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thanksgiving*

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 2**



November 16

**5:00 PM
Dinner and Budget Presentation**

**6:30 PM
Movie in the Park**

Community Thanksgiving Service

**November 23, 6:00 PM
Thomson First Methodist**

Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.”
— Psalm 107:1 (CSB) November is a special month in the life of our church family. It’s a time to reflect on God’s blessings, to gather in gratitude, and to look ahead with hope as we prepare for the Advent season.

We’ll begin the month by honoring those who have gone before us and those who have served among us—**All Saints Sunday** on the 2nd will remember our loved ones now in Heaven, and **Veterans Recognition Sunday** on the 9th will thank those who have faithfully served our nation.

Soup, Sandwiches, and Stewardship – November 16th at 5 PM

Our Annual Budget Presentation is a time of fellowship and vision as we look ahead to the coming year and discuss the proposed 2026 church budget. You’ll be able to sign up in the Order of Worship to bring soup, sandwiches, or desserts to share. Afterward, families are invited to enjoy a Movie Night in the Park complete with snacks and fun for all ages. Our Budget Vote will take place on November 23rd immediately after worship.

Community Thanksgiving Service – November 23rd at 6 PM

We’ll gather with fellow believers from across the community for this Thanksgiving service, hosted by Thomson First Methodist Church at 6:00 PM. I’ll have the privilege of preaching, and I hope you’ll join us as we lift our voices together in praise to God for His abundant goodness.

Advent Begins with our annual **Hanging of the Green** service on the 30th. This is a beautiful and meaningful reminder of the symbolism behind our Christmas decorations and traditions. This year’s Advent theme, “Saving Christmas,” will help us rediscover the true meaning of the season and how Christ rescues us from the things that can distract or diminish our joy. Be sure to pick up your *Advent Devotional book*—one per family—and join us each week as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Lottie Moon Post Office

Keep an eye out for the return of our Lottie Moon Post Office in the Atrium! It’s a fun and meaningful way to share Christmas greetings with others in the church while supporting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Simply drop your cards and your “postage” donation in the box, and our volunteers will deliver them for you.

Looking Ahead: Journeys with Paul – Greece 2026

Next Thanksgiving, I’ll be leading a group to Greece for a once-in-a-lifetime biblical tour, *Journeys with Paul*, retracing the Apostle’s missionary journeys through Thessaloniki, Philippi, Athens, Corinth, and more. Stay tuned for more information coming soon through the church website, Facebook, and handouts available in the church office.

Happy Thanksgiving, church family!



Dr. Matt Ward

Serve Day Wrap-up

We had a great time this month with our Serve Day. We took care of some projects at 6 people's homes; 3 were church members and 3 were not, and all of them were extremely grateful. The projects were not complicated, but they were the kind of projects that need extra hands. I'm glad we were able to give those hands! We also had a team decorate cookies and cupcakes for our local first responders, and I heard more than a few thanks. Y'all, we're going to do this again in the spring, and we would love your help.

Nativity Construction on November 22

It's almost that time. Volunteer signups are happening in earnest, and one of those signups is for set construction: *Saturday, November 22 at 8:00 AM*. You might remember that a severe storm destroyed the Bethlehem Village set last year, so it has been rebuilt and reimagined. That set will take longer than usual to set up because all new holes need to be drilled. All of the other sets are the same, so we will still be able to get the work done in time for a late lunch.

Even if you don't sign up to help with construction, you are most welcome to come and help!

The Trammell and Whisnant Christmas Concert

Christmas also means Christmas concert season! We have been blessed to host the kickoff for the Home for Christmas tour with the Mark Trammell Quartet and the Whisnants for several years now (they just really like coming here), and it's a wonderful tradition for us. The concert is free, the music is top-notch, and the gospel is clearly shared. It's a great thing to invite a friend to share the real meaning of Christmas. **Saturday, November 29, 6:00 PM**



Christmas Decorating of November 28

It's also our tradition to decorate our building on the morning after Thanksgiving (**Friday, Nov 28 at 9:00 am**), and we would love all the help you can offer. We have a big building, and we want it to be beautiful for Christmas. (You want it to be beautiful, too!) That doesn't happen magically; it takes a lot of work. We would love your help.

Drive-Through Nativity Signups

We're doing our big push for volunteer signups on 10/26 and 11/2 on the Connect Card. If you aren't in church either of those Sundays, contact anyone in the church office directly to let them know you can help!

Rev. Ben Tarver

November is shaping up to be an exciting month for our next generation ministries here at First Baptist!

Youth Progressive Dinner and Movie Night on Sunday, November 2, beginning at **4:00 PM** at The Warehouse. This will be a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun as we travel to three different homes—enjoying appetizers, a main course, and dessert—before ending the night with a movie together. Please join me in praying for good weather and an even better time of connection among our students.

I want to highlight a new resource that is available at our **Faith @ Home Center** in the atrium: **How to Use Your Head to Guard Your Heart: A 3 (D) Guide to Making Wise Media Choices** by **Walt Mueller** from the **Center for Parent/Youth Understanding**. This helpful booklet encourages teens, parents, teachers, and grandparents to think biblically and wisely about the media we engage with. It's a great tool to spark meaningful conversations in the home about faith and discernment in a digital world.

We recently celebrated a special Sunday together on **October 26** with our **Cornerstone Preschool families**. I want to thank our church and preschool community for the warm welcome shown during **Preschool Sunday**. The delicious lunch that followed was a wonderful expression of hospitality and love. I'm also deeply grateful for **Laura, Alyssa, our teachers, and the many volunteers** who worked so hard to make the **Preschool Fall Festival** a success. Even though the weather pushed us indoors, our gym became the perfect place for laughter, games, and fellowship.

As we look ahead, we're entering the final stretch for **Upward Basketball registration**, and evaluations are coming up soon in the FBC Thomson Gym. Here's the schedule to keep in mind:

Evaluation Schedule (FBC Thomson Gym)

- **K5 & 1st Grade Boys & Girls: Monday, Nov. 10 • 6:00–7:30 PM**
- **2nd Grade Boys & Girls: Monday, Nov. 10 • 7:15–8:00 PM**
- **3rd & 4th Grade Boys & Girls: Thursday, Nov. 13 • 6:00–7:30 PM**
- **5th Grade Boys & Girls & Make-Up: Thursday, Nov. 13 • 7:15–8:00 PM**

Families can register online at registration.upward.org/UPW89152.

God is doing great things in and through our children, youth, and families. As we move toward the holidays and Advent season, I'm reminded how blessed we are to see the next generation growing in faith and community here at First Baptist. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement as we invest in their lives together.

Ben

Last Month

We Came	Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
Sept. 28	263	132	232	\$12,447.40
October 5	340		254	\$21,706.19
October 12	213	182	209	\$19,056.43
October 19	286	154	227	\$26,989.19
October 26	336	128	238	\$15,245.40
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Required	\$721,365.00	Cap. Improvements		\$10,630.65
Received	\$786,978.06	Vision Implementation		\$602,886.98
Disbursed	\$713,280.23	Go & Tell Mission Fund		\$30,861.33

End-of- September Final Finances

NOVEMBER 2
All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 9
Veterans Day Recognition

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, November 11
11:00 AM

Speaker: Tom LaMee

RSVP By November 6 at Noon
Cost is \$10.00

UPWARD

Register Now



Grades K-5
\$80 after November 1

Evaluations:
November 10 and 13
6:00- 8:00 PM

The First Sunday of Advent
November 30



Worship: 10:45 AM

Hanging of the Green Service

Budget Vote

Sunday,
November 23

Immediately
Following
Worship



Mark Trammell &
The Whisnants in Concert
Saturday, November 29
6:00 PM

\$6.50 ADULTS - \$4.00 UNDER AGE 12
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON MONDAYS

Family Night Supper
Wednesdays at 5:00; Fellowship Hall

November 5
Meatloaf

November 12
Turkey and Dressing

November 19
Pizza and Salad

November Ministry



Canned Vegetables for
Manna

NOVEMBER

SUN	9:00	Cornerstone Cafe
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:45	Morning Worship
MON	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym
TUE	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	1:30	Church Staff Meeting, 402
	5:15	Firm Believers, Gym
WED	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym
	5:00	Family Night Supper, FH
	6:00	<i>Disciples Pathway</i> (Adults, Fellowship Hall)
		Women's Study, Craft Room
		Men's Study, Parlor
		Elevate (7-10 Grade), Warehouse
		TeamKID (1-6 Grade), Gym
		TinyKID (K4-K5), Chapel
		TinyTots (2-3), Nursery
	7:15	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
THU	6:30	<i>Stand in the Gap</i> Prayer Group, Parlor
	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	5:15	Firm Believers, Gym
FRI	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym

November 1, 2025

10:00 AM Basket Picking for Safe Homes

November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

4:00 PM Youth Progressive Dinner & Movie Night

November 6, 2025

6:00 PM Cornerstone Preschool Chili Fundraiser

November 8, 2025

10:00 AM OCC Short- Term Volunteer Training

November 9, 2025

Veterans Recognition

November 9-11, 2025

Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta

November 10, 2025

6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting

November 11, 2025

11:00 AM Young at Heart

November 13, 2025

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

November 16, 2025

5:00 PM Budget Presentation and Dinner

6:30 PM Movie In the Park

November 16-24, 2025

OCC Collection Week

November 19, 2026

Last Regular Wednesday Night

November 23, 2025

Budget Vote in Worship

6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at TFM

November 26, 2025

No Wednesday Night Activities

November 27-28, 2025

Thanksgiving Holiday- Office Closed

November 29, 2025

6:00 PM Mark Trammell and the Whisnants

November 30, 2025

10:45 AM Hanging of the Green Service

5:00 PM Kids Choirs Practice