



### A Note From Your Pastor

We are embarking on an exceptionally busy time of year. The Thanksgiving holiday launches the preparation for Christmas and the New Year. Family gatherings, parties, and general hustle and bustle are the norm for these next 8 weeks or so. Usually, I might advocate that the Church should offer a different way of being to the rest of the world -- to slow down, take something out of your life to reduce stress and add meaning in a different way. However, this year, I think the Church, particularly this congregation, should jump right in the festive waters with both feet.

(OK, take a moment to re-read the last sentence.) Yes, I did say to fill up your schedule this holiday season -- from the week of Thanksgiving all the way through January 6 (Epiphany which ends the Christmas season). Go crazy with parties -- for work, for friends, and for family. Get out in the middle of the shops and the malls, the traffic and everything that goes with it -- except the poor, frustrated attitude. Start putting up your decorations now. Don't wait until everybody else is doing it.

You might be thinking that I have already dipped into the spiked eggnog -- who tells us to get busier during this time of year? Here's why. At this time of year (November through the New Year), all of the messages we hear are about being thankful, grateful, merry, and happy for everything in your life. Honestly, it's a little too sweet -- fake sweet, like, saccharine on steroids. Our (my -- but stay with me) reaction, then, is to pull inward and become cynical to it all. When that happens, we dwell on the things that aren't going well, the people and things that we have lost, our hurts and our pains -- physical and emotional. We don't feel like celebrating. When we don't feel like celebrating, we won't. We will miss out on the rich joy of the season.

Mother Teresa used to be questioned all the time about how she was able to maintain her hopeful spirit as she encountered so much suffering around her.

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### October Budget Corner

General Budget needed per month	\$22,522.67
General Budget received in October	\$19,129.00
Building Accounts received in October	\$ 255.00

Her response: Fake it until you make it. When she didn't feel hopeful, but others expected her to offer hope in the midst of despair, she pushed herself into feeling hopeful -- until she WAS hopeful.

Advent begins at the end of this month, on November 29. Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy are the themes of each Sunday in Advent. You will not want to miss this important time as we prepare our hearts, minds, and lives for the coming of the Christ Child -- once again. I hope that this year, you will discover anew the meaning of God's breaking-in to our world in such a significant way.

Grateful Thanks, Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy don't just happen, they are continually cultivated by our relationship with God and one another. I invite you to discover anew how each of these is alive and vibrant in your life of faith. Let's get busy!

I'll see you Sunday.  
Kyle



### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery is provided during the Worship service for our infants through four year olds. Barbara Thompson is our wonderful and dedicated Nursery staff person, who is in her 39th year at First Christian Church!

November 1	Buie Williams
November 8	Hilda Smith
November 15	Jane Bartlette
November 22	Evelyn Coffey
November 29	Mattie Ray Wiser

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Worship and Wonder: Children ages 3 years old through fifth grade are welcome to join Donnye and Bonnye Fields following the praise hymn the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month for their own special time of worship in the Worship and Wonder room and sometimes in Class Rooms 2 & 3.

Nov. 1	Worship and Wonder
Nov. 15	Worship and Wonder

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school for adults, children & youth from ages 4 through 12th grade.

### Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet November 8, at 7:30 am for breakfast. Guest speaker TBA

### Disciples Women (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet on November 10. Beginning at 9:30 am with Helping Hands

11:00 am Fellowship

11:30 am - bring a Sack lunch

12:00 pm Program - Allison Clark

### Elders Meet

The Elders will meet Sunday, November 15, at 8:00 am

### Board Meets

The Board will meet Sunday, November 15, at 5:30 pm

### Circles Meet

Circle I - Tuesday, November 17, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor. Naomi Thompson is facilitating.

Circle III - Tuesday, November 17, at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Area. Janelle Douglas is facilitating. They are studying Revelation, led by Wilma Beam.

### Choir Stew & Cornbread Fundraiser Luncheon

The Choir will be sponsoring its annual Stew & Cornbread Luncheon, Sunday, November 1, in Fellowship Hall following Worship. The cost is \$6 per person, \$18 per family. Proceeds will go toward our Christmas musical. Come join us for fun, fellowship and delicious food!!

### Community Thanksgiving Service

The Bedford County Ministerial Association will hold its annual Community Thanksgiving Service, November 22, at The First Church of the Nazarene, 834 Union Street, Shelbyville, at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend as we give thanks to God for all of His blessing and to support the Ministerial Association with their community outreach programs.

## Church Bake Sale



### ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Our annual Bake and Craft sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies AND Gentlemen, please be planning your food and craft donations! There will be an "Attic Treasures" booth again this year. We will need items in good condition to fill this booth. Complimentary coffee and goodies will be served at 8:30 am prior to the sale. We will also have a table set up for the sale of our cook-books. CWF will host the event. Proceeds will go to local outreach projects. All church members are invited to participate. Please bring baked goods, Attic Treasures and crafts to the church Friday evening between 4:00 and 7:00 pm or between 7:00 & 8:00 am Saturday morning.

### GOOD SAMARITAN



Thank you to all who brought peanut butter and crackers in last month for Good Samaritan. We, at First Christian Church, will continue to provide much needed food to Good Sam.

The November Food Focus is canned meats: Spam, tuna fish, chicken, Vienna sausages and canned fruit of any kind.....let's continue to load the shelf to overflowing!



## Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

The Wednesday night prayer group, facilitated by Dennis Young, will continue to meet from 5:30 - 6:00 pm in the Cross & Chalice Room.



Rev. Kyle will lead a 4 week Study on "Basics of Bible Study: A Change in Perspective" beginning Wednesday, October 28 through November 18, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Prayer Concerns of the Church



### In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living

*Carriage House Inn*

Rose Marie Clark

Melba Henry

Mary Lynn Prince

*Glenn Oaks*

Albert Smithson

*Brookdale Senior Living*

Cornelia Riddle

### At Home

Janie Burke

Jennifer Carden

Linda Carden

Mai Coffey

Sandy Craig

Terry Craig

Brenda Hancock

Buddy Haynes

Virginia Ann Haynes

Bucker Huffman

Miles McCullough

Curtis Morton

Annette Palmer

Leighton Reed

JoAnn Smith

Ted York



## Memorials

### In Memory of Charlie Coffey

Frank & Janelle Douglas

James Haslam, II

Edward C. Huffman, Jr.

Ferrous Processing & Trading

Ann Siewert

Ted & Lita York

### In Memory of Julio Francesconi

Bob & Janie Burke

Rose Marie Clark

Edward C. Huffman, Jr.

Anne McMahan

### In Memory of Bo Melson

Edward C. Huffman, Jr.

### In Memory of Alpha Philpott

Edward C. Huffman, Jr.

### In Memory of June Savage

Anne McMahan


Edward C. Huffman, Jr.

Elsie Reese

# November 2015

# Thanksgiving Blessings



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11:15 am Choir Stew & Cornbread Luncheon	2	3	4 5:30 pm Prayer Meeting 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	5 9:30 am CBS	6	7
8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast	9	10 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:00 CWF	11 5:30 pm Prayer Meeting 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	12 9:30 am CBS	13	14
15 8 am Elders Meet 5:30 pm Board Meets	16	17 2 pm Circle I 6 pm Circle III	18 5:30 pm Prayer Meeting 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	19 9:30 am CBS	20	21
22 6 pm Commu- nity Thanksgiving Service. Nazarene Church	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED 	27	28
29	30					



## November Birthdays

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| 3 David Boggs<br>Josh Philpott       | 22 Patrick Bell  |
| 4 Jennifer Vannatta-<br>Hall         | 25 Ricky Davis<br>Bill Pietkiewicz                     |
| 6 Scott Hall<br>Deby Richardson      | 26 Ruth Cartwright<br>Carrie Beth<br>(McDonald) Catron |
| 9 Kayleigh Caldwell                  | 27 Karen Sue<br>McDonald<br>Hilda Smith                |
| 12 Miriam Pietkiewicz                | 30 Lynn Hulan  |
| 13 Kasie Caldwell<br>Tabitha Lewis   |  |
| 16 Dani Grace Pitts<br>Kathryn Pitts |  |
| 16 Evelyn Methvin                    |  |

## November Elders

Larry Price

## October Deacons

Amy Mitchell  
Jeff Mitchell