



The Current

Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Doniphan
November 2016



Mark Your Calendar

Nov 3rd - 11:00 am Veteran's Service & Luncheon
Nov 6th - Clocks roll back one hour
Nov 6th - High Attendance Sunday
Nov 6th - Deadline for photos for Hanging of The Green church family slideshow
Nov 6th - 3:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
Nov 6th - 4:00 pm Leadership Meeting
Nov 6th - Ministry Directors 2017 budget requests due
Nov 8th - Election Day
Nov 11th - Veteran's Day
Nov 13th - 6:00 pm Insanity of God movie simulcast
Nov 14th - OCC Shoeboxes dropped off this week
Nov 16th - 5:30 pm Finance Meeting
Nov 19th - Bread Shed
Nov 20th - 6:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting & Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 23rd - All Services Canceled
Nov 24th - Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27th - Socks for Seniors deadline for sock donations
Nov 27th - 6:00 pm Hanging of The Green
Nov 28th - 12:05 pm BSU Lunch and Devotion


A Lot To Be Thankful For

The psalmist wrote: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name (Psalm 100:4).

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, a day set aside officially by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Franklin D. Roosevelt later signed it into law (1941) to be on the fourth Thursday of every November. However, George Washington was the first to call for a nationwide Thanksgiving for Nov. 26, 1789: "*as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God.*"

We still have much to be thankful for. We can be thankful to God for our salvation, our freedom, our family, the right to vote (election day is Nov. 8), to worship and on and on. God has so greatly blessed these United States of America.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving, we will set aside the time and create a list to systematically thank and praise God in His provision to us in each of our homes prior to enjoying our Thanksgiving meal with family and friends.



Bro Monty

JAM'D

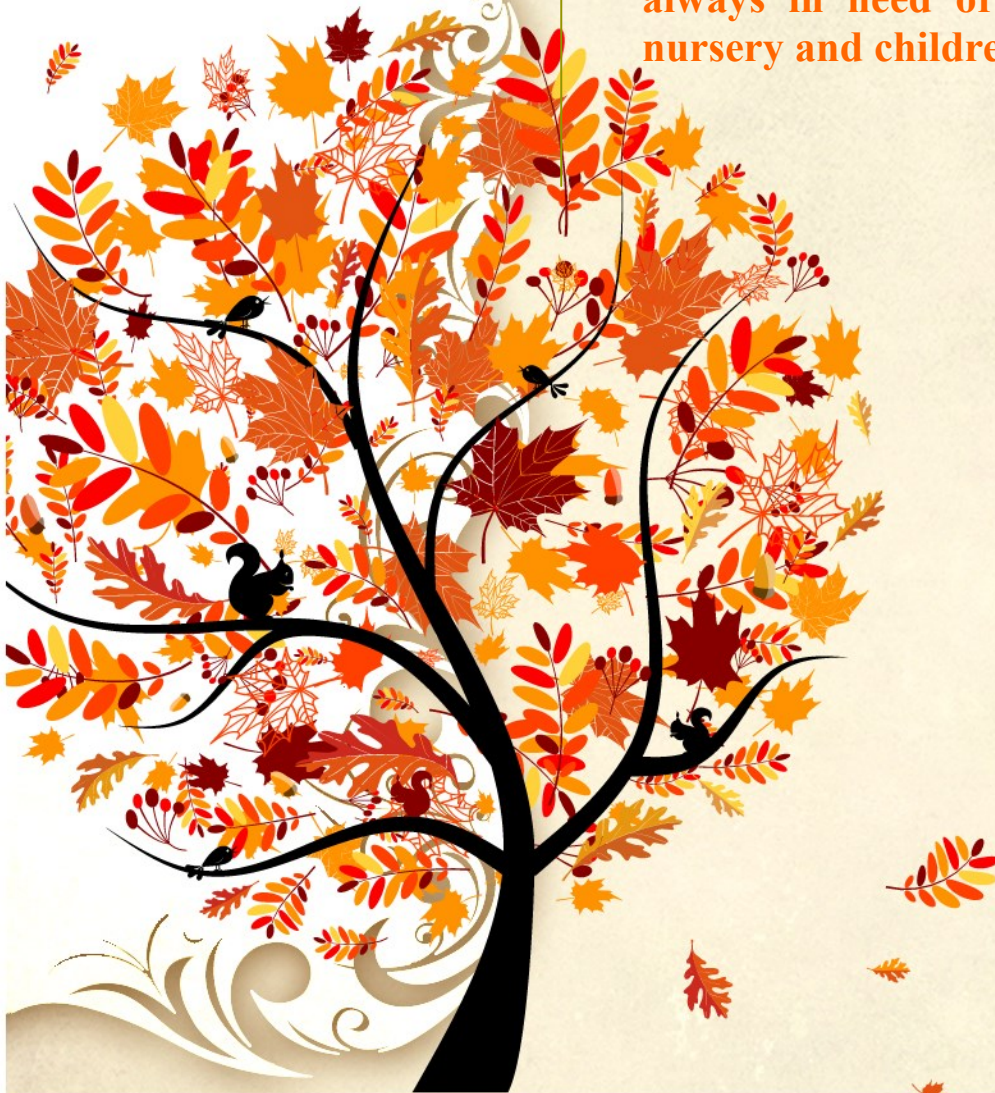
Children's Ministry by Tricia Ezell

Moreover
whom He did
predestinate,
them He also
called: and
whom He called,
them he also
justified: and
whom He justified,
them He also
glorified.

— Romans 8:30

It's been a great month for our JAM'D ministry. Our Finding Dory-Finding Christ event went very well. Thanks to all who helped make it possible. For October, we helped fill the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. For November, we will be putting together blessing bags to hand out to people in our community. Please pray that our ministry will continue to grow and bless the children and their families. We are always in need of more volunteers for the nursery and children's church.

Thank you and God Bless,
Tricia



Youth Pastor's Pen

by Drew Simmons

Happy November Church Family!

I LOVE fall and winter weather and I'm SO glad it's hoodie season! Not a lot to report this month, student ministry wise. We did have two students follow Christ in baptism this past month which is very exciting! Congratulations to Harley Sappington and Ashtin Harris who are now officially part of our church family! We are so thankful to the Lord for blessing us with the opportunity to baptize His newly "born again" children. As always our student ministry needs prayer and LOTS of it. God is on the move and many of our students are falling more and more in love with Jesus each day. Many are growing in their walk with Christ and we see the evidence of their love for God all over them. I particularly love it when I see students posting Scripture verses on their social media accounts, and when I hear of and see them do good works that honors and glorifies our God. It overwhelms my heart with great joy, but as we know, when God moves and works, Satan is right behind Him doing his best to destroy what God has done or is trying to do. Satan has been attacking several of our students in so many ways, (particularly the ones who are growing closer and closer to God). Obviously, he hates them the most! I can't tell you how much I hate Satan and can't wait for him to be thrown into hell for all eternity! Until then, please pray earnestly and daily for our students in middle school, high school, and college. They are facing spiritual warfare on levels I've never seen before in our student ministry: from broken homes, to abuse of all kinds, to lying, cheating, stealing, and the list goes on and on. Even things I have never seen or heard of, students are dealing with. It breaks my heart for them, so as their church family, we need you to come alongside them in prayer and love. We need to surround them with the support that they need from our church family, because for most; we are the only family they have. I know it may be awkward or outside the comfort zones of some, but we don't realize the positive impact that a simple smile, hello, or handshake is to these students who don't get these things anywhere else. As always, Brittany and I love you very much and we are so grateful God is using us to serve Him, His Kingdom, and His people right here in Doniphan, MO.

In Christ, Drew Simmons



Upcoming Youth Events

"Come Alive" Youth Event

Friday, October 28th

6:00 pm

Meal by Fazoli's

Fellowship

Worship led by Zach McAnulty

All Are Invited

Asylum Youth

"Xtreme Winter Conference"

Branson, MO

December 27, 28 and 29th

(departing FBC morning of Dec. 27th)

See a Youth Leader for More Information



Women on Mission – *By All Means*



"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" (1 Cor. 9:22b–23 NIV).

Three simple words: as you go, imagine what would happen in the lives of individuals or families, in cultures if believers embraced and lived those three simple words. Christ was clear: as we go, we are to make disciples. That means, in your everyday setting, you are to share Christ with those around you.

JAM'D night was a wonderful time to introduce children to missions. They learned how we can share the gospel and love of Jesus by preparing and sending shoeboxes to children. They drew the outline of their hand and prayed for the child that would receive that box. They packed a shoebox with items they chose to give and then placed their hand outline with a quote; "This is my hand, when you place your hand on mine, think of me. I prayed for YOU to receive this gift." Our shoeboxes will be sent to children in Mexico this year. Pray for the children to learn and develop a passionate heart open to sharing the gospel with others.

1 Timothy 4:12

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

The associational WMU meeting was filled with encouraging news of how the gospel is bearing fruit in other countries such as Moldova and Turkey. Marshall Links shared the IGO (International Gospel Outreach) report and upcoming opportunities to share in missions. We had a special time in small groups praying for God's favor on missionaries at home and internationally. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15 KJV

"Let Your Light Shine"

November is wrap up time for completing the Mission Bags for Nicaragua Mission trip and sending Kevin off for God's glory. Please keep him and the team in your prayers to experience the movement of God in a mighty way, "By All Means" as they go through their day sharing.

We will complete the shoeboxes and deliver them on 11/15 followed by lunch and celebrating with Toni and Judy their birthdays. What a great way to complete our mission. I pray many of you chose to take a shoebox and provide an opportunity to take your children or grandchildren and teach them about packing a box for someone else and to pray for the child who would receive that box. Pray God would use your box to reach someone for His Kingdom. Return your box with \$7.00 for shipping by 11/6.

November 28th we will prepare lunch and serve the college students at Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff at the Baptist Student Center. This is our association's ministry that we get to come along side of to reach students for Christ, "By All Means" and our very own Brother Drew will deliver the Word of God. I pray you will consider joining us by cooking, going, and serving.

In November, we will also need approximately 100 fun and colorful Christmas "Socks for the Seniors" to be delivered to the Boarding Homes and Nursing Homes during the December visits. This is another "By All Means" to share the love of Christ with these dear people. Please consider joining us for this fun time of Christmas Carols, gift giving and sharing the Word of God. You will be blessed.

Thank you for serving along side of us.

Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director

