

### Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Kelly Coons  
2nd Sunday: Josh Becker  
3rd Sunday: Stephen Willie  
4th Sunday: Mickey Gilliam

### Offertory Prayer:

1st Sunday: Mickey Gilliam  
2nd Sunday: Phil Lowery  
3rd Sunday: Sherry Burnette  
4th Sunday: Bob Smith

### November Wedding Anniversaries

Josh & Leia Becker 1  
Danny & Janice Whitley 28



### November Birthdays

Ray Vess ..... 3  
Merrell Riddle ..... 5  
Wendy Gaffigan ..... 8  
Abigail Dalton ..... 12  
Toney Lewis ..... 13  
Josh Becker ..... 14  
Halle Becker ..... 15  
Becky Smith ..... 18  
Pastor Drew ..... 21  
Kona Vasquez ..... 23  
Vincent Smith ..... 29



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE VOICE

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

#### SUNDAY:

9:45 - Sunday School  
11 - Worship Service  
4 - Adult Choir Practice  
6 - Children's Choir  
6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth

#### WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer, Youth, Children in Action, Mission Friends  
7 - Adult Choir Practice

**Nov 3** - Daylight Saving Time Ends; Deacon's Meeting 7 pm  
**Nov 4** - Constitution Committee Mtg. 3 pm  
**Nov 5** - Youth Council 6 pm  
**Nov 6, 13, 20, 27** - Wednesday Meal 5 pm  
**Nov 6** - WMU/Baptist Men 6 pm  
**Nov 7** - BRBA Senior Adult Rally at Greenlee Baptist Church 10:30 am  
**Nov 10** - Veteran's Day Recognition 11 am; No Evening Service or Activities  
**Nov 11 & 12** - NC Baptist State Convention  
**Nov 18** - Vision Team Mtg.  
**Nov 18-25** - Operation Christmas Child Drop Off (see November Calendar for times)  
**Nov 20** - Newsletter Articles Deadline  
**Nov 26** - Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm  
**Nov 27** - No Evening Service or Activities  
**Nov 28** - Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed  
**Nov 29** - Office Closed  
**Nov 30** - Friends Giving 5 pm



## Reflections of a Shepherd

I have come to the conclusion that we as a people are a fickle nation. We can't ever decide what we want. We spend the whole summer complaining about the heat, only to complain about the cold weather when it arrives. Or better yet, like this year, we'll complain about 90 degree days in October, forgetting that we had several days in the 70s in July and August.

Or consider this. Many of us bemoan the growth of box stores like Walmart or lament the loss of textile and furniture industries to overseas. We want to "buy local" and "buy American." The only problem with this is that most of us don't want to pay the prices that American and local retailers charge. We want to be paid \$20 an hour to make a \$10 pair of jeans. The fact of the matter is, overseas production is cheaper for companies (and no I'm not ignoring the multi-million dollar bonuses that are given either). But we have to either have to pay up for the "higher quality" American product or settle for the "lower quality" overseas or big box product. We can't have it both ways.

Another phenomenon I've been watching is the prognosticators of pay TV (what many of us would call cable). For decades, people have been clamoring for ala carte TV. Where you would just be able to get the channels you want without having to pay for the channels you don't. Well, for the first time more ala carte options are available, and more are coming. Companies like Netflix and Hulu have changed the TV market, by allowing customers to just "stream" the shows through the World Wide Web. And companies like Universal and Disney are supposed to be launching their own services very soon. My prediction is that in another ten years most of the major entertainment companies will have their own streaming services where they will house their own content. More money for them, more ala carte options for us. You'd think such a thing would be received as great news, wouldn't you? Nope. There are stories all

over the internet about how we're the real loser of the "streaming wars," that all these companies are selfish and greedy because they won't share their intellectual property, that in the long run the customer will be paying more for less. Are they right? I don't know. But I do know this...You just can't seem to make us happy. We're like Goldilocks except nothing is ever "just right." We are fickle people living in fickle times. But I think I know why.

Sometimes I wonder what God thinks when He looks down on us. We have all of these advances, all these advantages that we have living in this day and all we can do is complain. When I think about all the hardships that the settlers endured, that my grandparents and parents endured; and my household is upset because we might not get to see *Live PD* or *Good Eats* anymore! But I think I know the secret as to why there is all this unsettledness in our world. It's because we aren't thankful for what we have. Remember, back in the day, when you did someone a favor and they told you that they were "eternally grateful?" Well, now a days, we're eternally ungrateful! We have forgotten how to focus on the things we have, and instead center our attention on the things we don't have. Instead of counting our blessings, we're counting our perceived misfortunes.

In Paul's closing words to the Philippians he gives them the secret to happiness. He tells them to be content. And though it's not stated, be thankful to the Lord regardless of his circumstances. Which I believe is the heart of the Thanksgiving holiday.

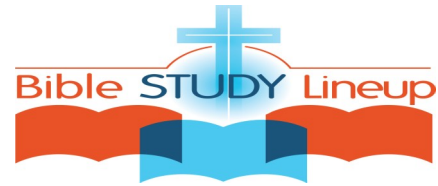
*I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. I know both how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11-13*

*Pastor Drew*

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - Missions Night  
 Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Jude  
 Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - Revelation  
 Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> - No Services or Activities

**Sunday Night Bible Study**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - El Shaddai, God Almighty  
 Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - No Evening Services (Veterans' Day)  
 Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy One of Israel  
 Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Yahweh Jireh



The Wednesday Meals are served from 5-6 pm.

13-Adult \$5.00 Kids 6-12 \$3.00  
 5 and Under Free

Everyone is invited!

Nov 6

Ham  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Dessert

Nov 13

Homemade Soups  
 Cornbread/Crackers  
 Dessert

Nov 20

Hamburger Steaks  
 Mac & Cheese  
 Green Beans  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

Nov 27

No Meal



**BRBA Senior Adult Rally**

Thursday, November 7  
 Greenlee Baptist Church

Program at 10:30 am  
 with lunch to follow.



**Cleff Notes**

Just a reminder to support our Hand Bell choir financially by gifting a donation to help pay for coverings for the tables. Also, an update on our progress: The Hand Bell Choir is made up of 12 youth, 1 child, and 2 adults, all of which are progressing beautifully in technique and skill. Directing them is a real blessing and honor. Keep up the good work everybody.

The Christmas Cantata this year will be performed on Sunday December 15th in the morning service at 11:00 am and in the evening at 6:00 pm. Please plan to bring family and friends to either or both performances and let's fill the house and celebrate. The following Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00 p.m., the Adult Choir will have their Christmas Party in the fellowship hall. This will be for the Adult Choir and their families only, so please mark your calendars and plan to be there.

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to be thankful for all the Mercies and Blessings we have received from our Lord. Take a moment, a pen and paper, and write down the things God has blessed you with and share them with family and friends this Thanksgiving. God Bless you all.

**WHAT IS VETERANS DAY?**

Veterans Day, a U.S. federal holiday, is a time to honor and thank those who are serving or have served in the military and are still with us.

Note that Veterans Day is different than Memorial Day, which is a day to reflect and remember those who lost their lives in service to their country.

On Veterans Day, think about how you can show a veteran extra appreciation. Attend a Veterans Day parade or event in your area. Ask a veteran about their service and really listen. Visit a VA hospital. Display the flag to salute our veterans!



First Baptist of Old Fort will be an OCC Drop-Off location again this year, November 18-25

OCC Drop-off location dates and times can be found on the enclosed November calendar.

**Reminder:**  
 Please plan to have your shoeboxes packed and at the church by Sunday, November 17. This date will mark the end of our 2019 Operation Christmas Child Program.



**A Note from the Outreach Team**

If you (or your SS Class, organization or Committee) would like to sponsor 1 or more children in this year's Old Fort Elementary School Project Christmas campaign, please talk with Helen Gilliam or Cathy Moore. The suggested shopping list includes a minimum of 2 tops, 2 pair of pants, underwear, socks, a pair of shoes, a coat or hoodie and at least one item from their wish list.



We can't thank you enough! We appreciate your recent donation of cleaning supplies and shoes for our little ones. Thank you for thinking of us and helping us take care of our students.

Old Fort Elementary

Dear Church Members and Hospitality  
 Thank you so much for the wonderful, beautiful baby shower. We are so blessed by your love, prayers and encouragement.

Love, Nick & Megan Favorite

A fun time of food and fellowship was had at our October church wide picnic. Thanks to all who helped and attended.

Hospitality Committee  
 We really appreciate all you did to make the baby shower so special. The food was delicious, and the gifts were abundant. You girls work so hard and you all have a cheerful attitude. Our church is so blessed to have you.

We love you, Megan, Wendy and Liz



Sunday, December 1st  
 11:00 am

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Christmas Cantata  
 Sunday, December 15  
 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

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Christmas Eve Service  
 Tuesday, December 24  
 6:00 pm

