



Church Life

Fairfield First Baptist Church
 "A Faith Building Community"

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November Calendar

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Class/Chosen
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wednesdays	5:30 PM	Family Meal
	6-7:00 PM	KidZone/YouthZone Chosen Study
Monday, Nov. 4	5:30 PM	Deacons & Worship
Tuesday, Nov. 5	5:30 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	M & E Board/CE Board
Tuesday, Nov. 12	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 17	11:30 AM	Spoil Your Lunch
Tuesday, Nov. 19	1:00 PM	Circle
Wed. Nov. 20	NOON	SALT
Thursday, Nov. 21	6:30 PM	Sac & Fox Lapidary Club
Sunday, Nov. 24	11:30 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner



Offering Ourselves As Thanksgiving

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." (Romans 12:1)

Every Sunday morning during worship we have that special opportunity when we share our offerings back to the Father. As we present our gifts to Him we've been using the song, *We are an Offering*, as our offertory. I've sensed that this has truly encouraged our church family to see our "offering" as more than financial, but one that includes all of life.

September Finances	
Giving:	\$16,647.51
Expenses:	\$19,055.20

As Paul reminds us in Romans 12, we offer our “bodies” as a living sacrifice. In other words, our spiritual worship involves all the practicalities of our lives on earth; our finances, yes, but also our abilities, our energies, our time, our education, our occupation as well as the very core of our being...our will, our choices.

Paul in Romans 12 goes on to give examples of what it looks like to, practically, offer our bodies:

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

One of the reasons God calls us together as a church family at Fairfield First Baptist, is so that we can offer more, together, than we can by ourselves. We have lots of ways to do this in the coming weeks. For example, on November 17th, we’ll get to hear how we can support our new missionary couple, the Gallagher’s, as they prepare to minister in Honduras. We can also be offering ourselves by providing items throughout this month and then volunteering to help with our Christmas Store. We’ll also be sending gifts through “Operation Christmas Child”, once again, (more info on these in this newsletter.) Not to mention how so many of you are “offering your bodies,” consistently, week by week, in our ongoing church family ministries. All of this makes our *life-together* meaningful and purposeful.

As we approach our national celebration of Thanksgiving, this month, I’d like to encourage each of us to offer ourselves as a practical demonstration of our thanks and gratitude to God for all that He’s given us; for the very fact that we don’t have anything in and of ourselves...but everything we have is from Him.

What are some ways you can give thanks as an offering?

Offering my life, alongside yours, with Thanksgiving,

- John

PRAYER LIST: Martha Cathey, Deanna Wilson, family of Verda Baird, family of Harold Munson, family of Dan Symmonds, Cameron Symmonds, Sharie Leazer, Rod Ryan, David Wilson, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Ralph Paulding, Ray Woody, Dick and June Workman, Lisa Greenig’s niece, Alyssa.

Thank you
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Dear Church Family, Words cannot begin to express how blessed we have been during the loss of Mom Baird. Thank you for all the visits, cards, calls, messages, memorials, flowers and food we have received. We are truly blessed by all the love and concern shown to us. Thank you again and may God bless each. In Christ's love, Randy and Jan Baird

SALT Group (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) is now meeting on the third WEDNESDAY of each month. Please join us on November 20th. Everyone 55 and over is welcome! Please bring a dish to pass. Welcome and thank you to John and Diane Yule who are now helping to lead this gathering!

“The Chosen” Bible Study. Wednesdays at 6:00, or **Sundays** at 9:00, join in as we watch and discuss the scriptures highlighted in the hit TV Series, *The Chosen*. Books are available in the Narthex. If you can add \$9 to your offering to help cover the cost, that will help us to continue to offer these kinds of studies.

Our Church family is teaming up with another Missionary Couple!

Dr. Corey and Kaethe Gallagher will be serving in Honduras with They will be joining us for worship on November 17 to share about the work they are doing.



Spoil Your Lunch

NEW DATE: Sunday, November 17
after worship. Plan to stay for Ice Cream and
Cookies! Provided by your Deacons.

November BIRTHDAYS

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| 4. Ruth Leazer | 10. Shawn Worley | 24. Greg Fritz |
| 6. Marla Knowles | 14. Mary Godwin | 27. Ed Oliver |
| 6. Gwen Rathbun | 15. Jim Wotherspoon | 28. Betsy Wright |
| 6. Diane Yule | 16. Dani Crandall | 30. Virgil Symmonds |
| 8. Lila Woodson | 18. Randy Baird | |

ANNIVERSARIES

25. Sue & Sonny Harris

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

HEAD USHERS		KIDZONE LEADERS	
3	Ted Munson	3	Erica Voreis & Janelle Epperson
10	Marvin Roemen	10	Amy Kermott & Jan Baird
17	Randy Baird	17	Tammy & Lilah Hawkins
24	John Rathbun	24	Tom & Jill Baerg

COMMUNION SERVERS November 3: Ted Munson, Margaret Wilson, Greg Hanshaw, Jason Crandall, Ray Woody



Community Christmas Store. It's that time of year again. Lisa Greenig is collecting new, or gently used, items. This store is different because children shop for gifts to give to siblings, parents, and grandparents. Everything is FREE. Gift wrapping is available. This is the perfect opportunity to purge items from your home. Any donation is greatly appreciated. (There's no limit to what you can give knick knacks, household items, tools, decorations, etc. Please no clothing.) All leftover items will be donated to the Well in Fairfield. Donations will be accepted until December 3rd. Store set up: Dec. 5th 9 am- ?? (**Many volunteers are needed.**) Store open: Dec. 6th, 5-7:00pm (**Many volunteers are needed.**) Contact Lisa Greenig at 641-919-4343 or greeniglisa@gmail.com if you have questions or donations. Thank you so much for your help with this community outreach project.



African Violet: Due to the hard work of some amazing volunteers, we currently have enough storage space that we can accept donations of items appropriate for all four seasons. From here on, we will be accepting ALL donations regardless of season.

We take: Clothing (all seasons) Shoes, Boots, Coats, Jackets, Snowsuits, Snowpants, Winter apparel, Blankets/Bedding, Towels, Children's Books, Personal hygiene items, Small baby items, Bras, Pajamas, Nightgowns, Robes, Jewelry, Belts, Purses, Bags, NEW underwear and socks. **We do NOT take:** Large baby items (cribs, car seats, etc.) Household items, Decor items (besides blankets, bedding, towels, pillows), Electronics of any kind, Toys, Stuffed Animals.

What we can also do: If you have appliances, furniture, cribs, etc. to donate, you can contact us. While we do not have space for these items in the boutique, we can post the item(s) and try to connect donors with someone in need of that item. Donations may be dropped off at 54 S. B Street, Fairfield on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9-noon. If you have questions, please reach out via Facebook Messenger or email us at: theafricanvioletfoundation@gmail.com



As a church family our goal is to collect **50 boxes** to send to Operation Christmas Child.

Option 1: Help our KidZone kids “pack the boxes” by providing physical or monetary donations no later than Sunday, Nov. 10.

- Donate items from the Shoebox Gift Suggestions Sheets
- Donate money to go towards purchasing items for the boxes. We anticipate needing \$15-\$20 worth of supplies per box. (\$600 total)
- Donate money to help cover the cost of shipping - \$10 per box (\$300 total)

Option 2: Pack your own box! An additional **20 boxes** are available for others throughout the church to pack. **All boxes should be returned no later than Sunday, November 17.**

- Purchase items from Shoebox Gift Suggestions Sheets
- Fill your box
- Donate \$10 to help cover the cost of shipping your box
- We'll take it from there!

Questions: Contact Eric Voreis at 814-386-9025

Council Meeting – October 15th, 2024

Present: John Rathbun, Virgil Symmonds, Bob Keller, Dick Hunt, Greg Hanshaw, Pastor John Kermott and Margaret Stephens.

Devotion by Greg Hanshaw – Hope in the Midst of the Storm.
Opening prayer by Greg. Motion to approve last month's council minutes by Dick Hunt. Seconded by John Rathbun. So passed.

Virgil talked on Samaritan's Purse. He said \$2400.00 has been sent there.

Calendar items:

Quarterly meeting October 20

Gallaghers coming November 17

Spoil your Lunch November 17

Christmas Store December 6

Christmas Program December 15th during service.

Deacons discussed budget and discussed live nativity with lighted tree. Next hymn sing-a-long will be March 30. The one in December will be skipped.

Under Worship Board Dick Hunt discussed extensively the reassignment of responsibilities.

Jason Crandall has been leading the Broken 242 Mental Health Meetings at the Well. He has asked to have a meeting once a month at the church also. Council approved.

Meeting closed in prayer by Pastor John.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Stephens