

First Light

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Holiday Bazaar

Friday, Nov. 8, 3-7 pm

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10-6 pm

Handcrafted Gifts • **Decorations** • **Baked Goods**

We are raising funds from the Bazaar for new church windows. There is a box in the narthex on the coffee bar where you can place donations for sale, such as books, scarves, purses, handmade crafts, holiday décor (Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.), gift items, and so on. Please dig deep and give often!

NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING

It's Never Too Early to Think About Christmas!

November's Noisy Offering (Nov. 10th) will support the Angel Tree program that serves local school children. Rather than pulling tags off a tree in a local store, we will partner with the Family Resource Center of Oak Ridge Schools (FRC). The FRC has provided Christmas gifts for local children in need for over 20 years. The FRC staff screens all families to ensure that they would not be served without this program. Our offering will directly benefit the children.



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REFLECTIONS

"Calling them like I see them"

Pumpkin Patch 2024 is officially done! I'm thinking about one particular day. It was the second shipment, and we had a good number of folks to show up. About the time that Ben could drive the forklift back to grab another crate of pumpkins, we had it emptied and were ready to start again. It was clockwork and it wasn't bad at all. I don't even remember getting sore the next day.

My hope is that all of the pumpkin patch is like that. We have enough folks that are willing to jump in and do their part. If enough of us do that, then none of us gets overworked and we don't get sore or fed up with the whole affair. And we don't want that. People make a point of coming to our church year after year to shop and support the causes, to take photos, and just to have some joy of all those pumpkins sitting out in the yard for the month. By working together and all chipping in, we were able to raise about \$7,000 this year! That's great and it's really going to help sponsor the costs of sending our young people on mission this summer to Kentucky.

I have one further hope. I hope that the shape of the pumpkin patch applies to our ministries as a church. That's the model. If enough of us jump in to contribute our gifts and lend a bit of our time, then none of us gets worked to the bone or burned out. Churches are kind of notorious for doing that, and not just to clergy! I've known plenty of lay ministers who don't even bother waving the white flag. They just march off because they've been overworked.

Let me offer this last word to meditate on and it comes in two parts. You judge which one applies to you. If you don't have a ministry in the church that you're giving some time to, consider doing so. It cares for some of those who've been hauling a bunch of ministerial "pumpkins" for many years. But perhaps just as crucially, if you're someone who commits *a lot* of time here at the church, consider *not doing so*. Yes. I meant that. You don't have to give more and more and more until you're too sore to stir your soul anymore. I think if both of those groups honestly make some efforts, we'll be well set up to continue to do great things together for years to come. Thanks for all you do, friends!

Peace, Rory

Before His Presence with Singing

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word.

Shade Mynatt, my great grandfather, once found himself stuck with the chore of teaching a children's Sunday School class as a substitute for the regular Sunday School teacher. This was a first for him and he found himself rather at a loss for what to do for an hour with a bunch of energetic, easily bored children.

They tell me my great grandfather was an exceptional storyteller, spinning yarns about fishing and coon hunting and tales about folks in the holler where he lived. It occurred to him that he could just tell stories from the bible like the ones he told of his own life, so on Saturday night, he combed the new testament for story material and come Sunday, off he went a tellin' tales.

The children loved it! Rather than the typical Sunday school lesson, where the teacher drones on and on while the boys pulled little girls' hair and the girls drew flowers to pass the time, Shade had every child at his fingertips with his Bible stories.

The stories that God had people record for us in the Bible are exciting, emotional, and suspenseful. Take them off the page and bring them back to life as real people and real events and discover the fascination, action, tragedy and love wrapped up in the book.

Fanny Crosby must have had a grandpa like my great grandpa Shade. She saw the intrinsic value of the stories in the Bible, the story of Jesus. In writing her hymn, she boldly assigned top value to the story of Jesus. The angels singing at his birth. His fasting in the desert and being tempted by Satan. The cross where they nailed him. The anguish and pain. The grave where they laid him. His rising again. As we sing this hymn Sunday, mentally leaf through the stories and enjoy.

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels, in chorus sang as they welcomed his birth,
"Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that he passed,
how for our sins he was tempted, yet was triumphant at last.
Tell of the years of his labor, tell of the sorrow he bore;
he was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected, and poor.

Tell of the cross where they nailed him, writhing in anguish and pain;
tell of the grave where they laid him; tell how he liveth again.
Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see:
stay, let me weep while you whisper, Love paid the ransom for me

In Christ, **Tim**

Missions Opportunity for Youth

We will be going to Corbin, KY on November 2nd to help Scarlett Jasper and Olive Branch ministries set up their Christmas box operation that operates out of the gym at First Baptist Church Corbin. We will be meeting at the First Baptist Oak Ridge at 8 a.m. on Nov. 2nd and will be returning in the afternoon. When we return the youth will have dinner and have some structured time to discuss the experience. Pick up at First Baptist Oak Ridge will be at 7 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday, Nov. 2nd.

RECIPE CLUB

The Recipe Club will meet at the home of Jodie Johnson, 123 Timbercrest Drive, Oak Ridge, Sunday, November 3, at 5:00 p.m. Ariana Taylor will be teaching us how to make Pad Thai and Drunken Noodles and have samples for us to taste! For questions or more information please contact Bev Burgan or Jodie Johnson.



Meetings: Council & Committee

FINANCE MEETING

Sunday, November 3, 2:00 p.m./RM. 105

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m./RM. 105

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, November 10, 2:00 p.m./RM. 105

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, November 10, 3:30 p.m./RM. 105

FBCFBC-- NOVEMBER

Our November 4th book club book is *The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis* by George Stephanopoulos. Melody Turner will lead the discussion.

Our book club meets at 12:30 in the library. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Questions? Contact Dianne.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.



Discussion Group

Movie: The Terminal (2004) starring Tom Hanks.

Viewing: Streaming on many pay-per-view platforms for ~\$4.

Time & Place: Friday, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Joy Reedy's home, 109 Downing Drive, O.R.

Questions: Contact Mike Crowell (505-695-1757), Brandon Weaver (865-384-5833), or Joy Reedy (815-922-8992).



Sunday, November 3

11am Nursery Susan Williams & Meghan Bowers
Children's Church Hannah Simic & Jackie Laney

Sunday, 10

11am Nursery Karry Garcia & Amber Slessinger
Children's Church First Christian

Sunday, 17

11am Nursery Tedi Newman & Angie Walls
Children's Church .. Jodie Johnson & Debbie Johnson

Sunday, 24 - CHILDREN'S FUN DAY

11am Nursery Hannah Simic & Gigi Naeve
Children's Church Hannah Simic & Gigi Naeve

Prayer Requests

IMMEDIATE: Spencer O'Neil & Shawn Strickland (friends of Tedi Newman). Cameron Parker (Liz Clary's nephew). Ray & Gretta Lloyd. Dwayne & Hilda Geske (Lois Scott's nephew & niece.) Debbie Hoebel (Lois & Gerald Scott's daughter). Frank Janous. Lynn Satterfield (Gary Giles' sister). Bobby Bowers and family. Greg Helton. Jim Gibson. Pat Smith (friend of Peggy & Jim Walls). Sandra Clift (Melody Turner's stepmom). Dwayne Bounds (Tim Bounds' brother). Andy Hutson. Kara Davis (Tim Bounds' niece). Jim Younkin. Becky & Eric (friends of Jonathan & Sarah Ray). Ricky Phelps (Tim Bounds' nephew). Stoney Lowell (friend of Jodie Johnson). Jack Burgan (Jeff Burgan's dad). Larry Carter. Dave Bunton. Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter). Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister). Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Ray Roach (Tim Bounds' brother-in-law). Jackie Laney's dad, Barney. Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend). Mark Ebeler (friend of Carol O'Shaughnessy). Tammy Lee (Kay Smith's sister). Adrian Flory. Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Joyce Dippel (Jan Stoutland's sister). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Frances Darnell (Diane Qualls' mother). Richard Evans. Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew).

LONG TERM: Mary Jane Williams. Peggy Scott. Darla Sutton. Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Bobby Cline (Mark Belvin's brother-in-law). Larry Fields. Scott Ethridge. Rick Nation. Jo Ann Tunstall. Theresa Bowers.



Our services are streamed live and recorded at:

www.fbcoakridge.org/live-streaming



NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXANDER GUEST HOUSE:

Katie Landis, RM. 217.

CANTERFIELD OF OAK RIDGE:

Frank Janous, RM. 216.

Jean Webster, RM. 303.

COURTYARDS SENIOR LIVING:

Dot Senn, RM. 105.

LIFE CARE CENTER OF BLOUNT COUNTY:

Norval Ziegler.

SHANNONDALE OF MARYVILLE:

Shirlene Dale, RM. 114.

Our Ministry Continues Throughout the Week

Church Office: 483-4615 /483-4657

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rory Naeve

Minister of Music: Rev. Tim Bounds

Minister of Children: Hannah Simic

Minister of Youth: Rev. Shawn Simic

Church Secretary: Lola Murray

Facilities Manager: Chris Peterson

Wednesday Services

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Feast (Youth)