

Fruitful Hands News

Fruitful Hands Ladies meet the first Tuesday of each month in the FLC at 9:30am. Our mission is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, a project of Samaritan's Purse. We craft, sew, organize and collect items all year long in preparation for FBC to fill shoeboxes every November during National Packing Week.



Join us at our next meeting on November 3th!

Contact Gale Fitts for more info (252-342-1783).



Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning, November 1st

8:30am Worship – Communion
9:45-10:45am Bible Study for All Ages
9:30-10:50am Media Center
11:00am Worship – Communion

Sunday Evening, November 1st

4:00-4:45pm Youth/Praise Team Practice
5:00-5:30pm Children's Handbells (Grades 3-6)
5:00-5:30pm Children of Parents attending Bible Study or Prayer Time at 5:00pm will go to the Large Children's Room and will be taken to Children's Choirs at 5:30pm. (4 yr olds-6th grade)
5:00-6:30pm Adult Prayer Time (FLC)
Apologetics Bible Study (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:30pm Preschool Cherub Choir (Preschool Area)
1st - 6th Children's Choir (Choir Room)
6:30-7:30pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday Morning, November 4th

10:00am-12:00pm Media Center

Wednesday Evening, November 4th

5:15-6:00pm Churchwide Fellowship Meal
6:00-7:30pm Nursery (birth-3yr olds)
6:15-7:15pm **Mission Friends**
• Mission Friends (4 yr.-K) Preschool Hall
• Girls in Action (1st-3rd) Children's Hall
• Girls in Action (4th-6th) Children's Hall
• Royal Ambassadors (1st-6th) Lg Rm 222
6:15-7:30pm Youth Bible Study (7th-12th)
6:15-7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)
6:15-7:15pm Praise Team Practice
7:15-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice



Come to Our Shoebox Packing Party

DATE: 11/18/26 TIME: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Family Life Center



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October 28, 2026



December 5

CHRISTMAS Cookies of Care

11:30am

Are you a part of a WMU group or the Youth group? If so, come join in a time of fellowship and cookie baking!

After the cookies are baked, help to package them up and delivered cookies and smiles to River Trace Rehab Center.



A letter from the Pastor

Hello First Baptist,

What a great time we had at the fall festival, all except one event, the pie the pastor station! I have gone through the photographic evidence and there is a long list of people who will be hearing from me very soon. I saw a lot of enjoyment on people's faces as they rubbed those whipped cream pies in my face. Some people even did it more than once. They better be lucky that I just read Romans 12:19 which says, *"Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it says, 'VENGENACE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,' says the Lord."* I guess those pie throwers are safe. Just kidding, it was fun, and tasty (at least the first pie or two!).

The fall festival was a great success, and I know our church family had a great time fellowshiping together. I want to thank Susannah Berry for her outstanding leadership in putting this event together. Susannah organized and set up the entire event, and it went wonderfully. I also want to thank our deacon body for handling the cooking and plating of food, as always, it is so awesome to be a part of a church that loves to serve each other.

We have now finished John 12 which is the end of Jesus' public ministry, and we begin to look into the part of John's gospel known as the "upper room discourse". Starting in chapter 13, everything slows way down, as John will spend the next 5 chapters on one night. What we will see is a transition in the tone of the language as well as our Lord explain everything in great detail to His disciples. I am looking forward to starting this new section with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt

Operation Christmas Child Volunteers Needed!



November 18

Operation Christmas Shoebox Packing Party

Volunteers needed to sit at a table and check shoeboxes to make sure they are filled, put rubber bands on them, or label them as a girl or boy box. Many volunteers can make this process move smoothly and quickly!

Find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board
outside the church office.

Coats for the City



Collection Dates: Now through November 8, 2026

New or gently used heavy coats that can withstand a New York City winter. No holes, tears or stains. Zippers should work and all buttons should be present. Men's, women's and children's coats (preferred sizes are S, M, L and XL). Monetary donations can also be given to help purchase new coats.

If you would like to donate, please drop off coats in the box under the bulletin board in the church office hallway.

Serving the Week of November 1, 2026

**Nursery Workers, please include Sunday night,
let's make sure we have at least 2 people per service.*

**Nursery Workers ~ Penney Doughtie, Denise Warren, Kim Warren,
John & Angie Lewis, Kara Whitley**

**Children's Church ~ 8:30am ~ Crystal Modlin
~ 10:30am ~ Tracie Asby**

Deacon of the Week ~ Gabe White

Deacon Team Members ~ Justin Modlin, Suzi Piegols

Audio/Visual Ministry Team ~ Luke Alligood, Fred Anderson, Emerson Asby, Chandler Bradley, Jesse Davis, John Davis, Carol Evans, Don Fann, James Fitts, Jimmy Harris, Carla Mitchell, Wyatt Renfrow, Levi Setzer. We are always looking for folks interested in serving in the Audio/Visual Ministry, call Jesse Davis (946-8074) or Carol Evans (946-1724) and ask them about the specifics of the different areas available. COME JOIN OUR TEAM!



APOLOGETICS...

Bible study FOR ALL!

Next class: **November 1st**

- Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Sanctuary.
- Social with refreshments to follow in the FLC!



ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals...

Cost: \$7.00 Adult Plate
\$5.00 Child Plate

Sign up on the church office
hallway bulletin board, or call/text
to get on the list by Monday at 4pm.

November 4th

Baked Potato Bar
Veggie Bread
Tea
Dessert