

# REV. DAVID LAMBERT, LEAD PASTOR

Continue to pray for our church's Strategic Revitalization Team! We have prayerfully expanded our schedule by adding more meetings after Christmas to make sure we aren't rushing what God is doing in our midst. God is beginning to reveal some important truths to our team, especially concerning what it is that makes FBC Thomson unique—how God has uniquely shaped us to fulfill the Great Commission and live out the Greatest Commandments.

One area in which we need to work and improve has become clear to us: helping our people understand and identify their God-given S.H.A.P.E. (spiritual gifts, heart passions, abilities, personality, and life experiences), to equip them for service, and to release them to carry out Kingdom work in and through our church. Thankfully, this month gives us some wonderful opportunities to affirm **people's God-given** shape and to provide ways of service, reaching out, and sharing the Gospel!

November 4: All Saints Sunday & Deacon Ordination. We will take a moment in worship to remember all those who have impacted our faith and church, and who are now enjoying their eternal reward in Heaven. On that same Sunday, **we will affirm God's calling on three men to serve our church as deacons:** Mr. Blake Allen, Mr. Sammy Doolittle, and Mr. Mark Watkins. Pray for them and encourage them in their service!

November 11: Veterans Day & OCC Collection Sunday. We will recognize those men and women who have sacrificially and faithfully served our country through the armed forces. All of our veterans are invited to wear their uniforms that morning as we recognize them and show our appreciation to them for defending the freedoms we hold dear.

I'm also excited to see how many Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes we will receive! Our goal this year is 500—which we can achieve if everyone packs just one more than they did last year. What a blessing to know that we can impact the lives of children, families, and communities around the world through the simple act of giving a gift! What a beautiful reminder that through God's One Gift, Jesus, He impacted all the world for eternity!

That evening at 5:30, we will hear the presentation of our 2019 budget with a covered dish *soup and sandwich* supper. We will vote on the 2019 budget the following Sunday morning, November 18, at the end of our worship time.

November 18: The Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at 6 PM gives us the opportunity to connect with the broader Christian community. This year, we are hosting this worship gathering, so come and help us welcome our sister churches. I hope you will consider it a privilege to gather with our fellow believers from throughout Thomson and McDuffie County to give God thanks for His surpassing goodness.

One a side note—Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year, giving us a rare opportunity to think outside the walls of our church and engage our neighbors in gospel Conversations! We are canceling our normal Wednesday night activities and providing yard signs and stickers to go on candy, so we can share about Jesus and our church with those who come to our doors that night! I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to be on mission that night with us.

Thankful to be your lead pastor,

*David*

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## You're Invited to Join Us:

Wednesday, November 14, for our annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner @ 5:15 PM.  
Sunday, November 18, as we host Community Thanksgiving Worship @ 6:00 PM.



FBC Collection Sunday: November 11 National Collection Week: November 12-19!



**CHRISTMAS**  
**CONCERT**  
**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 24**  
**6:00 PM**  
**SANCTUARY**

Admission is FREE. Love Offering Taken.

Details inside

# REV. BEN TARVER

Upward Evaluations will be on Monday, November 5, and Thursday, November 8 from 6-8:30 p.m. I need help with registration, measuring height of kids, and evaluating basic basketball drills. Anyone can do any of these jobs. The evaluation for basketball drills uses a stop watch and counting. Please let me know if you can help with evaluations. Registration ends on November 8. Please stop by the church office (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) or go to the church website to register a child, grades 1-8.

The youth will go to Kent's on Wednesday, November 28, for our Youth Christmas Party, 5:30-7:30 PM. Buses will leave the Warehouse at 5:15 PM. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift, no gag gift. Don't miss the food, fun, and fellowship at the Youth Christmas Party!

The Mission Friends Nativity production will also be Wednesday, November 28, from 6:45-7:00 PM in the sanctuary. This is an entertaining retelling of the Christmas story that parents and children will not forget! Please plan on attending and bring your family to help support our children and teachers in Mission Friends!

First Baptist decorative plates (\$15), cookbooks (\$10), and ornaments (\$5) will be on sale in the office through the holidays. Each one of these is a memorable gift for family and friends. Even better, all the proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions!

Every child wants to wake up on Christmas morning, and run to see if there are any gifts beneath the tree with his or her name on it. The reality is, this can be a difficult time for many children and families, especially our foster families. For the past four years, our church has partnered with McDuffie County DFCS to help provide the best Christmas morning possible for children in foster care! We filled up an entire bus and pickup truck for last year, and 32 children are on our list to help this year. We will soon have a Christmas wish list and clothes sizes from each of these children. I encourage your family to help provide a wonderful Christmas by selecting an ornament off the Angel Tree. The tree will be the first Christmas decoration you see displayed in the atrium the week before Thanksgiving. A sign-up sheet, instructions, and deadline to return gifts will be available at this time. Be in prayer about how you can help.

Finally, there are not only many opportunities for youth and families to serve and get involved at church this holiday season, but also FREE resources to grow in faith at home! Our *Faith @ Home* Resource Center in the atrium will have a Thankfulness Prayer & Activity Calendar for the month of November and a special Thanksgiving Recipe Card to go with it! In addition, there will be a *Growing in God's Word: Levels of Biblical Learning* booklet from LifeWay that is FREE for families with children. This resource presents 10 biblical concepts and covers six different levels of growth/development in children, from infancy through the preteen years. God chooses parents and teachers to lay the foundations for biblical truths and this resource walks you through each step of your child's development and gives you the biblical truths he or she should be able to learn at each level. Grab these FREE resources in November, use them, and watch God do a mighty work growing faith at home!

God bless,  
*Ben*

	We Came	Morning Worship	Sunday School	Sunday Evening	We Gave
<i>Last Month</i>	September 30	279	211	90	\$12,641.73
	October 7	252	224	68	\$22,302.79
	October 14	268	219	98	\$15,087.36
	October 21	255	213	101	\$15,028.00
<i>End-of-September</i>	<b>BUDGET</b>		<b>NON-BUDGET</b>		
	Required	\$672,120.93	Cap. Improvements	YTD \$15,416.00	
	Received	\$635,485.02	Ferguson Property	MTD \$1,145.00	
	Disbursed	\$624,485.01	Go & Tell Mission Fund	YTD \$34,060.82	

## Mark your calendar

**Covered Dish Supper & Budget Presentation**  
**Sunday, November 11, 2018**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
*Please bring a pot of soup, a tray of sandwiches, or a dessert*



Sunday, November 18  
 Budget Vote  
 After Morning Worship

## Mission Friends Nativity

Wednesday, November 28  
 6:45 PM  
 Sanctuary



## Christmas Backpacks



**You're Invited to a**  
**Packing Party**  
**Saturday, November 3**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Craft Room**

## Daylight Savings Ends

Saturday, November 3  
*Set your clocks BACK one hour!*



\$5.50 adults - \$3.00 under age 12  
 Please make your reservations by noon on Mondays

## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesdays, 5:15 PM  
 Fellowship Hall

November 7

Poppy Seed Chicken, Sweet Potato Soufflé & more

November 14

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 21

No Evening Activities

November 28

Kent's Chicken Fingers

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Women's Conference March 9, 2019**

Looking for the perfect gift for the women in your life? We have gift Certificates available in the church office for \$25.00.

*MKH*

# Dr. Matt Ward

Drive Through Nativity Construction. DTN is one of our most involved physical projects each year. If you're new around here, let me tell you what kind of help we need:

Saturday, November 17

8:00 AM to about 1:00 PM Set Construction

We need hands and feet and arms. Not all of the labor is heavy, and you don't have to be "skilled". We just need help arranging and connecting the major set pieces. We need your help!

Community Thanksgiving Service and Choir. We are hosting our community's thanksgiving service this year, and of course we want everyone to come to this demonstration of community awareness. But I'd also like to remind everyone about the choir. Even if you don't sing regularly in our choir, you and everyone in Thomson are invited to sing with us. We will rehearse before the service:

Sunday, November 18

5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 PM Community Service

And don't forget to invite your friends to the special pre-Christmas concert with the Mark Trammell Quartet and The Whisnants. Bring your friends! They will hear the clear gospel message.

Saturday, November 24

6:00 PM Gospel Concert

And let me add my own appeals to our Christmas season mission offerings: Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be collected November 11-19, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering runs the whole month of December. We have exceeded our goals so far this year—let's finish the year strong!

# Mrs. Kori Langham

Thank you all for your donations and for volunteering to help with the yard sale this year! We made \$3,629.81 with more money expected to come in this week for our preschool ministry! Your generous donations not only blessed us here at preschool, but we were able to send all the clothes, purses, shoes and other items that did not sell to South Georgia to help those left in need by the hurricane. Items that we could not send were donated to Agape and will bless others in our community.

We take yard sale donations year round, so please keep us in mind as you clean out throughout the year. Again thank you for your continued support of our Cornerstone Preschool ministry.

In Christ,  
 Kori Langham & CSP Staff

## Schedule Changes

Wednesday, November 21, there will be no evening activities.



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23.

Sunday, November 25, there will be no evening activities.

## November

### Monthly Ministry Donation

FOOD FOR MANNA  
 HOLIDAY BAGS

*fruit cocktail, chicken broth, green beans, turnip greens, boxed Jiffy cornbread mix, and Stove-Top stuffing mix*

Please bring your items and place them in the blue box in the atrium.