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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11 AM-2 PM

FALL FESTIVAL

FEATURING A CAR CRUISE-IN, BOUNCE HOUSES, FACE PAINTING, A PHOTO BOOTH, HAYRIDES, FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE!

ALL FREE EXCEPT THE FOOD TRUCKS

Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, November 19

Mr. Keith Beggs, Mr. Stephen Palmer, and Mr. Drue Poston

TinyKID Nativity &
Lottie Moon Dessert
Auction and Program
November 29, 6:00 PM



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5
Move your clocks back one hour



Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

This month I'll begin a new sermon series called "Grace Enough." November is such a good month to focus on God's blessings and promises that can help us in times of difficulty and seasons of joy, to give us gratitude for the gifts God has given us and strength for the struggles we may be facing. Every Sunday this month has a corresponding emphasis as well:

- **11/5: All Saints Sunday and Baptisms.** We will remember those beloved members of our church family who have preceded us into heaven. I'll preach a message, *Grace Enough to Grieve*. We will also get to celebrate two young ladies baptized on the public profession of their faith in Jesus.
- **11/12: Veterans Recognition.** As we honor and give thanks to the men and women who have served our country and defended our freedom, I'll preach a sermon entitled *Grace Enough for Gratitude* to help us give thanks this month in all things.
- **11/19: Deacon Ordination and Commissioning.** We have the great joy of ordaining three men into the ministry and office of deacon: Mr. Keith Beggs, Mr. Stephen Palmer, and Mr. Drue Poston. We will also commission all of the 2024 deacons for their service which begins January 1. We will be challenged by a message on *Grace Enough to Serve*, because God has called and equips every believer to serve Him and the people around us in His name.
- **11/26: Christ the King Sunday and Budget Vote.** The Sunday before Advent is called "Christ the King Sunday," reminding us the week before we start preparing ourselves once again to celebrate Christmas, that Jesus is the eternal Son of God and King of all creation. On this Sunday we will focus on *Grace Enough to Give* as we also vote on the 2024 proposed budget. When we approve a budget, we are agreeing to a vision for what God would have us do as a church in the coming year, and we are recommitting ourselves to be good stewards of God's resources so we can accomplish His will for our church, community, and the world.

These are just Sunday mornings in November! We also have some other key opportunities to worship, fellowship, and service this month. I hope you'll join us at 5 PM on November 19 for the **Budget Presentation and Dinner**. We'll enjoy a soup and sandwich supper and discuss next year's proposed budget. This presentation is the time to ask questions and make comments on the budget proposal. On the morning of the 26th, we will simply have a vote. So please be at the presentation!

If you have children or grandchildren, I hope you'll stay after the presentation for a **Christmas movie** behind the Warehouse with popcorn and other snacks! Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs and enjoy the evening outside with us as we kick off the Advent and Christmas festivities.

This month we also prepare for the Advent Season with two Christmas concerts. **Mark Trammel and the Whisnants** will be in concert on Saturday the 25th and the **Thomson-McDuffie Advent Chorale** will bring beautiful music in our sanctuary at 6 PM on the 26th. You'll read in this *Cornerstone* about other great opportunities to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, such as TinyKIDS and TeamKIDS singing at the Piedmont McDuffie Hospital tree lighting on the 28th, and the TinyKID Nativity and Lottie Moon dessert auction on the 29th.

It's a busy month, I know. But God gives "grace enough" for us to come to worship, grow in groups, serve in love, and go make disciples. I hope you'll be praying for these and other events and activities this month to help us love God, love each other, and together make disciples of Jesus from all generations. Pray for these events. Consider what kind of steward you're being of God's blessings. How would God have you plan on giving throughout the rest of this year and next year? How can you prayerfully and financially support our International Missionaries? And how can you lend your hands to our upcoming ministries, like Upward Basketball and Drive-Thru Nativity? Just remember: There is "grace enough" to give and serve!

David

Dr. Matt Ward

Don't Forget! FBC Fall Festival on November 4!

If you aren't already signed up to help, please plan to come! Bring your kids, grandkids, or neighbors. Games, hayride, face painting, car show, food trucks — something for everyone!

Setup is simple this year — come at 9:00 to help.

Fall Festival: 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Drive-Thru Nativity Is on the Way

The annual tradition of nativity signups has just begun. As always, we need everyone's help in every way possible. Please be generous with your time and sign up! The first thing on our radar is

Construction: Saturday, November 18, at 8:00 AM

We have made a few changes to accommodate some sets that were damaged last year, but we *don't* think it will add any time to our construction. Our plan is to be finished in time for a late lunch. Many hands make light work.

Two Christmas Concerts

Like last year, we are privileged to host two wonderful Christmas concerts, and you are invited to both!

- The Mark Trammel Quartet and the Whisnants on Saturday, November 25, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. As always, this concert is free, doors open at 5:00, and we will take a love offering.
- The Community Christmas Chorale on Sunday, November 26, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. This is also a free concert, and it is loaded with strings and brass and gorgeous music.

With the way the calendar falls, "Advent" doesn't actually start until December 3, so we are getting an extra week of Christmas beauty in our sanctuary. We didn't think anyone would mind.

Christmas Decorating Comes Early This Year

We are still going to decorate our campus the Friday after Thanksgiving — everything except the Christmas tree. (That actually works out kind of well for us. Last year, the platform was a bit cramped for the string players with the community concert.)

- Friday, November 24, at 9:00AM. Help us decorate our campus for Christmas! Many hands make light work.
- We will put up the Christmas tree the *next* week.

Just a Plug for Movie Night

I think this is such a fun idea, so I want to add my own plug for it. *After* the budget presentation (Sunday, November 19), everyone is invited to stay for a family movie night (in the park if the weather holds, in the gym if it rains). We'll have popcorn and drinks (proceeds go to missions)!

Thank You for Ten Great Years

I am writing this article well before October 29, and you'll probably read it before then, too. So let me just say that it has been a joy to be a part of this church family, and it has been a blessing to see my kids turn into Christian adults with so many great role models. I'm sure I'll say more next month if there's room.



Rev. Ben Tarver

Thank you for your prayers and support for our youth over the DNOW Weekend, Oct 13-15, at the Poston Farm. It was a great weekend of fun, fellowship, service, and worship. There was an intentional theme of “Community” for the entire weekend as youth learned to grow in community with one another, our church, our local community, and the larger Christian community worldwide. I want to thank all my college and adult volunteers for your time and commitment and for the Poston family in allowing us to go to The Farm – many great memories were made!

On Wednesday, November 1, the FBC youth will head over to Thomson High School to serve hamburgers and hotdogs to the football team after practice. Our church has participated in serving meals to the football team for several years. It’s always a good time of fellowship with the coaches and young men on the team. I will also have a time of devotion with our youth and the football team. Please be in prayer. Thank you for your support of the Go & Tell Fund because it supports things like this!

Upward Evaluation days are coming up. The evaluation schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 6
6:00-7:30: K5 and 1st Grade
7:30-8:15: 2nd Grade

Thursday, November 9
6:00-7:30: 3rd and 4th Grade
7:30-8:15: 5th Grade and Makeups

Please be in prayer for our league this upcoming season!

In our world of much chaos and anxiety it is good to get back to the simple idea of giving thanks to the Lord in prayer. Check out the Faith @ Home Center in November for another Thankfulness Calendar for the month.

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done and proclaim that his name is exalted.” (Isaiah 12:4-5)

One last exciting thing we have coming up is that our TinyKID and TeamKID choirs will be singing at Piedmont McDuffie Hospital for their tree lighting on November 28 at 7:00 PM. I hope that you will come to show your support for our kids and our community.

Ben

Last Month

We Came	Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
October 1	267	185	221	\$18,065.50
October 8	222	218	189	\$11,448.00
October 15	328	216	239	\$15,790.50
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Required	\$690,942.78	Cap. Improvements		\$17,154.62
Received	\$663,314.17	Ferguson Property		\$4,310.00
Disbursed	\$640,605.79	Go & Tell Mission Fund		\$39,569.32

*End-of-
September
Final Finances*

UPLAND K5-5TH GRADE
REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 9

Evaluations:

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1st Game: January 20

Visit our website for more details

\$5.50 ADULTS - \$3.00 UNDER AGE 12
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON MONDAYS

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesdays, 5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

November 1
Hamburgers
November 8
Baked Chicken
November 15
Ham
November 22
No Evening Activities
November 29
Tacos

Join Us For An
Outdoor Movie Night
Featuring...

THE STAR
THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Concessions will be available for purchase.

Please bring blankets/chairs.

All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

Budget Presentation and Dinner



Sunday, November 19
5:00 PM

Nursery will be provided.

Foster Care Angel Tree

Tree will be up
Sunday, November 19

Gifts will be due back
Sunday, December 3



Mark Trammell &
The Whisnants in concert
Saturday, November 25
6:00 PM

Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, November 26
5:00 PM

FBC Sanctuary

NOVEMBER MINISTRY



CHICKEN BROTH FOR
MANNA'S CHRISTMAS BAGS

HELLO November

SUN	9:00	Cornerstone Cafe	November 4, 2023	11:00 AM Fall Festival
	9:30	Sunday School	November 5, 2023	Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Sunday
	10:45	Morning Worship	November 6, 2023	6:00 PM Upward Evaluations
MON	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)	November 7, 2023	6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)	November 9, 2023	6:00 PM Upward Evaluations Upward Registration Deadline
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym	November 12-14, 2023	Georgia Baptist Convention
TUE	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)	November 13-20, 2023	OCC Collection Week
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)	November 14, 2023	11:00 AM Young at Heart
	2:00	Church Staff Meeting, 402	November 18, 2023	Drive-Thru Nativity Construction 5:00 PM Deacon and Wives Thanksgiving Dinner
	5:15	Firm Believers, Gym	November 19, 2023	Deacon Ordination 5:00 PM Budget Presentation Dinner 6:30 PM Family Outdoor Movie Night (The Star)
WED	9:00	Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)	November 22, 2023	No Evening Activities
	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)	November 23-24, 2023	Church Office Closed
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym	November 25, 2023	6:00 PM Mark Trammell & the Whisnants
	5:00	Family Night Supper, FH	November 26, 2023	Budget Vote 5:00 PM Community Christmas Choir Concert
	6:00	<i>Disciples Pathway</i> (Adults, Fellowship Hall)	November 28, 2023	7:00 PM TeamKID and TinyKID Choirs Singing at McDuffie Hospital
	6:00	TinyKID (Ages 3-K), Chapel	November 29, 2023	5:00 PM Supper (Reservations Required) 6:00 PM Lottie Moon Program with Dessert Auction and TinyKID Nativity
	6:00	TeamKID (Grades 1-6), Gym		
	6:00	Elevate (Grades 7-12), WH		
	7:15	Adult Choir Rehearsal, S		
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		
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	9:00	Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)		
	10:00	Stretch & Flex, Gym		