

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Bob Smith
2nd Sunday: Kelly Coons
3rd Sunday: Eric Parker
4th Sunday: Tony Silver

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1st Sunday: Rhonard MacRae
2nd Sunday: Tony Silver
3rd Sunday: Mary Faw
4th Sunday: Bob Smith

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November Wedding Anniversaries

Keith & Holly Hollar 9
Ray & Joan Vess 11
Thurman & Lenora Padgham 15
Bob & Bobbie Bishop 22
Gayden & Margie Swann 23
Danny & Janice Whitley 28

November Birthdays

Ray Vess 3
Rachel Gilliam 5
Exam Haney 5
Wendy Gaffigan 6
Anne Raines 9
Tanner Yates 11
Betty Marlowe 12
Tonya Blanton 16
Buddy Freeman 16
Becky Smith 18
George Early 21
Joan Vess 21
Bobbie Bishop 24
Tammy Whitson 24
Wanda Parker 26
Raymond Troxell 26
Andrew Coons 27
Jack Norton 27
Nathan Smith 28
Chris Thomas 28
James Carswell 29
Robbie Yates 30

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

SUNDAY:
9:45 - Bible Study
11 - Worship Service
5 - Youth, Children's Choir
6 - Evening Worship Service, TeamKIDS
7 - Praise Team

MONDAY:
6:15 - Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY:
6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's, Acteens, Mission Friends
7 - Adult Choir Practice

Nov 5 - Game Night 6pm
Nov 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 6 - Deacon's Meeting 7pm
Nov 8 - Election Day
Nov 10 - Senior Adult Rally 10:30 am at Bethel Baptist Church
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
Nov 13 - Youth Council 7pm
Nov 15 - Blood Drive
Nov 18 & 19 - Hearts on Fire Conference
Nov 20 - Youth Lead Team Meeting 7pm
Nov 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service at 7pm at Greenlee Baptist Church
Nov 23 - No Services
Nov 24 - Office Closed
Nov 25 - Thanksgiving, Office Closed
Nov 27 - Hanging of the Green

Pastor's Ponderings

I happen to have a lot of stuff I have collected over the years. I rent storage space from Phil and Liz, and from time to time I go and look at and inventory my stuff. Last Tuesday, I went to the storage unit where my stuff is which is right beside I-40. Something seemed very strange to me as I was looking around. There was no traffic in the eastbound side of I-40. I began to wonder if there was a huge accident that completely blocked that side of the interstate. After a time, there was still no traffic and my curiosity began to build. Every now and then I would hear voices coming over a loud speaker, but still no traffic. About twenty minutes later a police motorcycle came down the road with the police lights on. A few minutes later another came by and still no traffic. If finally dawned on me I had heard something about President Obama coming to our area, but I wasn't sure when. Finally as I watched I saw a motorcade coming down the highway. There were Highway Patrol cars, County Sheriff's cars, police motorcycles, SUV's, with two large buses right in the middle of it all. I was within 50 yards of the President of the United States of America and then right on down the road he went. I was still left at my storage unit with all my stuff.

All this brought a prominent spiritual truth to my mind. We all have a lot of stuff we have collected to which we hang on. We have a tendency to keep it, depend on it, cherish it, inventory it, and we just don't want to let go. The Bible says one day Jesus is coming back to get His children. He is coming with a trumpet sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise, and then those who remain will be changed in an instant, and join Jesus in the air. All the stuff will be left behind. The Bible makes this truth plain and clear. It will take place. All those who put their faith in Jesus Christ will go with Him when He comes.

When the disciples asked Jesus when this would take place, Jesus told them to watch for the signs. It is our responsibility as Christians to spread the news. We can't make others listen, understand, and accept; but we are still to tell of the salvation Jesus has to offer those who will believe. We are to let them know that Jesus is coming at a time we do not expect, like a thief in the night. The world needs to know to always be ready. Once He comes it will be too late.

One day people will look around and things will seem strange. They will be inventorying their stuff and the sky will seem different. Everything around them will seem strange. People will be missing. They will realize all this somehow seems like something they have read or heard about before. Then it will dawn on them the news they heard about Jesus coming back must have happened. They will stand looking up, left behind, with all their stuff. How about you?

Pastor Duane



Dear pastor Caldwell & FBC Family,
God shows his love through the warmth & kindness of special people like you. Thank you & God bless. We are thanking God for your love & care of our family during this time of loss. We appreciate so much your prayers, presence, & the wonderful meal. The Family of Bud Faw is thanking you for your kindness!

Thank you all for the beautiful pink mixed basket & the lunch, it was very good. Thank you for your kindness & sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. The Betty Hripto Family

Dear FBC,
Your kind & thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated & gratefully acknowledged. Johnsie Walker Family

We thank you bunches & bunches! For lending us your mini bus, & driver. Pharr Chapel AMEZ Church & Pastor Rev. David Rankin



Introducing Katherine's Closet...A Prom Dress Ministry!
Many of you knew my grandmother, Katherine Noblitt, and what a caring person she was. In her memory and with God's guidance, I wanted to start a ministry to help young girls be able to attend their prom. Many girls in our county don't have the money to purchase a dress to wear to the prom, so I will be collecting dresses for them. I will need the support of our church in many ways, First and foremost please keep this ministry in your prayers. Even if we can help one girl it will all be worth it. Secondly, I need all of you to spread the word that I will be collecting dresses. Most every girl who has been to a prom has an old prom dress hanging in their closet that they will never wear again. So let's put those dresses to good use and help make a high school girl really feel special. Thirdly, if anyone is able to do alterations on dresses please let me know. I am very excited about this ministry and I look forward to seeing it grow. Thanks and much love, Hayley Duncan

Sunday School materials for December–March will be ordered November 16. Thus, if you are receiving too many/few or unused Sunday School materials, please complete the 'Material Update Form' in your classroom by November 6th. Thank you!!

The Thanksgiving Community Service will be at Greenlee Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM and David Rankin will be preaching. Refreshments will be served following the service. Everyone is invited for a time of worship, thanksgiving, and fellowship.

Just a reminder that our website has copies of our newsletters, calendars, and bulletins. There are also pages for information about our missions, ministries, youth, other activities.



* Nov. 30th not included

HERE WE GROW...OCTOBER*

Avg. Worship Attendance... Avg. 82 General Fund...\$2,501
Avg. SS Attendance... Avg. 56 Maint/Bldg Fund.....\$290

Come and join us for the annual Hanging of the Green Service as we decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season on November 27 at 6 PM. Anyone who would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone may do so. The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary during the Hanging of the Green Service. The deadline for orders will be Wednesday, November 22. Order forms will be inserted in the bulletin and also available in the vestibule and the church office. The cost for the is large \$12.50 & the small is \$9.50.



Homebound: Marjorie McEntire, Hugh Guffey, Angie Knupp, Mary McEntire, Exam Haney, George Early, Grady & Mildred McCauley, Bob Bishop, Charles & Betty Marston
Nursing Home: Carolyn Miller, Francis Morris, Marvin McEntire, Bernice McAfee, Ronnie Harmon



Fall has flown by. Leaves fell quickly, seems like they were brilliant for about 2 days and then the wind blew, the storms came and it was over. Our lives seem to get a bit like that this time of year, We begin to get into panic mode (*which I have been accused of*) thinking about the next couple of months and what we need to accomplish. Hey, I've already celebrated Christmas in my heart ... because I must start very early to prepare. Speaking of early, I have already received Easter demo music in the mail from several publishers.

I say all that to illustrate the fact that I am extremely aware that I need to slow down and smell the mums. Do you? I am determined that I will not let the commercialism of the next couple of months wind my spring any tighter than it already is- I resolve to:

take time to enjoy the holiday specials on the Hallmark channel.
Spend some special time with my friends and family at church and at home
Make sure that my wants don't become more important than the needs of those less fortunate
Do some extra baking and enjoy the time in the kitchen with my Mother
Learn a new song
Get into the "word" more (remember that sermon?)
Extra prayer time for so many that need prayers

May I remind you of a couple of things to pray about. The cantata that the choir is doing with FBC Black Mountain is an important event in the life of our church. The children are preparing to sing in worship in the next little while. The newly re-organized praise team is working and learning so as to help lead in worship. All is right with the world?!?!?! Not all of us can be a part of the musical life of the church but you can pray and encourage with your smiles and hugs.. Grab hold and let's pull together through the rest of this year. You are needed, wanted and loved by ME. Blessings, LLP



Working with the youth is the best way there is to stay young. They are fresh, exciting, and willing to take risks. Our youth are amazing. They invite and bring their friends to church, they encourage their parents to come to church, and they want to spend time with all ages in our church. For instance, on the first Saturday of each month our youth have a game night in the fellowship hall. The youth would like to invite everyone in our church, no matter what age, to join them. They want to get to know you by spending time with you. So come join our children and youth on Super Saturday Game Night at 6 PM and bring your family, your favorite game, and your favorite snack.

Our youth are also involved in community outreach. On October 31, they are doing a reverse trick or treat in some neighborhoods in Old Fort. The youth are going door to door and instead of getting candy, they will give out bags with candy, gospel tracts, and information about our church. The youth just recently went to Mountain Ridge Wellness Center to visit not only those from our church, but other residents as well. Over 20 children, youth, and adults were involved in the trip after they had a baked spaghetti meal. Our youth are setting a wonderful example for all of us.

On November 18, the youth will leave for the Hearts on Fire Conference in Gatlinburg. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to and from the conference. Thank you to all who give their time, money, and talents to support our youth. God has blessed our youth with a great support network. God has blessed our church with great youth.

Individual OCC shoeboxes can be dropped off in the sanctuary on any Sunday before Nov. 20. Empty boxes are available upon request.



Nov. 15th
2 pm - 6pm



Area OCC collection dates in the fellowship hall are as follows:

Mon. through Fri. week of Nov. 14 to 18 from 8:30 am until 5:30 pm
Sat. Nov. 19 from 10 am until 1 pm
Sun. Nov. 20 from 1 pm until 3 pm
Mon. Nov. 21 from 8:30 am until 1 pm