



November 2019

## Florence Baptist Church News

### Count Your Blessings!



#### Dates to Remember

#### November

Nov. 2 - Decorating for Fall Festival - 10 am to 12 noon

**Nov. 3 - Fall Festival**—4 to 6 pm  
Youth to Clinton Sease Farm & Corn maze following Festival

Nov. 10 - Christmas Child shoeboxes due.  
Women on Mission & Men's Ministry Meeting - at 6:30 pm

Nov. 12 - Budget & Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm

Nov. 13 - Church Council Meeting after Bible Study

Nov. 16 - Men's road clean-up - at 7 am

Nov. 19 - Budget & Finance Meeting - 6:30 pm

Nov. 20 - Ladies Outreach -10 am  
Family Night Supper - 6:30 pm followed by Bible Study & Business Meeting

**Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal** after Morning Worship

Nov. 27 - Youth celebrate Thanksgiving - 7 pm

**Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving is a special time of year when we are reminded of all the reasons we should be thankful!

Here are some thoughts about the popular Thanksgiving hymn "Count Your Blessings." Martin Luther once wrote: "The greater God's gifts and works, the less they are regarded. A hungry man is more thankful for his morsel than a rich man for his heavy-laden table. A lonely woman in a nursing home will appreciate a visit more than a popular woman with a party thrown in her honor.

If the birds only broke out in song once a year, we'd all pay close attention. But because they sing every morning, we scarcely bother to listen.

Everyday is a good day to deliberately thank God for something you have never mentioned in Thanksgiving.

*"Count your blessings. Name them one by one!!"*

(Provided by Russ Stansell)



Our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal will take place on November 24th after the Morning Worship Service. Turkey and ham will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan now to attend on this special Sunday and take part in our "Thanksgiving Celebration!"



## Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival

by Carri Lybarker

Make plans to come out Sunday, November 3rd, from 4:00-6:00pm for FBC's Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival. There will be activities for all ages! We'll have a trunk or treat, gladiator jousting & bungee run, pumpkin painting, photo booth, cake walk, food & more!

We hope you come out for this time of fun and fellowship and help spread the word and invite some friends, too!

Reminders:

- (1) Pumpkin carvers- If you signed up to carve a pumpkin, please drop it off in the Family Life Center on 11/3 by 4pm.
- (2) Trunk or Treat cars - Check-in is between 3 & 3:30pm on 11/3. All vehicles will need to be set-up & ready to go by 4pm.

Let me know if you have any questions

Thanks,

Carri Lybarker

Here are some pictures from last year's Fall Festival:



## Women On Mission

by Lynette Sharpe

You may be asking, "What is Women on Mission." Women on Mission groups provide a relational and dynamic way for women to grow in Christ and answer His call to make disciples. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We meet in the Family Life Center at 6 pm the third Sunday of each month. It's a time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer. It's a time to grow in our relationship with God and with each other. It's an opportunity to encourage others and be encouraged. Also, it is a time to plan mission projects to reach out to those in need and share the gospel of Christ.

Our next meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be joining the Men's Ministry that night. The men will be providing the meal and the ladies a devotional. We will not meet in December due to the busy Christmas schedule.

Please plan to attend on November 10th.

## Youth News

by Amanda Bannister



November 3rd - After the fall festival, we are going to Clinton-Sease Farm for a night run in the corn maze. The cost is \$12 per person plus money for drinks and snacks.

November 27th - We will have "Friendsgiving!" We will start at 7 with a big meal. Then we will wrap up the evening with football and a fire pit! Invite your friends to all of it!



## From the Music Department...

by Russ Stansell



The adult Christmas program, "While Angels Watched," will be a combined presentation of dialogue and music. It would be a great time for you to participate by helping the choir as we sing during the program!! We will be learning some new material together as well as some traditional Christmas songs.

The Wade family has been a great blessing to the choir and you can be too!! Please consider joining us, at least to help present the Christmas program..

## Operation Christmas Child

by Phyllis Edgell

Don't forget to fill your boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They will be due on November 10th. Postage will be \$9.00 per box. We filled 75 boxes last year and would like to do the same this year.



The Ladies Outreach will have their November meeting at 10 am on November 20 at the church.  
All ladies are invited to attend.

**Poinsettias:** The Holiday Season is right around the corner! We will be decorating the church sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season again this year. A sign-up sheet will be available in early November for those who wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor, celebration or in memory of a loved one. They will be \$6 a piece. See Carri Lybarker with any questions.



From the Lexington Baptist Association:

**The Senior Adult Fall Festival** will be held on Thursday, November 14th, 2019 from 10:30 AM until 1PM.

Location - Oakwood Baptist Church, 3520 Mineral Springs Rd, Lexington

Shealy's will cater lunch. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Lexington Baptist Association (255 Two Notch Rd, Lexington) LBA Phone # 356-2543



Don't forget to Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at 2 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour!

## Upcoming Events

December 8 - Hanging of the Greens 4:30 to 6 pm

December 15 - Children's Christmas Program 6 pm

December 22 - Adult Christmas Program 6 pm

December 23 - Church-wide Christmas Caroling 6 pm



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### ***Family Night*** is the third Wednesday night every month!

#### **If you haven't come out for Family Night, you don't know what you are missing!!**

Family Night is a time of fellowship and food! It is also a time of Bible and business! We eat at 6:30 after which Pastor Kurt leads us in a time of Bible study. This Bible study is one you don't want to miss! We dig deep! We question and discuss! If you have an interest in what God says in his Word, come and join us on Wednesday nights for Bible Study. On the third Wednesday night of the month, we also have our monthly business meeting. If you are a member of our church, attending the business meetings is a way for you to keep up with what our church is doing and to have a part in deciding what we do. If you are not a member, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as we serve God in this community.

Speaking of being a member, our Membership Committee is presently trying to update our church membership roll. If you have joined our church sometime in the past but have not attended lately, **we want you back!** You will probably be receiving a letter concerning your status as a member of our church. The Membership Committee is using the following criteria to determine who our active members are and who are the members who are inactive:

**Active member means a member who regularly attends church services and/or supports the church financially or in some area of service.**

**Inactive member means a member who does not attend church services regularly and does not support the church financially or in a service capacity.**

We hope you will join us on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings too for worship and fellowship as we grow together in our walk as Christians.