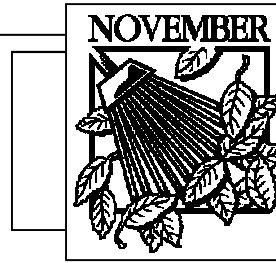


Faith Fellowship Baptist Church

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November 2009



Business Meeting
Sunday, November 29

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It is November. I love the cool air and the coming of winter. I could say we have had enough rain but I'm going to leave that to the Lord. I'll just be thankful for what ever He gives us. Amen?

But along with November comes preparations for the holiday seasons. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas. I love this time of the year. Be sure to mark your calendars for November 24. That is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and we will be doing our annual Wednesday on Tuesday Thanksgiving service. There will be a covered dish supper and Thanksgiving prayer time around the tables.

And then of course December 4, 5 and 6 will be this year's *Taste of Christmas*. Start praying for God's grace to shower down upon all that we do this year.

Also be praying for Stewardship Committee as they prepare our budget for 2010. We will be presenting the budget during the November Church Conference and voting on it the first Sunday of December during the morning Worship Service. Thank you for being such a gracious church. God bless.

Bro. Russell



Budgeted Offerings:

- Oct. 4-\$4,861
- Oct. 11-\$2,223
- Oct. 18-\$3,703
- Oct. 25-\$1,992

- Nov. 1-Mishay McManigell
- Nov. 2-Jayla Hathcock
- Nov. 2-Bernice Newcomb
- Nov. 3-Garrett Virgin
- Nov. 6-John Mosley
- Nov. 8-Kacie Galyon
- Nov. 11-Chelsea King
- Nov. 17-Keith McBrayer
- Nov. 18-Matthew Hamner
- Nov. 22-Lea Weaver
- Nov. 29-Cassie Lovell
- Nov. 30-Rachel Powell
- Nov. 30-Steve Wampler



Wednesday Night Supper

- Nov. 4-Red Beans, cornbread, fried potatoes, rice krispy treats
- Nov. 11-Chili, chips, hot dogs, brownies
- Nov. 18-Baked potato soup, broccoli cheese soup, salad, pies
- Nov. 24-Covered Dish (Tuesday)

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- Nov. 1-Keith & Sylvia McBrayer
- Nov. 8-Tony & Gloria Amerson
- Nov. 15-Matthew Burkett, Jill Wylie
- Nov. 22-Robert Minchew, Debra Fulenckek
- Nov. 29-Don & Mozell Riggle



News from Rachel Powell

We recently went out on a research trip in order to locate 4-6 people groups for a team of leaders coming from the Tennessee Baptist Convention. We found 4 people groups that we wanted to introduce. At one village, we told stories from the Father's Word and there were a few men that said they wanted to follow. This past week, we visited the people groups, and could tell that the Father had gone before us and done some awesome work. They were so ready to hear the stories and ask questions about what we believed. The first night we told two stories and had some good discussion. Because the Father was working, one younger man spoke up saying that the man you are talking about in your book, and the man in our book are two different people and you have to choose which path you want to follow. This man was from another village, helping to build a school, so as a guest he was allowed to speak. Culturally a younger man can not negate something an older man says.

The next day the team was sitting and talking with the chief and a few other men from the village. The chief and the men began to ask questions like: If we follow and we have two wives, what do we do with the other wife? If we have made an offering to an idol before the rainy season on our crops, do we have to fulfill this offering if we choose to follow? It is important to know that honoring your father is extremely important in this culture. These questions went on for 3 hours and at the end of this time 6 men wanted to follow, and be symbolically washed. When we began to head to the river, one man said that there were women who wanted to follow and be symbolically washed but could not go then. We decided that they would go to the river again the next morning. So, the next morning we headed off for the river with only one woman with us. When we got to the river 12 more had joined us. This trip was an extreme blessing for me and the men from the convention and now we have 19 new brothers and sisters.



What an exciting month we have ahead for our student ministry! The events that we have planned for November are geared around getting their unchurched friends to our church, and let them know it is not a scary place. I would love for our church family to pray all month long for the unchurched students of Denison and surrounding schools. These events include a Scavenger Hunt that will take place on November 7. We will meet at the church at 3:30 and after the Hunt is concluded, we will be having a bonfire and hayride at the Macon's house. The following Wednesday, November 11, is an event that I have been looking so forward to. We will be worshipping with a few churches from the area and share plans for how all our churches will soon impact our area. That particular Wednesday, we will have our normal worship service at First Baptist Church, Denison. There will be more information soon! On November 21, we will be holding one of my personally favorite events, our Annual Turkey Bowl! The Turkey Bowl will be at the church at 5:30 p.m. We will have food and fun. Be sure to invite your friends and be the first winner of the most coveted Gobbler Trophy! Lastly, all Wednesday night activities for November 25 will be moved to November 24. So mark your calendars! And, remember to continue praying for your friends that might not know who Jesus is!

Prayer Requests:

1. The new brothers and sisters.
2. The Tennessee Convention as they seek the Father's guidance on how to follow up.
3. Travel this week for retreat, training and research.

Write to her at:

Rachel Powell
s/c SILAH Mali,
B.P. 2017
Bamako, Mali



MEN'S RETREAT



Men's Conference
With guest speaker
Neal Jeffrey
at Sabine Creek Ranch
January 22-23, 2010

Cost for the conference is \$75 and includes 3 great meals, conference fee and lodging. Sign up in the foyer or see Gary Smithers for more details.



Our church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year by having a shoebox packing party on Saturday, November 14, at 3 p.m. We will be packing shoeboxes with donated items to benefit Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. This ministry, headed by Franklin Graham, sends teams of volunteers to hand deliver shoeboxes filled with simple gifts that bring the hope and love of Jesus Christ to desperately needy children around the world. The boxes are used as an evangelistic tool to open the door for the gospel to be shared with the children and their families. We need your help to donate the items needed to fill the shoeboxes, and to donate money to help cover the shipping costs. For each shoebox that we donate, we must also donate \$7 to cover shipping. A list of suggested items to fill the boxes can be picked up at the church. A box has been provided in the foyer to collect items. Everyone is encouraged to attend the party for a wonderful time of fellowship and service.



Adult Mission Study
Tuesday Nov. 13
10:30 a.m.

**Men & Women are invited to
attend the Mission Study.**



Music Notes

November is already here. I love November because it is the season of Thanksgiving and we have so much for which we can be thankful! What a wonderful church family we have. Many new ministries are being started this month, such as the Operation Lighthouse Apartment Ministry, Angel Food Ministry and English as a Second Language classes, just to name a few.

Everyone gets excited about the Christmas season which we should, but don't get so excited that you miss out on Thanksgiving and forget to count your blessings.

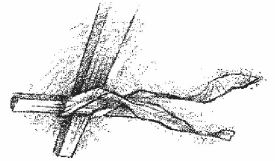
Work continues on the musical for Taste of Christmas. This year's presentation will be "*On This Very Night*." Mark your calendars and begin inviting people to come to the Taste of Christmas on December 4, 5, and 6—and remember—we need everyone involved to make it a success.

Special thanks to those who provided special music for the month of October: Darlene Nix, Nicole Minchew and James and Kristen Testerman.

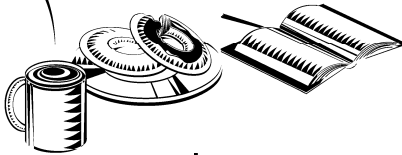


Our church is now up and running as a host site for Angel Food Ministries. Angel Food provides selections of groceries for purchase at a greatly reduced cost. These groceries are available for anyone to purchase. All of our church members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Selections include the signature box, which will feed a family of 4 for about a week, the convenience package, which contains prepared meals specifically designed for seniors, a produce selection, and several meat options. All orders must be made and paid for in advance. Food must be picked up at the church at the scheduled time on distribution day. Full menus for each month will be available at the church.

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BREAKFAST MEETING



Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 8:00 a.m.
In Fellowship Hall

Remember to give faithfully to the World Missions Offering

60% goes to the Lottie
Moon Christmas Offering
for Foreign Missions
20% goes to the Annie
Armstrong Easter Offering
for Home Missions
20% goes to the Mary
Hill Davis Offering
for State Missions



Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. - Discipleship Classes

Wednesday

4:30 p.m. - Acteens
5:30 p.m. - Family Supper
6:30 p.m. - Children's Missions Organizations
6:30 p.m. - Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Youth Worship "Oasis"
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal