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## From the Pastor's Heart

It's Election Day, and my heart is a mess. We have as a nation, not since the Civil War seen anything like this. I chose to write this article before the results are in.

Paul said in Philippians Chapter 2.

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose.*

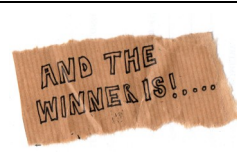
Our nation needs Jesus, we need Jesus.

Please pray that the person and persons elected will work together and restore the confidence we once had as we proudly stood, and sang with a tear the national anthem. Remember the days when debt was seen as something you could pay and you counted the payments until it was paid. Remember the days when a man could work and provide for his family with a job he was proud of. Remember the days when a hand shake was all that was needed.

As God's called and chosen let us do everything we can to bring peace and unity. Pray for our new President and trust God to lead our country and restore integrity.

His ways are beyond our understanding, acknowledge and trust God.

May God Bless America Once Again,  
Pastor Steve

 Congratulations to Donica Brand on winning the Shawnee Hills Bed and Breakfast Gift Certificate at the Ministry Fair!

## Choir Appearances



Exciting News, The Chancel Choir will be involved with some various community outreach events this holiday season. If you want to still be involved, they could always use the help!

Saturday, November 19, 11 am  
Festival of Trees, SBLHC

Sunday, November 27, 8:30/10:30 am  
Special Song: *Oh' Happy Day*

Sunday December 4th, 8:30/10:30 am  
GO, TELL IT! A Mini-Musical!

Please invite your friends to this performance. Postcards are available on the Welcome Center so you can easily invite friends and family.

Friday, December 16th, 6-8 pm  
Lightworks-Nativity at Peterson Park.  
(All are free to join us, contact Julia if you want to be a part of it!)

## Noodles and Candy

Beverly Beeler is going to make noodles for the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, *November 12th* at 10 am in the church kitchen. Anyone wanting to help is welcome.



All ladies are invited to the church on Saturday, *November 19th* from 8 am—noon to make candy. 8 recipes and ingredients will be in the church kitchen to make candy with.

## Thanksgiving Dinner



The All Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Tuesday, November 15th at 6 pm. The turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, butter and drinks will be provided. Please bring your own table service and food to share. Following the dinner at 6:45 pm a program will be held in the sanctuary from the Holy Hands Puppet and Drama Ministry. Valet parking will be available and the youth will help out with your dishes and plates.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 20th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. At this meeting all church members will be ask to vote on the Elders, Trustees, Deacons and Deaconesses for a new 3 year term.



## Operation Shoe Box



It's time to pack shoeboxes with small gifts for Operation Christmas Child! Pack your own box or one of the empty shoeboxes available by the entrance to Campbell Hall. Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to FCC by November 20th for this year's collection. Thank you for helping with this ministry and sharing blessings and the Good News with children around the world!!

## Cookie Walk/Craft Bazaar

The Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 3rd from 8 am — noon. Lots of cookies, candy, crafts and jewelry will be available to purchase. This would be a great time to get Christmas goodies for your family celebrations. The Cookie Monster will be hanging out for pictures and drawing for a door prize. Donations of cookies and candies will be accepted on Friday, December 2nd from 8 am—4 pm. Crafts and jewelry may be brought at any time prior to the 3rd.





Building Fund balance:  
\$253,829.54

## Church Life

### **Saturday, November 12**

10 am Noodle Making in Church Kitchen

### **Sunday, November 13**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Meeting

### **Monday, November 14**

No Staff Meeting

6 pm Trustees Meeting

7 pm Church Board Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 15**

7 am Prayer Time

6 pm All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

### **Wednesday, November 16**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6 pm Chancel Choir Practice

6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program

6 pm Line Dancing at the Eagles'

7 pm Praise Team Practice

### **Saturday, November 19**

8 am Ladies to Make Candy

11 am Choir at Festival of Trees at SBLHC

### **Sunday, November 20**

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Congregational Meeting

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

5-7 pm FROG/ROCK Meeting

### **Monday, November 21**

No Staff Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 22**

7 am Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, November 23**

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

No Bell Choir Practice

No Chancel Choir Practice

No Mid-Week Outlet Program

No Praise Team Practice

### **Thursday, November 24**

Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed

### **Friday, November 25**

Office Closed



### **Church Attendance**

October 30: One Service: 156

November 6: Traditional: 118, Contemporary: 48 = 166



It's always a good time to join the choir, call Julia at 273-4793 or email her at [fccchoirdirector@gmail.com](mailto:fccchoirdirector@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Special Music

November 13

Bell Choir

November 20

Kristin Stine, Violinist

November 27

Chancel Choir

December 4

"Go Tell It!" Mini-Musical

December 11

Kings IV Group

December 18

Bell Choir

## Thank You Notes

☞ Becky and I are so thankful for your support of our shoe drive to bring Simon home from China. We have seen the entire body of Christ come together to support our Father's heart for orphans. We would love to have your prayer support as we get closer to bringing Simon home. Hopefully, in February or March. *Steve and Becky Kull*

*(November 22nd is the last day to donate shoes.)*

☞ Thank you for donating the proceeds from your Rib Fundraiser to the Y! We appreciate your support of the Mattoon Area Family YMCA. Your support of the Y has a great impact on our community. It allows us to provide a place to play, to learn, to be healthy, and to give back.

*Blake Fairchild and Emily Hayden*

*(FCC donated \$5,113.85 to the Y from the fundraiser.)*

☞ Thank you to everyone for the prayers and visits for Bob during his surgery and recovery.

*Bob and Joan Young*

☞ The Coats 4 Kids drive was a great success! We would like to thank everyone who made it possible. Because of your generosity we gave away 136 coats plus hats, gloves, scarves and blankets. Whether you donated clothing, made a monetary donation, made signs or volunteered at the drive, we appreciate your willingness to help. We look forward to next years' Coats 4 Kids drive. Thanks again!

## Serving Communion

### **Sunday, November 13**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tim Buford, Tim Cyr

**10:30 am** — Jeff Maninfior, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan

### **Sunday, November 20**

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Bill Daily, Tom Dickerson

**10:30 am** — Max Betty, Donica Brand, Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings

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