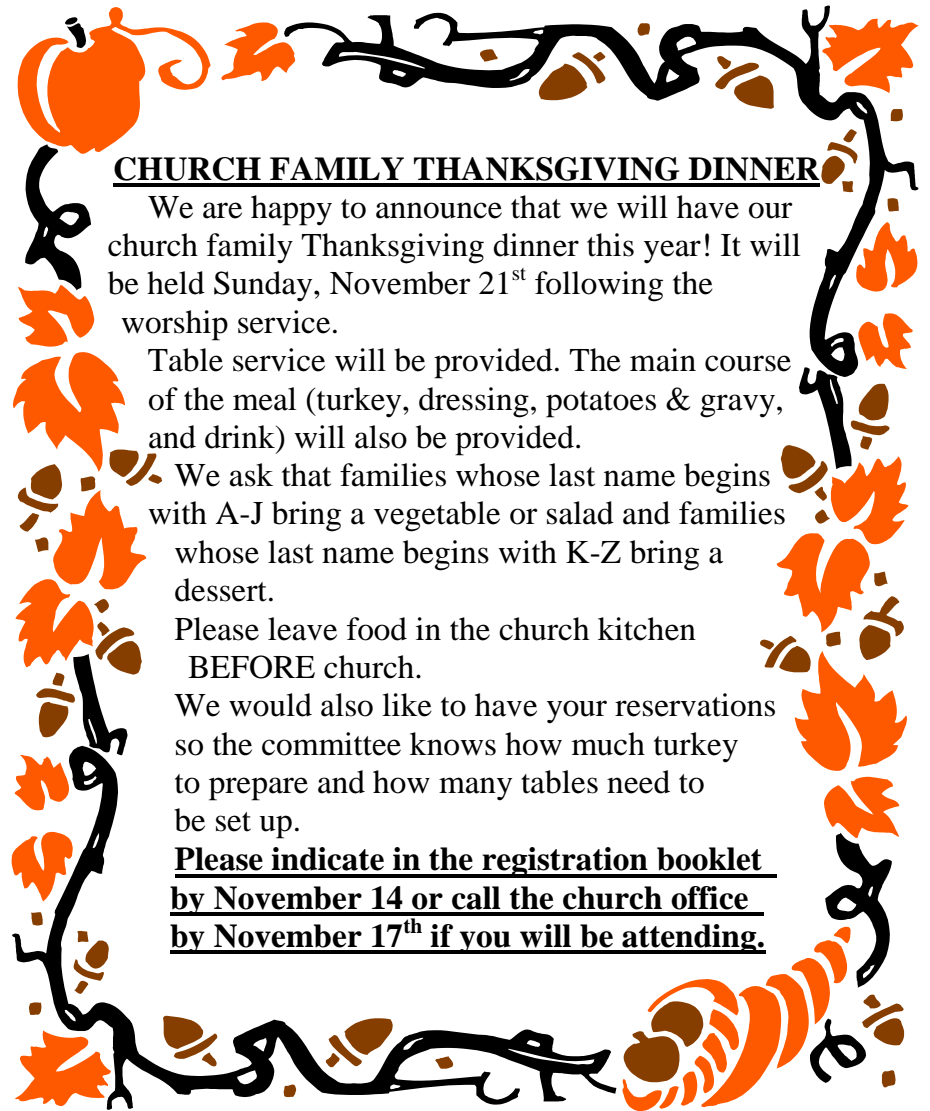
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| 12 Travis & Chasity Dunkin |
| 25 Sonny & Sue Harris |

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is this month, but is not listed, please call the church office with that information.

HEAD USHERS

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|------|-------------------|
| Nov. | 7 Scott Vaughan |
| | 14 Roger Wright |
| | 21 John Rathbun |
| | 28 Ralph Paulding |

CHILDREN'S SERMON November 21 – Jan Baird



CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER

We are happy to announce that we will have our church family Thanksgiving dinner this year! It will be held Sunday, November 21st following the worship service.

Table service will be provided. The main course of the meal (turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy, and drink) will also be provided.

We ask that families whose last name begins with A-J bring a vegetable or salad and families whose last name begins with K-Z bring a dessert.

Please leave food in the church kitchen **BEFORE** church.

We would also like to have your reservations so the committee knows how much turkey to prepare and how many tables need to be set up.

Please indicate in the registration booklet by November 14 or call the church office by November 17th if you will be attending.

MAXINE BATES CIRCLE

Maxine Bates Circle will have several projects going on at their November 16th meeting. Ruth Leazer will host the 1:00 P.M. meeting in Fellowship Hall. Women will be writing letters to missionaries, preparing cards and goodie bags for shut-ins, packaging bingo prizes, and buying Christmas gifts for a SIEDA family.

All women are encouraged to attend.



CHURCH OFFERING

September 26 - \$2118.09

General - 2003.77	ABW Min. - 17.32
Shirts - 22.00	HVAC - 25.00
Mary Paulding Memorial - 150.00	

October 3 - \$10,758.26

General - 10,758.26

October 10 - \$5280.26

General - 4860.26	HVAC - 120.00
WMO - 250.00	Branding - 30.00
Mary Paulding Memorial - 20.00	

October 17 - \$2947.81

General - 2058.81	HVAC - 25.00
Branding - 11.00	World Mission - 55.00
Mary Paulding Memorial - 798.00	

October 24 - \$2362.42

General - 2280.26	World Mission - 28.00
ABWM Love Gift - 54.16	



TAKE AWAY HUNGER RECAP OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 PACKING



The 16th group packing -- the first one as a group since Sept 29, 2019, as a UNITED group they have packaged 424,624 meals since September 2012.

Total meals packed	12,096
Volunteers at packing	40

Volunteer count was down some from our usual number but it was about what had been anticipated after the long layoff and the covid issues that have surrounded us all. 40 dedicated volunteers worked from 1:15 until 3:15 on Sunday afternoon and working three lines reached or goal of 12,000 meals. That filled 56 cases of Black Bean and Rice casserole and made Don and Sandee Fields very happy.

A Big THANK YOU to our local media for their coverage, and those that put coverage out on their social media.

What a great group of volunteers we have, its gets easier as people learn the system and it certainly couldn't be done without them, also to those that contribute their hard earned dollars to this awesome mission. THANK YOU - THANK YOU

THE POWER OF A QUARTER
IF 50 PEOPLE SAVE
25 CENTS PER DAY
THAT WOULD BE \$12.50

IN 90 DAYS (3 mo.) THAT
WOULD BE \$1125.00

ENOUGH TO PROVIDE
4500 MEALS

IT'S SO GOOD TO BE A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

Christian Education Board Meeting

October 5, 2021

Jamie gave an update about Kid Zone; JoDee gave a report about Youth Zone. Both groups are growing and figuring out their programming well.

JoDee and Sarah will plan an activity for Barb's group this month.

We discussed ideas for this year's Christmas program.

December is our month to provide a fellowship opportunity, so we talked about ideas.

The topic of fundraising for next year's Quest camp was brought up. JoDee will discuss fundraising with the council.

Deacon Board Meeting

October 4, 2021

Reviewed In-Touch list.

Discussed Deacon Fund needs.

Discussed 2022 Budget expectations - Jan asked what we needed in the 2022 Budget – to be presented October 17th. (John Rathbun will be out of town)

Comment: under the Church Constitution – the Deacon role allows a LOT of leeway in the potential services and ministry. Mix in creative thought & prayer – and we get countless possibilities. **Constitution States:** *Ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the congregation. There is not another church board with a potentially broader range of service and leadership options. We just have not thought of the countless ideas....yet.* Let's start creating a vision.

John Rathbun: When considering the 2022 – What is the **ONE THING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE** developed and improved in the church...?? Discussion followed.



Trustee Board Meeting

October 5, 2021

Previous minutes were approved.

Financial report: Ray stated that September was \$6500 in the red. We discussed having Jane also include monthly giving and expenses put in the bulletin at the beginning of the month along with the weekly giving and expenses every week.

We discussed ways to reduce costs, but not finding real solutions.

Discussed State of the Church meeting, with each board having their goals for the next year to share. Also discussed items the trustees want to share at the meeting.

The Worship and Trustee Boards are in charge of the October social time. We talked about everyone one bringing their favorite fall snack to the State of the Church/Congregational meeting on October 17th to share with the congregation.

Mission and Evangelism Board

October 11, 2021

Board had numerous questions regarding the line items in the M and E budget for the 2021 year. Ray Woody was invited to answer any and all questions which he graciously did.

Board had previously agreed to include support for Shining Light Ministry which is the mission organization for which Greg Lentz has been involved with and to which he feels called. He is planning to go on the field beginning in 2022 and has shared his beginning work there several times with the congregation. He gave an update regarding his last trip and responded to questions.



First Baptist Church Quarterly Meeting

October 17, 2021

Moderator, Aaron Kooiker presided over the meeting.

Lee Muntz moved minutes be approved as written. Lisa Grenig 2nd motion. Motion approved.

Pat Comfort noted the Worship Board sub-committee met three times to review and make changes to clarify the Worship Board duties and responsibilities. The changes approved by church council on October 12 will be voted on in two weeks.

Bob Keller, Trustee chair, noted that today there would be a vote to approve nominations for new board and committee members.

Sue Carr, Worship Board chair, appreciates all those who are on boards and committees, and those who agreed to accept nominations for 2022 board and committee positions. She encouraged everyone to come to live services. Also, to read the report prepared by the Worship Board sub-committee and be prepared to vote in two weeks. Surveys will be sent to the congregation to share their reflections about worship service.

Jan Baird, Deacon Board, read a letter from John Rathbun, new Deacon Board chair, who could not attend. Being a farmer, she used ears and stalks of corn as a visual aid to demonstrate our faith and trust in God; as farmers have faith when they plant seeds in the ground and trust they will grow and mature into stalks of corn with ears.

Pat Comfort, Mission and Evangelism chair, mentioned supporting our local missions (ex: The Lord's Cupboard, African Violet, etc.) Pray for our foreign missionaries and understand the sacrifices they and their families make; write letter to encourage them in their mission. We need to tell our Jesus stories and be involved with evangelism. She also mentioned our branding logo as a form of evangelism.

JoDee Kyle, Christian Education Board chair, stated Barb McRoy's group tries to meet once a month for a social gathering. They are still looking for a name for the group. She praised the volunteers who cleaned and painted the downstairs classrooms. She encouraged everyone who hasn't seen them to check them out. JoDee said attendance is rising in both KidZone and YouthZone.

They now have 14-16 kids in each program. She is excited that a worship experience is starting on November 3rd in conjunction with the youth and children's programs.

Ray Woody, treasurer, noted there was a shortfall of \$13,500 this quarter. There is deep concern currently about not meeting expenses. Lisa Greenig asked if any unusual repairs or expenses incurred during the quarter and Ray answered no.

Pastor John Kermott appreciates all boards and committees' hard work. Pastor noted we have come through the trauma of covid-19, and it has affected our church. It is time to come out of our trauma. Recently things are beginning to find direction with the KidZone and YouthZone on Wednesday evenings started and during Sunday adult service. A mid-week adult worship service will start November 3 and continue every two weeks after, using the Alpha Course series with videos and discussion. Pastor John has a vision that our church be thought of as a house of prayer (Isaiah 57:7). He would like to see a Prayer Tent in the town square on occasion, develop Prayer Walks, and prayers online, with the results for our church be called a house of prayer.

Service Ministries, Margaret Stephens gave a report in Joyce Roemen's absence, noting two funerals; Margie Royer (serving 28) and Mary Paulding (serving 30).

New business: Jan Baird made a motion Ashley Worley be approved for membership and Ray Woody 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Jan Baird made a motion the Slate of Officers be approved for 2022. Harold Munson 2nd motion. Motion approved.

Lisa Greenig asked to speak. She mentioned that our new direction be with joy, hope, fun, and family outreach. She shared about an outreach at the middle school that started several years ago and has developed into a strong group of 13 students that meeting Friday mornings for breakfast and Christian fellowship (the greater the challenge, the greater the need). Lisa proposed we have adult service every Wednesday because people outside our church wanting to attend might not remember which Wednesday night the service is held.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri Deeke, clerk