

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



Are we celebrating Thanksgiving each day?

Thanksgiving has arrived. Some of us thought it would never get here. Others are thinking, how will I ever get everything done that needs to be done. Then there are a few that are celebrating thanksgiving daily. Which category are we in? Which one should we be in? I pray that this season will be the best one yet and that it will not stop. May it be a reminder to us of how blessed we are and encourage us to be a blessing to others.

The church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday. If you need something please don't hesitate to give me a phone call.

Thanks to everyone who brought supplies for the Thanksgiving baskets and to those who helped deliver them. Your spirit of giving brought smiles to many faces.

If you would like to help with making hot chocolate for the Christmas parade on Dec. 7, please let the office know. Some of our regulars may be out of pocket that day.

The deacon and staff banquet will be at The Central Service Grill on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please have your reservations returned to the office by Monday, Dec. 2.

December will also kick off our Lottie Moon Christmas offering emphasis. Pray about what God would have us give. We will place our envelopes on the communion table on Dec. 8.

*In Christ's Love,
Bro. Travis*



Christmas Cantata theme: 'Immanuel: God With Us'

Immanuel. "God with us." This is the focus of The Majesty of Christmas this year. The words of Charles Spurgeon can convey the power of this name much better than myself, so my article this week is simply an excerpt from his sermon on Christmas Eve, 1854:

Oh! may God teach you the meaning of that name Immanuel, "God with us"! . . . "Immanuel." It is wisdom's mystery, "God with us." Sages look at it, and wonder; angels desire to see it; the plumb-line of reason cannot reach half-way into its depths. . . . "God with us." It is hell's terror. Satan

trembles at the sound of it; . . . the black-winged dragon of the pit quails before it. Let him come to you suddenly, and do you but whisper that word, "God with us," back he falls, confounded and confused. Satan trembles when he hears that name, "God with us." It is the labourer's strength; how could he preach the gospel, how could he bend his knees in prayer, how could the missionary go into foreign lands, how could the martyr stand at the stake, . . . if that one word were taken away?

"God with us." 'Tis the sufferer's comfort, 'tis the balm of his woe, 'tis the alleviation of his misery, 'tis the sleep which God giveth to his beloved, 'tis their rest after exertion and toil. Ah! and to finish, "God with us,"—'tis eternity's sonnet, 'tis heaven's hallelujah, 'tis the shout of the glorified, 'tis the song of the redeemed, 'tis the chorus of angels, 'tis the everlasting oratorio of the great orchestra of the sky. "God with us."

*Have a blessed week,
Bro. Jason*

Our prayer is that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus

On Nov. 30, the youth will be going to Memphis Union Mission in Memphis, Tenn. to feed the homeless.

For some of our students this will be the first time that they have come in contact with homeless people. When we think of the homeless we think of people that wear very tattered clothes, smell bad, and rummage around in the trash. In all actuality these people are a lot like us in a lot of ways but most of them are one pay check away from being just like us.

I have had some pretty interesting conversations with homeless men in Atlanta, Ga. Some of them are seriously mentally ill, others have just had a really tough life and they have come up short. I hope that you all will pray for the youth as they travel to Memphis to serve the homeless. Our prayer is that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus and share the good news of the Gospel to those in need.

*Blessings,
Kevin Barnette*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Nov. 28 **Gayle Baker**
- Nov. 29 **Annie Pearl Simpson**
- Nov. 29 **Shorty Collum**
- Nov. 29 **Tami Jones**
- Nov. 29 **Christine Moore**
- Nov. 30 **Nora Carroll**
- Dec. 1 **Norvelle Weeks**
- Dec. 1 **Carlton Gray**
- Dec. 1 **Nathan Hitt**
- Dec. 2 **Hannah Carson**
- Dec. 3 **Lottie Barnett**

Will we follow Jesus' example and become a servant leader?

I hope you've had a wonderful week out of school and enjoyed Thanksgiving.

We will have G-Force this Sunday and then take off the rest of December. We will start back on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Remember our Christmas Party will be in the FLC on Friday, Dec. 13 from 6-8 p.m. We will have food and fun so I hope you will come

join us!

Just a reminder about what we talked about on Sunday. In our story, Jesus chose to become a servant by getting down on His knees and washing His disciples' feet. He chose to serve. He extended the invitation of service to His followers to serve others too. Now this same invitation comes to us as his followers. Will we follow Jesus'

example and become a servant? Think about how Jesus lived His life. He never tried to rule over people. Instead, He tried to serve others. Do you live the way Jesus did? This is a question we all need to answer.

Have a good weekend! Hope to see you Sunday!

*Love,
Mrs. Anita*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Thursday, November 28**
*** Fellowship Hall & FLC reserved
- Saturday, November 30**
*** FLC reserved
*** Students in Memphis
- Sunday, December 1**
*** 2014 Budget available
*** Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 G-Force (Children's Worship grades 1-6)
*** Bro. Travis @ nursing home
*** Bro. Travis @ Jail Ministry
4:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:45 Adult Handbells
5:15 Ignite (Bible study for youth)
6:00 Evening Worship
- Monday, December 2**
*** Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
2:30 Stella WMU
- Tuesday, December 3**
*** Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
2:30 Stella WMU
- Wednesday, December 4**
*** Lottie Moon Week of Prayer
6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30 Lifestyles WMU
2:30 Stella WMU
4:45 MISSION Wednesdays
4:45 Acteens
6:30 Business Meeting to discuss the 2014 Church budget*
6:30 Revelation (Youth Bible Study & Worship)
7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice
* Church will vote on the budget 12/8

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Adult.....	177
Young Adult.....	5
College/Career.....	10
Youth.....	21
Children.....	17
Preschool/Nursery.....	12
TOTAL.....	242

FINANCIAL

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$6,410.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,413.35
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$489,427.45
Gifts to Date.....	\$493,072.23
Over Budget.....	\$3,644.78

BUILDING FUND

Current balance.....	\$188,715.52
----------------------	--------------

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Children's Church - Carol Turner
Sanctuary Flowers - Bonita Martin

CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray—Pastor
Jason Carson—Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor
Kevin Barnette—Youth Director
Anita Russell—Children's Director
Yvonne Hitt—Financial Secretary
Marcelle Robertson—Custodian
Kathy Bailey—Librarian
Sara Hitt—Church Clerk
Gwen Sisson—Church Secretary