

First Baptist Church Geneva

November 2023

NEWSLETTER



Community

THANKSGIVING

Service

Sunday, November 19, 5 PM at The Crossing

Rev. Red Coleman, Speaker

A Finger Food Fellowship will follow.

Sponsored by the Geneva Ministerial Association



LAST CALL ! For the Angel Tree

You are invited to select an angel from our tree to help provide Christmas gifts for a person in need.

Please help us reach our goal for this worthy cause in our community!

Deadline to turn in your donation is **Sunday, November 19.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OCTOBER UPDATES



Wow! We had an amazing time at our Fall Festival! God blessed us with many visitors from the community and we will be following up with them to invite them back for our Wednesday night and Sunday morning services. A great big thank you to all who worked so hard to make this such a successful event – without your help, it would not have been a success.

Please make plans to join us Sunday night, November 5, at 5:00 p.m. for a Soup and Sandwich dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then an Operation Christmas Shoebox Packing Party in the gym afterwards. We have purchased enough items to pack 250 shoeboxes and everyone is invited to help us pack these shoeboxes.

We are only a few weeks away from our **Christmas Musical, “The Bethlehem Express”** and we’ve been practicing every Wednesday night. We need to schedule some extra practices in order to be fully prepared **for the musical on December 13**. We will have a Finger Food Social immediately following the Children’s Christmas Musical that night. Here are some additional practice times to mark on your calendars. Please make every effort to attend these **extra rehearsals in the sanctuary:**

Sunday, November 12, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (light lunch served)

Below is the schedule of lessons that our children and preschoolers will be learning during the month of November. We encourage you as parents to discuss these topics with your children in order to further expand their understanding of what the Bible teaches on these subjects.

Children’s Church Lessons:

November 5: The Danger of Talking with a Stranger (Matthew 4:1)

November 12: Directions on How to be a Disciple (Luke 14:27)

November 19: First Fruits for Thanksgiving (Psalm 50:14)

November 26: Salt: The Special Seasoning (Matthew 5:13)

December 3: The Night There Was No Room (Revelation 3:20)

Children Wednesday Night Lessons:

November 1: Abraham and Sarah Have a Baby (Genesis 17)

November 8: Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24)

November 15: And be Thankful (Colossians 3:15)

November 22: No Service

November 29: Christmas Musical Practice

Preschool Wednesday Night Lessons:

November 1: Jesus and the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

November 8: Cornucopia: Blessed Abundance (John 10:10)

November 15: Thankful All the Time (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

November 22: No Service

November 29: Angel Appears to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

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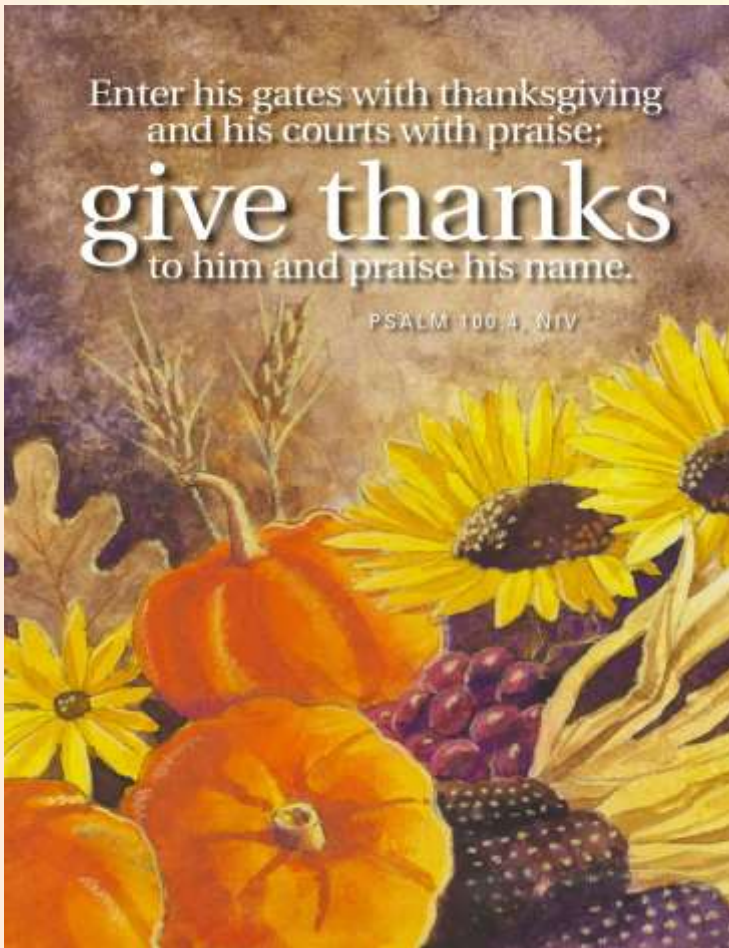


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Our Murals in the Nursery and Preschool Areas are now finished. If you have not had an opportunity to see them, please stop in and see the beautiful murals on the walls. The third-floor murals are well underway and should be completed in the next few weeks. We are blessed to be able to do this for the children – they are super excited about them.

I realize it's very early but please mark your calendars now for **VBS 2024. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach (Northwest coastal beaches) and it will be June 23 – 27.** I will be attending a VBS Workshop in Alabaster this coming weekend, so I look forward to bringing back some great ideas to help our church make this an exciting VBS again. Beginning in January, we will start having some workshops to introduce you to the theme and begin the planning process.

I wanted to say a special thanks for the thoughtful gifts you have showered me and the other staff members with during October. You truly know how to make us feel loved. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. I love serving alongside each of you!



***The Church Office
will be closed:***

**Monday,
November 13
In Observance of
Veterans Day**

**Wednesday - Friday,
November 22 - 24
For Thanksgiving Holidays**



**PACK A
SHOEBOX!**



samaritanspurserg.org/occ

The activities and services provided by Samaritan's Purse are not a substitute for professional medical or other services.

**Operation Christmas
Child Dates:**

**November 5, 5 PM:
Shoebox Packing Party
and Supper**

**November 10:
Final Day
to Accept Shoeboxes**

Cost for Shoebox Postage: \$10 per box



Adult Choir Luncheon and
Christmas Rehearsal
Sunday, November 12
immediately following
Morning Worship



*Christian Condolences
are extended to:*

Mike and Lori Shortt and Family
on the death of his Brother,

Mr. James Allen Shortt

ALTAR FLOWERS

Several weeks are available in the coming year for weekly Altar Flowers.
If you would like to change your week or drop your week, please call the church office.
If you would like to be added to the list to supply flowers, please call the church office.
Church Office: 334.684.9910

November 5:

In Memory of Mr. Lamar Vaughn, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Callaway,
Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Vaughn, Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Callaway and Miss Peggy Callaway
by Mrs. Lamar Vaughn

November 12:

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Dykema, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bynum and
Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrett by Brad, Jenny, Brook and Brody Bynum

November 19:

In Loving Memory of Warren Harris Beck by Linda Beck Coe

November 26:

In Loving Memory of Arlen Williams by Pat Williams,
Mickey and Angie Bennett, and Callie, Christopher and Elizabeth Brooks



ROTATIONS

Nursery Workers Rotation

- 11/05: Shayla Finch, Katie Warren, Melanie Adkison
11/12: Brandie Green, Sherrie Aycock, Erica Martin
11/19: Mandy Precise, Jomanda Johnson,
Kerry Commander
11/26: Jennifer Adams, Stacey Shirah, Michelle Miller
12/03: Macy Roney, Erin Green, Brandie Hall

Children's Church

- 11/05: Michelle Cooley
11/12: Kyshia Cotton
11/19: Melanie Adkison
11/26: Mallory Mixon/Sonya McLaney
12/03: Allison Crews

Security Rotation

- 11/05: Lyle Warren, Bart Wilks
11/12: Chad McKnight, Brien Sullivan
11/19: Shawn Gilmore, Brent Johnson
11/26: Brad McCoy, Phillip Mixon
12/03: Brad Bynum, Kerry McLaney

Deacons In Service

- 11/05: Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett
11/12: Jeffrey Adkison, Joey Stephens, Randal White
11/19: Mickey Bennett, Freddy Martin, Larry Sharpe
11/26: Greg Adams, Ricky Bennett, Jack Commander
12/03: Ricky Beck, Keith Owen, Jason Padgett

Ushers

- 11/05: Kevin Ammons, Haze Ammons,
Keith Owen, Kerry McLaney
11/12: Terry Aycock, Wade Green,
Brett Stephens, Joey Stephens
11/19: Freddy Martin, Brooks Martin,
Harrison Tidwell, Ryan Tidwell
11/26: Ricky Bennett, Les Sanders,
Luke Sanders, Cooper White
12/03: Ricky Beck, Donnie Chesteen,
Allen Mote, Todd Mote

Greeter

- 11/05: Jason Padgett
11/12: Randal White
11/19: Larry Sharpe
11/26: Jack Commander
12/03: Keith Owen

Sound and Media Shout

- 11/05: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton
11/12: Steve Shirah/ Larry Sharpe
11/19: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton
11/26: Adam Commander/ Ethan Commander
12/03: Mike Turner/ Derek Cotton

Wednesday Night Children:

11/01: Team 1:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Allison Crews
Rec: Dawn Wilks
Bible Drill: Mallory Mixon, Brandie Hall
Music Helper: Jami Seay
Check In/Out: Allison Crews
Playground: Brandie Hall
Pre-K: Karol Beck

11/08: Team 2:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Jess Russell
Rec: Randal White, Dennis Russell
Bible Drill: Chelsie Dean, Hannah Tidwell
Music Helper: Bridgett White
Check In/Out: Bridgett White
Playground: Chelsie Dean
Pre-K: Mikala Smith

11/15: Team 3:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Krissy Gilmore
Rec: Chad and Loren McKnight
Bible Drill: Abbie Kay Thompson,
Renee Clemmons
Music Helper: Michelle Miller
Check In/Out: Mandy Precise
Playground: Krissy Gilmore
Pre-K: Tiffany Turner

11/22: No Service

11/29: Team 4:

- Bible Lesson:** Lori Shortt, Samantha Dawsey
Rec: Adam Howell, Todd/Katie Mote
Bible Drill: Hannah Commander,
Tiffany Howell
Music Helper: Mike Shortt
Check In/Out: Emily Ammons
Playground: Mike Shortt
Pre-K: Maci Roney

Youth Wednesday Night Helpers

- 11/01: Erica & Freddy Martin
11/08: Jomanda Johnson/Krissy Gilmore
11/15: Bridgett White/ Jenny Bynum
11/22: **No Service**
11/29: Melanie & Jeff Adkison

Wednesday Night Supper Greeters

- 11/01: Michael Crews
11/08: Jason Padgett
11/15: Randal White
11/22: **No Service**
11/29: Jack Commander
12/06: Ricky Beck

If not able to make your appointed time, please call someone else on the list and swap with them.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Growing up in Virginia, Lottie Moon and her siblings chose to rebel against Christianity. At 18, Lottie followed Christ and was baptized. When she was 33, she sailed to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem - **LOSTNESS.**

In letters to Southern Baptists in America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China.

Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* where **100% of the gifts collected send and support missionaries.**

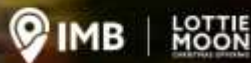


3,072 PEOPLE GROUPS

No one is engaging them.

UNTIL NOW.

Your financial gifts to the Lottie Moon offering will send 300 missionary explorers.



imb.org/lottiemoon



Your financial gifts to the Lottie Moon offering support pioneering efforts to take the gospel to unengaged, unreached people groups. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* is a registered trademark of WMSU.

Scan the QR code to give to the Lottie Moon offering. 100% of your gifts supports missionary presence around the world.

2023 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer for International Missions Week of Prayer will be observed December 3-10

Southern Baptists are encouraged to consider the power of "Impacting Lostness Together."



Youth T-shirt Fundraiser

To support the youth and order a shirt, see a youth or parent, go to our Facebook page, or www.cottonsprinting.com/fbcgeneva/shop/home

A variety of colors and sweatshirts, too!



- 2 Cindi Fain
Lydia Langham
- 4 Mickey Bennett
- 6 Landon Adams
Wade Green
- 8 Sue Earley
- 9 Donna Faulk
Hanna Waldner
- 11 Jennifer Adams
- 12 Lyle Warren
Pierce Martin
- 15 Renee Clemmons
- 17 Ross Scott
Sam Sharpe
- 19 Billy Parker
- 21 Reed Precise
- 22 Todd Clemmons
- 24 Lawson Adams
- 25 Maxine Beberstein
Tiffany Turner
Wayne Wood
- 26 Pat Williams
- 27 Thomas Fain
- 29 Kerry McLaney
Johnny Perry
- 30 Greg Adams
Mark McDuffie

If we missed your birthday,
please contact the church office.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so very much for your love, prayers,
food, and calls during the time of our loss. You all
went above and beyond in showing love and
sharing our grief and we feel extremely blessed to
be a part of such an amazing church family. We love each of you and are
thankful God led us here to serve alongside such great folks.
Thank you again for all that you did for our whole family!

Love, Mike, Lori & Chris Shortt
Michelle, Madi, & Lizzy Miller

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Wednesday, November 1

Breakfast –(grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage etc.....)

Wednesday, November 8

Spaghetti /Lasagna, Salad, Dessert, Bread

Wednesday, November 15

Chicken, Meat loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn,
Field peas, Salad, Dessert

Wednesday, November 29

Soups/ Grilled Cheese, Dessert

Wednesday, December 6

Breakfast –(grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage etc.....)

Cost: \$5 Each; \$25 Family Limit

Please sign up if you plan to attend!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP: Serving, Cleanup, etc.
See Cathy Bennett to sign up!**

Three
WAYS to
GIVE
at

First Baptist Church



Mail-In

Mail in your offering to our church office.

Visit online at www.fbcgeneva.org to use
our giving website directly.



Online Giving



Drop Off
or
In-Person

Visit our church office or use the
offering basket at our service times.

**Financial Report As of
October 29, 2023**

Budgeted Weekly: \$7,506.48

Budgeted YTD: \$322,778.64

Tithes and Offering YTD: \$330,285.12

Quarterly Missions Offering, to Date:
\$3,668.00

Operation Christmas Child Donations
To Date \$1,809.00



By Baptism

Tucker Warren

By Letter

Mike Davis

DeNiece Davis



**Nichols Mission
Building**

**Open
Every Tuesday
from
8 AM - 1:45 PM**

**Closed for lunch
12 Noon - 12:30 PM**

All items are free!

**Donations of
gently used
items
accepted.**

Brown Bag Calendar

KNOW BAG



November 5- Canned Meat

November 12- Thanksgiving Themed Food

November 19- Toilet Paper,
Paper Towels, & Tissues

November 26- Bags of Rice

December 3 - Canned Veggies/Fruit

December 10 - Christmas Themed Food

Holiday Themed Items Needed:

Needed: Stovetop Boxed Stuffing,

Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cream of Chicken Soup,

Chicken Broth, Cranberry Sauce



**Sunday
School
9:30 AM**

**Worship
Service
10:30 AM**

**First Baptist
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Geneva, Alabama**



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you will be able
to pick one up at church.