

November 2011

First Baptist Church of Apopka



*Happy Thanksgiving
From the Staff of
First Baptist Apopka
God bless you!*

*First Things
Monthly Newsletter*

Thanksgiving

I'm always a little surprised to hear someone say that Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday of the year, liking it even better than Christmas. Actually, I like both holidays about equally.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful American holiday dating back to 1621 when the pilgrims celebrated the holiday with some of the local Indians. The pilgrims were slightly dismayed when they saw how many Indians showed up for the celebration, because the Pilgrims thought that their store of food for the winter might be consumed by the large crowd.

Their minds were put at ease when they realized that the Indians had brought plenty of food with them, including turkeys, dressed deer, corn, and other delights. The Indian women taught the Pilgrim women how to make sweet cornbread out of cornmeal and honey. They celebrated for three days, establishing a great friendship between the two ethnic groups.

Today, we hardly have to worry about a shortage of food in this country of abundance. We have to worry about eating too much!

Recently, we have all been discouraged about the financial crisis in our country and around the world; however, we still have much more than most of the rest of the world. The thought may seem ironic, but a time like this necessitates a counting of our blessings. We still have much to be thankful for.

King David wrote a psalm that we all can relate to. The first five verses of Psalms 103 say it well.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Read the whole psalm for yourself. It will cheer you up, for we do, indeed, have more to be thankful for than "...tongue or pen could ever tell."

Your pastor and glad to be so,

Pastor Paul Gordon



New to Our Church

Deborah Pitino
Hal Hutchinson

How Can YOU Help?

The following is a list of monthly needs for Loaves & Fishes. We deliver to Loaves & Fishes once a week. If you would like to donate any of these items, please put them in the grocery basket marked Loaves & Fishes by the Welcome Center/Office double glass doors.

Canned meat	Shampoo	Diapers (all sizes)
Canned fruit	Deodorant	Household items
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Dish soap	Clothes (until
Mac & Cheese	Pine cleaner	Nov. 1st)
Hamburger Helper	Disposable razors	



AWANA Children's Club

Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00. Boys and girls ages 4 years-5th grade. Games, achievements, Bible stories & more! Call Commander Jason Stroub or Karina Stroub at 352-729-2640 or fbcaawana@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Kids on Mission - Wednesday Night @ 6:30 pm Grades K-5

Kids on Mission meets in the Children's Ministry (Awana) Room across from the Fellowship Hall. Exciting mission activities, games, stories. It's new and it's fun!!

Families United Spiritually Impacting Our Nation

Sunday Morning 9:15 Deaf Ministry Sunday School
 Sunday Morning 10:30 Deaf Junior Church
 Sunday Evening 6:00 to 7:00 Fusion Club (K4-6th)
 Wednesday Evening 6:30 to 7:30 Fusion Club (K4-6th)

All Fusion activities are for deaf and hearing children of deaf families



Get Plugged In! Small Groups on Sunday Morning

Stop by Loren's Donut Hut (by the Welcome Center) on Sunday morning on your way to Sunday School! If you don't have a Sunday School small group class to go to, our Sunday School Director, Loren Sauers, can tell you what we have to offer and point you in the right direction. Get plugged in! Find a class and make new friends!!



Deaf Ministry Chapel

Our Deaf Ministry led by Dr. A.C. & Wanda McCann meets in the Fellowship Hall for Chapel services from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday morning. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30. The only exception to this is on the first Sunday of each month when they will be in regular services in the Sanctuary at 10:30 and in Sunday School at the regular time of 9:00-10:15 am.

Senior Exercise Classes Meet Weekly

Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00-12:00.
 Each Wednesday is different so you may start with any class.
 There is no charge for your first visit and then if you like it pay \$20.00 per month.



Maguire State Mission Offering of Florida

Though the MSMO Fla. Baptists are compelled by Christ's compassion to be thoroughly evangelistic & mission minded while at the same time meeting the spiritual & physical needs of hurting people. There are 25 ministries supported by the MSMO.

2011 Goal \$1,405,455.00 FBC Apopka Goal \$1650.00

Ladies' Bible Study - Wednesday Night from 6:30-7:30

It's not being perfect. It's not about being good enough. It's not even if our victories outnumber our failures. It's about our hearts. Do we want what God wants?

Do we want to do things His way? Holiness is not an accomplishment, holiness is about following Christ - chasing after Him - and letting Him transform every segment of your life.

Come join Beth Forsberg as she leads this Bible Study entitled: *The Chase* by Jerry Bridges All ladies welcome in Adult 4 Sunday School room each Wednesday night!

This is an ongoing study. Each lesson is separate. You may attend anytime.





New on Sunday Night!
Contemporary Worship Service @ 6:00
 in the Fellowship Hall.
Traditional Sunday night Worship Service
 in the Worship Center @ 6:00



Jewels for Jesus - Daytime Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday, November 1st @ 10:00 am
& Tuesday, October 15th @ 10:00 am
In the Fellowship Hall

Fall Festival - Saturday, November 5th from 4:00-7:00
Food, games and fun for all ages!!



First Family Breakfast is Sunday, November 6th
@ 8:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Lamplighters' Luncheon is Tuesday, November 8th
@ 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish to share. Program: Patriotic Bingo. Start bringing candy now to fill 150 bags for Good News Clubs in December. Drop off candy to the office or give to Ron or Bunny. See you on the 8th. Remember: Fun, Food & Fellowship!



Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 13
 After morning service

Romeo's (Retired Ole Men Eating Out) Breakfast - Tuesday, November 15th
 8:30 AM at Bubbalou's by Publix on Rock Springs Road



Woman to Woman Craft Day Saturday, November 19th from 10-2

Bring a friend and join us for a day of relaxed fellowship. Bring your own sewing, quilting, scrap booking or other craft. We can help each other learn new skills! Bring your lunch to eat at noon. Sorry no childcare available.

Wednesday, November 30th - Clean the Church!

5:30-5:45 - Bring a sandwich for supper and get ready to clean!
 5:45-7:00 - pick a designated area and clean!
 7:00-7:30 - Wednesday Night Church Service/Prayer Meeting
 7:30-8:30 - Choir rehearsal
 We have a job for everyone to do!!



Handicapped Parking Places at First Baptist Apopka

The handicapped parking places by the side of the church are not enforced **EXCEPT** on **Wednesday evening, all day Sunday and special events during the week/weekend.**

Ladies - Save the Date - Christmas Luncheon
Saturday, December 3rd from 11-2

Start making your plans to decorate a table in the Fellowship Hall with your favorite Christmas decorations & table settings.



Operation Christmas Child Update

If you wish to contribute to the shipping costs for boxes the children are packing, bring your contribution to the office and give it to Sherry or Judy.



Dream Big

Kid's Ministry Conference

This past month we had the awesome blessing of attending the Dream Big Kid's Ministry conference in Nashville, TN. Lori Ahern, Wanda McCann, Eva Smith, Karina Stroub, David Archambault, Sharon Archambault and I, had a wonderful time at this three day event.

There were multiple breakout sessions dealing with the issues that are facing our families and churches today and how to reach these families for Christ. Not to mention the many training and resources made available to us to fuel the spark of revival in our children's ministries. Not only were there sessions for children's workers but also for pastors and ministers dealing with the issues of reaching our communities, church growth and church renewal.

We were treated to times of worship, encouragement and relevant scriptural teachings that also provided the leaders with a time of refreshing and renewal. Please if you have not had an opportunity to view the video of our trip, take time to go to the Kid's Ministry page of our web-site to share in our blessing.

Of course we want to take this time to thank a wonderful sister in Christ, Miss Aronelle Lofton. Miss Lofton continues, even after her return to the Lord, to bless this church and its members. You see, this trip and conference we attended was completely paid for through an endowment that she left to the church to train and equip educational leaders and Sunday school workers. If it were not for her continued support of this ministry this trip would not have been possible. For those of you that didn't know Miss Lofton, she was a long time leader and member of our church, a teacher and assistant principal at Apopka High school and a mentor to many of us. All of us who had her as a mentor, teacher and yes, at times a disciplinarian, owe her a great debt of gratitude, for we would not be the people we are today without her influence in our lives. She is very much missed but not forgotten. Even long after her passing she continues to bless our church and all of us.

We would also like to thank you for your encouraging words and prayers as we went to this conference and we look forward to using the knowledge that we gained to advance the Kid's ministry in our church and community. Kids are the future and life blood of our church, reach the Kids and you will reach the families. I am a testimony to this; you see the Lord used Vacation Bible School at FBC Apopka in 1985 to draw me back to Him, so no one could convince me otherwise that we can reach people through our Kids ministry. Mark 9:36-37, He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

So many thanks again,

Loren Sauers



29th Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal 2011 November 24th from 11:00-1:30



For the past 28 years First Baptist Apopka has served our community with a Thanksgiving Meal complete with all the trimmings. This year is no exception. Our Thanksgiving Meal coordinator, Sally Newman, has planned for another delicious feast this year.

We are asking for volunteers to sign up to bring cooked turkeys, pies & cakes. We are asking for monetary donations to cover the cost of this event. We also need people to volunteer their time - could you spare an hour to help on Thanksgiving Day?

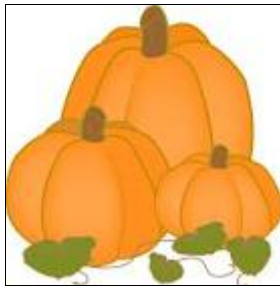


If you want to make a donation please designate on your check the amount you would like to give toward this ministry. Or you may bring your donation to the church office.



This ministry of First Baptist Apopka is a blessing to the less fortunate and to people who have no family or no where to go on Thanksgiving Day.

Many of the local churches have members who donate their time on Thanksgiving Day to help us and we are grateful for their community spirit!



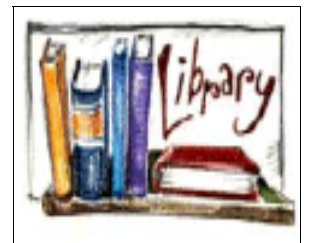
November Library News

***In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.**

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We are thankful for: The anticipation of cooler weather
Pastor's successful surgery
Family and Friends
A loving church
A Library with a great collection of books, puzzles, videos, etc.
Jesus who stands in the gap for us



For You, our library patrons



Two Sunday Night Services

Contemporary Worship Service

@ 6:00

in the Fellowship Hall.

Traditional Sunday night Worship Service

in the Worship Center @ 6:00

First Baptist Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday:

- 9:00 am -Sunday School - A Bible Study program for all ages.
- 9:00 am-Devoted: Youth Small Groups
- 9:00 am - Deaf Ministry Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship Service* 11:00-11:30 am - Kid's Worship
- 10:30 am - Deaf Ministry "Bible Round Table" Sunday School
- 3:45 pm - Handbell Rehearsals
- 4:30-5:45 pm-ASL Sign Language Class
- 5:30-6:00 pm-Women Praying God's Heart Prayer Group (Sept.-May)
- 5:30-7:00-AWANA Children's Bible Club (Sept.-May)
- 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth Fuel Activities (6th-12th grade)
- 6:00 pm - Praise, Worship & Bible Study *

Wednesday:

- 6:30-7:30 pm - Kid's Activities
 - 6:30-7:30 pm-Young Adult Bible Study
 - 6:30-7:30-Deaf Ministry Bible Study in room 108
 - 6:30-7:30 - Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time
 - 6:30 pm - Student Fuel Ministry (6th-12th grade)
 - 6:30 pm - Praise, Prayer and Bible Study *
 - 7:30 pm - Choir & Praise Team rehearsal
- *Nursery provided for infants through 3 years old during service.

Additional Weekly and Monthly Activities

- 1st Sunday of each month - First Family Breakfast 8:30 am
- Each Tuesday of the month - Visitation, Outreach 6 pm
- Each Tuesday of the month-Deaf Ministry Bible Study at 1st & 3rd Tuesday -Jewels for Jesus Ladies' Bible Study @ 10:00 am
- NDA in Mt. Dora 7:00-8:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month - Lamplighters' Luncheon 11:30 am (for the "50 and over crowd") (Sept.-May)
- 3rd Tuesday of each month - Mission In Action 9:00 am (quilting ministry) (Sept.-May)
- Each Thursday of the month - Jabez Prayer Group 7:00 am

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Infant through Pre-kindergarten

407-886-0015

Library Hours

Sunday-8:30-9:15 and 5:30-6:00

Wednesday - 5:45-6:30



The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Monday of every month. Email to: Judy@fbcapopka.net or turn them in at the office.

First Family Breakfast
Sunday, November 6
Fellowship Hall
@ 8:30 AM

<u>November Birthdays</u>				<u>December Birthdays</u>	
1	Blair Stum	22	Larry Johnson	22	Kenny Anderson
2	Mary Chenault		Lindsey Manley	23	Ron Stum
3	Lorraine Welch	23	Alice Zambri	24	Michael St. Hilaire
5	Margaret Smith		Rachel Smith	26	Raissa Ollice
7	Gertrude Fenn		Tiffany Walker	27	Griffin Bruehl
8	Michael Freeman	25	Barbara Martin	28	Richard Allums
9	Fran Wright		Robert Klaeger	29	Rob Taylor
12	David Reed		Lanni Reiswig		Mary Luz Rolon
	Mary Ann Freed	26	Beverly Schulz	30	Janet Resch
	Vicki Haaf	27	Susan Flesher		Linda Davoll
	H.C. Martinez		Nancy Murphy	31	Wilda Holman
16	David Archambault	28	Robert Griffin		Janise Ellixson
	Dan Rich		Karen Lieurance		Kristin Martin
			Steve Grice		
17	Steve Hooks			15	Carolee Conner
18	Frank Martin			16	Kate Conway
19	Anne McDowell				Robbie Manley
20	Terry Knowles				Kelly Kinsey
22	Mildred Grove			17	Jason Stroub
				18	Virgil Hataway
					Ann Lyle
				22	Lou Dail

If your birthday has not appeared on the monthly list in the newsletter, that means it is not in our computer system. Please call the church office at 407-886-2628 and let us know that you need to be added to our list for your special day!