



**NOVEMBER EVENTS...**

- **CHURCH WIDE THANKSGIVING DINNER** – Be sure to join us Sunday, November 22 at 5:30 pm for our Thanksgiving dinner in the gym. The church will provide the turkey and dressing and drinks. Families are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Bring your friends and loved ones to this time of thanksgiving and fellowship.
- **BIMA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** – BIMA will host their Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 24 at 7 pm. It will be an evening of special music and a message of Thanksgiving. A community project will be part of this wonderful evening with a food drive for the ministry. Flyers will be placed in the Sunday School boxes and at the Welcome Center with non-perishable food suggestions. If you are unable to attend the service you may bring your donations to the church office and we will deliver them to BIMA.
- **YOU ARE A BLESSING THANKSGIVING MEAL** – Our church along with 22 other churches will be serving our annual Thanksgiving meal to the community on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. We will need volunteers to help serve plates and deliver the meals from 9:30 – 12:00 noon on Thanksgiving Day. If you know of an individual that needs a meal delivered please call the church office and sign them up.

**DEACON ELECTION NOVEMBER 8**

On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> the church nominated 12 persons to be considered for the office of Deacon. On November 8<sup>th</sup> we will elect 6 from the 12. Absentee ballots will be available in the office until noon on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The nominees are as follows: Laurie Ashley, Gene Clinkscales, Glenn Finley, Lee Gilreath, Michael Gilreath, Danny Hawkins, John Hawkins, Michael Locke, Lib Nation, Walter Smith, David Vaughn & Dodd Wilson.

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

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| Sunday Receipts (11-01-09)           | \$ 10,111.73  |
| Year To Date Requirements            | \$ 523,759.72 |
| Year To Date Receipts                | \$ 472,569.73 |
| Found Faithful Commitment Cards      | \$ 522,425.30 |
| Found Faithful Weekly Receipts       | \$ 3,119.00   |
| Found Faithful Year To Date Receipts | \$ 101,561.60 |
| Found Faithful Total Receipts        | \$ 457,996.69 |

**BLOCK PARTY A HUGH SUCCESS**

The threat of rain didn't hinder anyone from attending the Block Party on Saturday night. Can you believe that 1000 free hotdogs were served on Halloween night? If you were at the Block Party on Oct. 31, I'm sure you would agree that the whole event was a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers that served and cooked food, greeted visitors, manned tables, donated candy and participated in the inside Trunk or Treat. The success of this night was due to the host of volunteers that willingly gave of their time to help and serve. We have a list of new contacts from that night that we hope to minister to in the coming days. Pray that God will use the Block Party as a tool to build his Kingdom here in Belton.

**THANKS TO BLOOD DONORS**

We are so thankful to those that were able to give blood during our most recent blood drive. This is a vital need for so many of our friends and family members. We were blessed to have 34 donors. Those who gave are listed below: Austin Alewine, Paula Blake, Andrea Burriss, Thomas Burriss, Gene Clinkscales, Louise Clinkscales, Danny Cothran, Ann Fagg, Randy Fagg, Donna Finley, Fred Gehrman, Polly Gilreath, Michael Gilreath, Jane Green, Tara Gunnells, Dan Harvell, Danny Hawkins, Shirah Heller, Frances Kay, David King, Johnnye King, Michael Locke, Jamie Major, Jim Marshall, Louise Maynard, Harold McDowell, Caroline O'Dell, Patrick O'Dell, Norman Phillips, Martha Pitts, Johnny Lee Smith, Johnny Thomas, Moonyeen Tysl, & Dodd Wilson.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, November 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group in the Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live WEPC 88.5
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Drop-In Reception for Jay Fennell/FLC
- 4:30 p.m. The Master's Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. Basic Life

**Monday, November 9**

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School
- 12:00 p.m. WMU Grp #5/Jean Bryant, hostess
- 7:00 p.m. WMU Grp # 6/Gayle McDowell, hostess

**Tuesday, November 10**

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School
- 7:00 p.m. Community Missions Meeting

**Wednesday, November 11**

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Handchimes & Handbells
- 5:15 p.m. Supper line opens
- Menu: pork roast, potatoes & gravy, black-eyed peas
- Strawberry cake, tea & coffee

- 6:15 p.m. Missions
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Life Groups
- 6:15 p.m. Youth "Primetime" in Youth Bldg.
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, November 12**

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School @ Maples/The Hanley's
- 4:00 p.m. AM Service Broadcast/Channel 15

**Friday, November 13**

- 8:30 a.m. WEE School

**Saturday, November 14**

- 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. *Holiday Craft Fair for Missions*

**NOVEMBER IS A 5 SUNDAY MONTH...  
Remember to bring food donations for  
Anderson Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

**AM Service** “How Can We Be Happy?” T. Dale Lynch  
**Offertory Prayer** Frank Gravina  
**Counting Committee** Thomas Burriss, Lynne Chandler  
Zelma Finley & Jane Green  
**Ushers** Frank Gravina, Steve Bryant, & Russell Blackston  
**Audio Visual** Doug Key, Harold McDowell  
& Johnny Lee Smith

**Deacon Greeters for November:**

Richard Edwards Frank Gravina  
Matt Lusk Johnny Lee Smith  
Matt Wurst

**Extended Session For Sunday, November 8, 2009**

Birth to 24 mths: Jan, Katherine & Sarah Clinkscales  
2's & 3's Jan & Mary Kathryn Holliday  
4's & 5's Mandy Gravina & Gale Pruitt

**Children's Message:** Rex Maynard

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

AAMC  
Penny Campbell – 689 (Cheryl Thomas' step sister)  
Winfred Young – 629 (Wynette Singleton's father)

**THANK YOU**

Recently we have received thank you cards and notes from the Thomas Family, Minnie Ruth Davenport and Lane & Cindy Stoner. Please stop by the information board for these and other items of interest. We also will be posting community events and programs of interest for families during the holidays.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

First Baptist Church family sends best wishes to Blake and Jean Anne Maynard on the birth of their first child. Richard Blake Maynard arrived on November 2, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs and 6 ozs. The proud grandparents are Rex and Louise Maynard. Congratulations to all of the family on this joyous occasion.

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**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR FOR MISSIONS**

Be sure to plan on coming to the *Holiday Craft Fair for Missions* on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8 am until 1 pm in the gym. The event will begin with a pancake breakfast in the FLC at 8 am. This year's wooden crafts include nativity scenes, clocks, jewelry boxes, a stool, beanbag toss games and ornaments for the tree. There will be beautiful scarves, pocketbooks and other gifts from Pat Mulligan in Turkey, as well as a hand-carved and painted Canadian goose from Quebec, Canada. Come, bring a friend, have breakfast and shop for Christmas!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm we will have our annual Christmas Event for Ladies. The featured speaker will be Ruthie Neely (sister of Jeslyn Wilson). Plan to sign up and decorate a table for Christmas. Call Amy Wurst (392-1023) or Meleah Thomas (940-2235) for more details. Please bring a finger food and a wrapped ornament to swap. We know that God will use Mrs. Neely to touch our hearts that night. Hope to see you and a friend there!

**Remember -  
WMU Project for November  
Prisoner Packets**



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Reception  
for  
Jay & Erin Fennell  
Sunday  
November 8, 2009  
3pm – 5pm  
Family Life Center***