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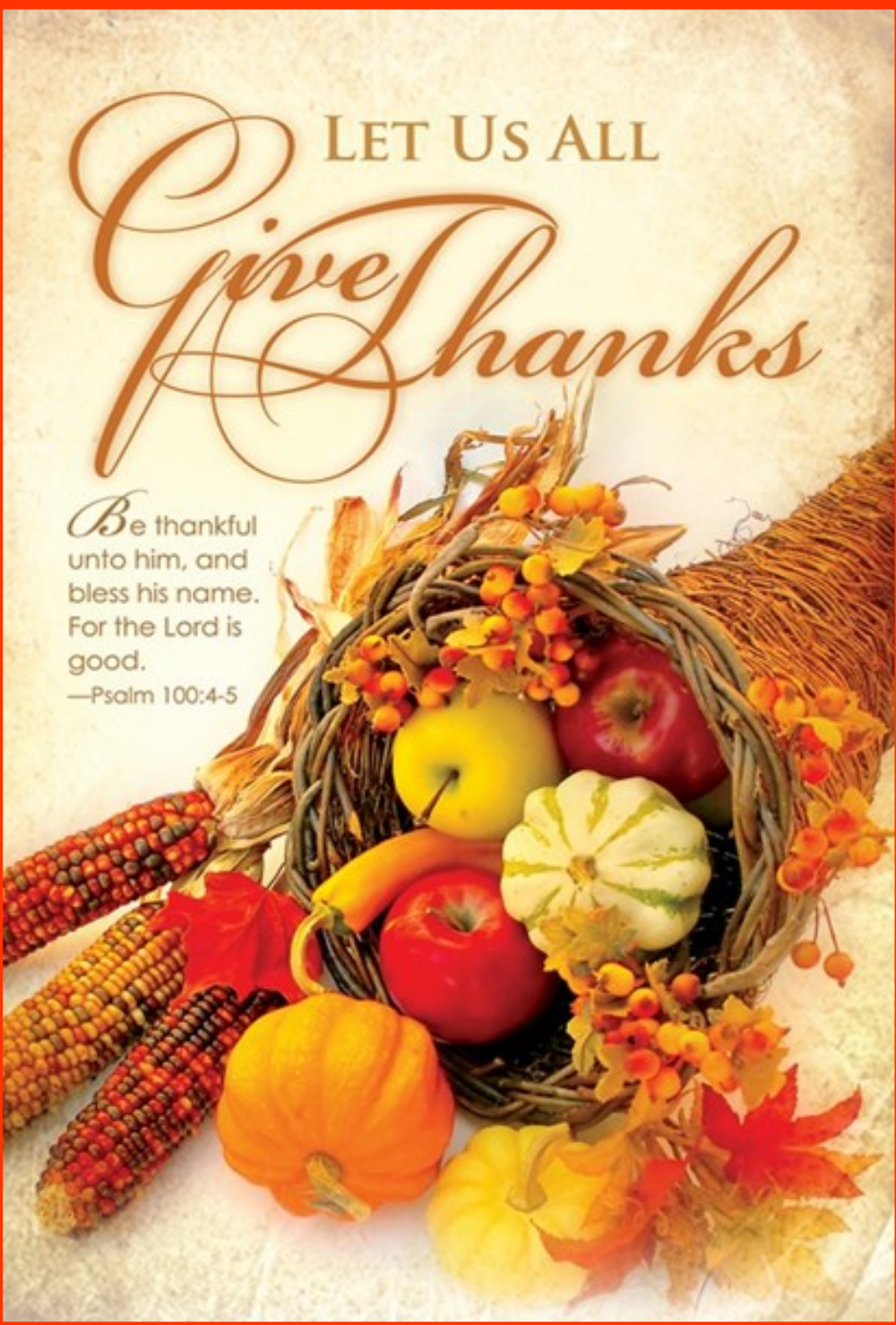
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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church,

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and *when He had given thanks. . .*” (1 Corinthians 11:23-24a). Did you notice the words in italics? OK, no surprise that Jesus would give thanks to God; He did this on several occasions mentioned in the Bible. Yes, but are you aware of the context? That is, when and where did the Lord say this? It was during the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the “Lord’s Supper.” But what was going to happen in the next few hours—events that Jesus was clearly aware of. The Lord would be betrayed, cruelly treated, beaten, scourged, abandoned, and nailed to a crude cross to die while being forsaken by God and bearing the sin of the world. And only a few hours before, He gave thanks.

I’m sure that you have experiences and events in your life that “giving thanks” never entered your mind. Why, be thankful while I am going through this? Never! I understand. Yet, consider Jesus for a minute—He gave thanks, and He understood what was coming just moments away. He was thankful.

November is the month that we are reminded of being grateful is something that we should be. It is the beginning of the holiday season when we celebrate three holidays in little over one month. By the way, are you a grateful person? Do you give thanks to the Lord regularly? Do you sport an attitude of gratitude? Well, you and I have a lot to be thankful for; especially, for God’s gracious gifts.

If you know your history, you are aware of the first Thanksgiving. Governor Bradford of Massachusetts made this first Thanksgiving Proclamation three years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth:

"Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

Are you thankful? Am I grateful? We should be—we have much for which to be grateful.

Gratefully,

Andy

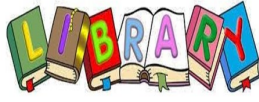
Thanksgiving Activities for Church & Families

Celebrating Thanksgivings as Christians

In the United States and Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated by people of every religion and background – that is part of what makes it such a wonderful holiday! For those looking to integrate some Christian traditions into Thanksgiving, here are several suggestions to use at church and/or home.

1. **Act it Out:** Read the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). Remind your children that Jesus was pleased with the one man who returned to give thanks for being healed. Provide rags for bandages and let your children play the roles of the lepers and Jesus.
2. **Make Some Noise:** Look up the story of the Israelites' celebration after the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt (Nehemiah 12:27-46). Talk about the instruments they used and the two great choirs that marched atop the walls to the temple; a joyous, active "thanksgiving" that could be heard "far away" (Nehemiah 12:43). Put together a home grown band using real or handmade instruments. Practice joyful praise songs and march around the "walls".
3. **Read a Book:** Share a book that expresses gratitude and thankfulness. For example, consider Corrie ten Boom's book *The Hiding Place* teaches a great lesson in thankfulness. Share Corrie's story, pointing out her struggle to be "thankful in all things." She even thanked God for fleas in her barracks. She later learned that the fleas kept the guards away and allowed Corrie and others to study the Bible undisturbed.
4. **Create a Chain Reaction:** Make a "God is Good" chain. Gather scissors, stickers, pencils, crayons, glue and construction paper. Cut the paper in strips and ask your kids to think about the many ways God is good. Have them write or draw these attributes on the strips, then connect them to form a chain and hang it in a place where it will remind your family of God's goodness.
5. **Make a Blessing Basket:** Place a pretty fall basket containing a pencil and pad of paper in an easy-to-reach location. Throughout the month, encourage family members to jot down ways God has blessed them. Younger children can draw or cut out pictures from magazines. Read these together and give God thanks each day or set aside some time on Thanksgiving Day.
6. **Trim a Tree of Thanks:** Draw and cut out a large paper tree with lots of loose leaves in autumn colors. Mount the tree in a prominent place and put the leaves nearby in a box with glue and markers. Ask your family to write things they are thankful for on the leaves, filling the tree by the end of the month. Consider the following question: "If I could keep only the gifts I've thanked God for today, what would I have?" Ask younger children: "What do you want to thank God for today?" Encourage your family to add to the tree daily.
7. **Create Scripture-themed Place Cards:** Have the children make a place card for each place setting on the Thanksgiving table. On one side, write names of guests and family; on the other, type a Scripture verse about being thankful. Let each person read a verse before the blessing.
8. **Encourage Sharing:** Place a paper leaf at each place with an "assignment" written on it. Each person adds to the festivities by completing their assignment. Assignments might include: *Read Psalm 100*, *Share a Thanksgiving memory (use this on several paper leaves)*, *Sing a Thanksgiving song (good for preschoolers)*, *Lead the group in a praise chorus (have copies of the lyrics available)* or *Say the blessing for our meal*.
9. **Let your Lights Shine:** Give an unlit votive candle to each person. Begin by lighting your own candle and thanking God for specific blessings. Then, continue the process around the table until all the candles are lit, making sure to keep the flames away from small children. Lead your family in a candlelight service of thanksgiving.

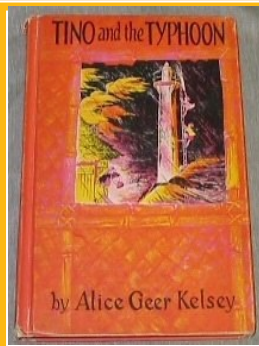
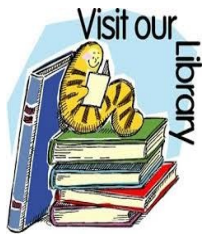
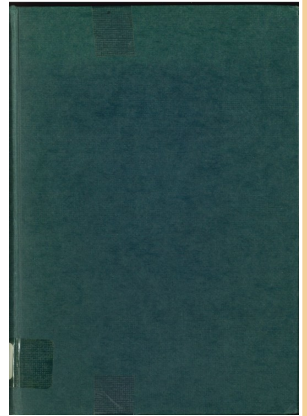
Library News/Trustees



Your Librarian
Sharon Dennis

This humble autobiography by George Beverly Shea the great Gospel singer who has withstood the test of time well into the 21st Century is an inspirational story of how one man let his life be led by God and through his remarkable Faith became one of the most treasured voices in Christian music of our time.

A personal look at the music, the faith & the life of George Beverly Shea, the singing voice of Billy Graham for a half century.



In the coastal Philippine village of Darapidap lives a boy named Tino, the lighthouse keeper's son. Watching his father keep the light inspires Tino to do a grown man's work, but his fears hold him back in his father's eyes. When a fierce storm threatens the safety of the village and the fishermen at sea, Tino's courage is put to a true test.

Trustees' Report for November 2022

During the latter week of September, the new digital sign for the church was installed. A few weeks later a training session was given to our church secretary. Now the sign displays various events taking place at our church.

New kitchen ranges were purchased, installed, and are now being used. The kitchen is a cooler workplace now since the pilot lights are not constantly burning and creating heat. In review of recent gas bills, it appears that the old gas range was using about \$40.00 of gas each month just to keep the pilot lights burning. The new ranges have automatic igniters, so gas will only be used when cooking is done, which will result in a savings for the future. The old range was sold for \$2,000, and the two new ranges cost a total of \$1,999.00.

We want to thank Steve Smith for mowing the church yard and maintaining the landscape areas for the 2022 year.

During October, the trustees have been working on six budget line items for the 2023 church budget, which will be proposed to the Budget Planning Committee. The entire 2023 proposed budget will then be presented in the church November business meeting. The trustees are continuing to work on the design and fixtures for a new women's restroom.

Dallas Bundy
Chairman of the Trustees

Announcements/Thank You

Run To The Cross

*Run to the Cross
With Your Troubles, Your Cares
Run To The Cross
Jesus Awaits There*

*How Beautiful To Talk With You
How Attentive You Are To Our Needs,
Father Caring For His Child.
How Thankful I Am (Blessed)*

*I Live Through You In This World
And You Live Through Me.
You Are My Heavenly Goal*

*Thank You For Being My Best Friend
As Well As My King*



*Run To The Cross
Jesus Awaits*



By Bev Smith



*There's Beauty in Everything
by Carrie Braden*

*I'm filled with awesome wonder at every-
thing I see-
Sweet flowers in my garden
a golden autumn tree...
The bird's song in the morning,
The sun high o'er the hill,
The water wheel that's turning
Down by the old grist mill. . .
The children's shouts of laughter
Out in the woods beyond,
To see the ducks all swimming
Down by the old mill pond . . .
The bright blue sky above me,
White clouds all drifting by. . .
I can't quite comprehend it,
And yet so blest am I.
My world is filled with beauty,
My heart is filled with love.
So now I pause to praise Him
And lift my hands above
There's beauty in everything
In big things and in small
So I must thank my Maker
For He hath made them all.*





DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
November 06	Mike Pugh	Ronnie Donoho	Jon Wiedlt
November 13	Myron Lloyd	Dale Helpingstine	Dallas Bundy
November 20	Rick Meador	Jon Wiedlt	Gary Watson
November 27	Gerald Purcell	Ken Smith	Greg Strother



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
November 06	Deanna Buerster	Emoji Prayers—Sad Tear Face
November 13	Deanna Buerster	Emoji Prayers—Heart Eyes Face
November 20	Deanna Buerster	Emoji Prayers—Black Eye Face
November 27	Deanna Buerster	Family Worship—No Children's Church

Nursery Volunteers
(Call the church office if you would like to serve)

November 06	Sheri Peradotti
November 13	Janet Smith
November 20	Dina Reed
November 27	Nancy Stallard



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
November 06	Angela Brooks	Kathy King
November 13	Mark Tabor	Lynette Wiedle
November 20	Pastor's Class	Judy Bundy
November 27	Paula's Class	Lynette Wiedle



MANOR AT SALEM WOODS - 441 HOTZE RD, SALEM:
Faye Wood #204

Centralia Manor - 1910 E McCord St.
Barbara Phillips #103

Twin Willows—1600 N Broadway:
Donna Shoemaker

Odin Health and Rehab Center— 300 Green St.
Suzanne Pollard Betty Canon Carrie Braden

Helia Health Care Center—1201 Hawthorn Rd.
Ila Westerman Melody Webb

Cedarhurst of Centralia—1827 E. McCord St.
Ruby Chapman

Heritage Woods—2049 E McCord St., Centralia
Mary Anne Rollinson



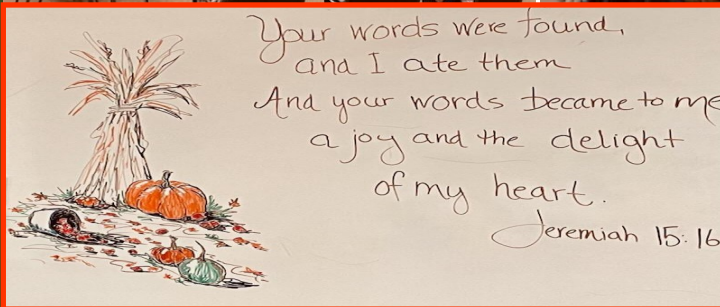
The Deacon body and their wives had a wonderful day of retreat, Saturday, October 22, at the church campus.

The deacons were led by Scott Foshie, a team leader for Illinois Baptist State Association. Scott touched on many areas of church life, the highs and lows of service, and how important it is to encourage our pastor, the Deacon Family Ministry program, as well as building relationships within the church family accordingly as provided for us through the scriptures.

The deacons wives were led by Anne Coates, discussing who Jesus is and why it matters; that Jesus is the sweetest name you know.

Lunch was provided between the morning and afternoon sessions. Both session rooms were decorated with an autumn theme, with a local artist adding a couple renderings to help lend a comfortable Fall feeling to the rooms.

Our deacons are always available to pray for their families, encourage them and be of emotional support whenever they are made aware of your needs. It's an honor to serve the families of FBC. Thank you church family for your prayers!



Women on Mission

Thanks to all who have given in any way toward the Operation Christmas Child Ministry this year! Thanks to Deric Rice for his encouragement twenty years ago to begin participating in this wonderful ministry. It is so important in providing needed items for children around the world. It also gives them an opportunity to learn of Jesus' love for them.

Praise God for the enthusiasm of the individuals preparing and attending the packing party. One hundred and sixty-two boxes were packed.

On Sunday, October 16th individual boxes were handed out. The filled boxes are due back Sunday, November 13th.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 7th at 9:30AM.

Blessings, Karen Watson





- November 06 Bring a Friend Night
- November 13 Stuffed Animal Night
- November 20 Regular Club Night
- November 27 Thanksgiving No Club

5:00—7:00PM
Sunday Nights



FOLLOWING HIM
IN 2022

I'M COMMITTED TO

- Learning**
- Involving**
- Fellowshipping**
- Evangelizing**

GROUPS

Meet every
 Sunday Morning
 @ 9:30 AM
 Salem First Baptist





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	3 Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM/6PM class	4	5
6 Personnel Mtg. 1:30PM AHG—2-4PM 4PM Church Council Mtg. Awana 5-7PM	7 Prayer Mtg. 6AM Women on Mission 9:30AM	8	9 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	10	11	12
13 Shoeboxes Return 4PM Leadership Team Mtg. Awana 5-7PM	14	15	16 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	17	18 19 <i>Donoho / White Wedding</i>	
20 Awana 5-7PM Business Mtg. 7PM	21	22	23 2PM Manor @ the Woods	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
27 No Awana Club	28	29	30 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	<p style="text-align: center;">Following Him In 2022</p>		

Colton Chancellor
Greg Strother
Steve Smith
Don Wayman
Deanna Phelps
Reha Lloyd
Aubree Hoagland
Susan Wieldt
Kenny Robinson
Jerry Summers
Sally Wilson

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John Scrivner
Jane Gaston
Nakita Harris
Richard Freeman
Barbara Helpingstine
Patsie Schleuter
Kerroll Hays
Armando Aguilar
Brenda Austin
Connie Seymour

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Join Us . . .

Sundays

8:30 –9:20 AM

In the Fellowship Hall

We serve bagels with cream cheese, donuts, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and milk.

Our Vision

The vision of Salem First Baptist Church is to become a growing family of committed believers with an increasing

- Passion for God
- Passion for People
- Passion to Serve

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday

9:00 to 4:00

*Closed 12:00 to 1:00
for lunch*

Friday 9:00–12:00

Wednesday Evening

- 4:45 PM Women’s Chronological Bible Study
- 5:30—6PM Media Center Open
- 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Praise Team Rehearsal
Mission Journey: Kids

Sunday Morning and Evening

- 8:30—9:20 AM Café Agape - Donuts & Coffee
- 9:00—9:30 AM Media Center Open
- 9:30 AM Life Groups for All Ages
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00-7:00 PM Awana

