

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Time to Offer Thanksgiving

In Psalm 107:1-2, we read ---- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story - those He redeemed from the hand of the foe."

It's so easy to find frustration in the midst of our day. The little things can drive us bonkers. They distract us, frustrate us, and ultimately lead us to take our eyes off of God and the blessings we have received from Him.

It seems to happen all too often, and it takes a different reminder to turn back to God and experience the joy and the promises of His presence. Sometimes, though, we linger in that dark valley. So many of the times when that happens, we're not even sure why we're in the valley. We say, "I woke up on the wrong side of the bed," etc.

As we move towards Thanksgiving, and then Christmas, let us not allow the distractions of the world around us... elections, politics, family issues, family drama, life drama, even sickness... let them not turn us away from recognizing we are a blessed people.

In this psalm, we are called to give thanks for God's goodness and steadfast love. This season invites us to pause and reflect on how God has worked in our lives - in all circumstances, the good and not so good.

Thanksgiving isn't just about the feast on our tables; it's a posture of the heart. It's an opportunity to recount the ways God has redeemed us, provided for us, and shown us grace. Let us share how God has been faithful in our lives, encouraging one another to also see their blessings.

It's my prayer that you will give thanks to God for His blessings in your life and you would have a heart which seeks to give those blessings to others as well. I hope you will find moments to share Jesus with a world who desperately needs a Savior.

If I can offer a challenge to you - - This week, take a moment each day to write down a few things you are thankful for. Share these with someone in your life, and encourage them to do the same. Let's spread the hope we have in the risen Savior, Jesus, the Christ!

Pastor Michael

Did You Ever Wonder?

Did you ever wonder how our church boards are elected? Since November has another election happening in it, we thought you might wonder about church "politics."

Would you like to be part of an election that doesn't have you standing in a long line to exercise your right to vote, seeing a constant barrage of controversial advertising on your social media, or feeling overwhelmed as if it doesn't matter? Do you think this scenario is impossible?

Well, it's not. Alexandria First Baptist Church has by-laws outlining how we do many things, including the choosing and election of Boards and Officers. Our Chairmen have already had their first meeting and are ready to present the slate of officers.

Here's where you come in. Come to the business meeting. Your presence is needed. You are a part of our community and your input is welcome. The November business meeting will be a presentation of candidates. The vote happens at the December meeting. You are needed then, too!

You will receive other information, also. You will hear a clerk's summary of the last meeting, a treasurer's report, a completion of old business, and proposals of any new business. The December meeting will have the presentation of the proposed budget. The January evening will also include a yearly meeting where you will hear a report from each board and each pastor. You will marvel at the various activities of each ministry.

Plan to come the third Wednesday of November, December, January, April, and August. Maybe God will speak to you about a place where you, too, can serve.

Kevin and Beth Thompson

Impact

The youth group will have a Progressive Dinner on **Sunday, November 3rd**. We will leave the church at 5:00pm and head to the homes of different church members for each course of a meal. We will return to the church at 8:30pm.

S.A.L.T. Society (Seasoned Adults Learning Together)

On **Tuesday, November 5** at **11:30am**, we will leave from the church to go out to eat. All are welcome to join us!



Veteran's Day Sunday

November 10, 2024

Alexandria First Baptist Church

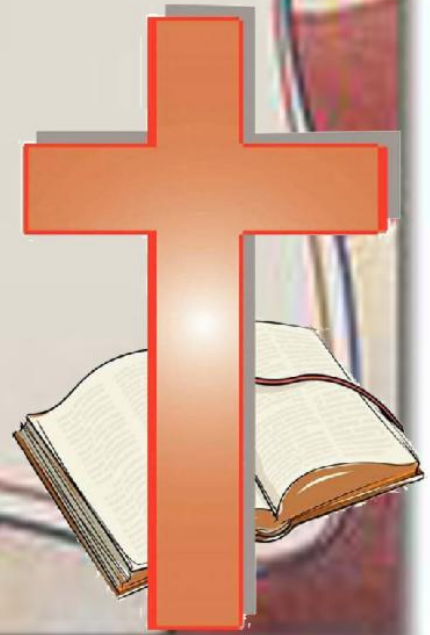
A special worship service to honor our God, our country and those men and women who served.

Veterans of our church and our community are invited to attend with their families. Please RSVP with your name and the number attending to the church office at 724-2457 by Friday, Nov. 8, 2024

- 9:30-10:15am Coffee and Doughnuts
(For veterans and their families in the Family Life Center) - Use Door #3
- 10:15 - 10:30am Reserved Seating
in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 Special Worship Service featuring
First Baptist Worship Arts Dept.



Guest Speaker:
WTHR - Channel 13
Chuck Lofton
Senior Meteorologist
Keynote Speaker
Patriot



YOUTH SUNDAY

November 17th

Sunday, November 17th will be Youth Sunday! IMPACT will lead all aspects of the morning worship service. We hope to have the best Sunday morning attendance of the year for this special event, so please come and invite your friends and neighbors!

The youth group requests that you bring a non-indexed, physical Bible with you to church this day.

No, Bible apps on your phones don't count this time! We have something special planned and we'll need your participation. If you don't bring a Bible with you, you might just miss out on some cool prizes, just sayin'!

Everyone, doesn't this awesome fall weather give you a heart of gratitude for our many blessings?! A heart of gratitude can encourage giving, so let's give big in our Operation Christmas Child this year.

The Branch Class is once again sponsoring a packing party. We invite you to come help pack donations and share a meal beginning at **10:00am on Saturday, November 23rd**. This is a wonderful way to start the giving season. If there is anyone who would like to donate money for us to do the shopping, please see Elaine Bronner or me (Gerry Cloncs.)

A reminder that the Watchmen will be praying at the Alexandria Jr/Sr High School at **3:15pm on the first Thursday of each month**

Also, watch for announcements for an opportunity to serve for a one day cleaning project at Heaven's Warehouse.

In Christ's service,

Gerry Cloncs

FBC Kids had a Lock-In in October and had a blast!





Attention FBC Kids!

Friday, November 1st from 6:00-9:00pm - Family Movie Night!

One or more adult should attend with each child. We will eat dinner and watch a movie.

Sunday, November 17th from 12:00-2:30pm - Lunch and baking day with someone you love! This is the collection day for Operation Christmas Child.

One adult per child, please. RSVP to FBC office or Miss Jill by Sunday, November 10th.

Sunday, December 1st - Birthday Party for Jesus

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30pm - Children's Christmas Program



THE THIRD TUESDAY TABLE

The Deaconesses of First Baptist Church are hosting community dinners!
These are held on the Third Tuesday of each month. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

This month's dinner will be **November 19th** from **5:00pm-6:00pm.**

Meal will be Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, and a dessert.

Dine in only - no carry outs.

Impact Fall Party / Lock-In

Last weekend, the youth group enjoyed a hayride, campfire, games, a caramel apple bar, and much more. There was a costume contest and we'd like to give a special shoutout to Jacob Neese who dressed up as Jeff Miller! Everyone looked great!



BETTERMAN men's ministry meets every Sunday evening from 6:00-7:30pm. If you haven't signed up already, please visit www.betterman.com/register

 BETTERMAN

All material is free and the hope is that we grow in our relationships as men and become a better-man.

Books and More Books

I have laid out many books in the Family Life Center for people to take. I don't want them back. I want you to have them, keep them, sell them, give them as gifts (but not to me!).

Pastor Michael

SERVICES



Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

6:00pm: Betterman Men's Ministry

Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch

S.A.L.T. Society meets on the first Tuesday of every month

Wednesday

6:30pm: Bible Study

6:30pm: High Point (K-3rd), Crew 456 (4th-6th), Impact (7th-12th)

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