

The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

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Greetings from Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center!

Sandy Jackson

21 years ago, First Baptist Church of North East prayed for God to show us how we could use our newly expanded building to minister to our community. 20 years ago, on October 12, the doors of Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center (JLMCC) opened for the very first time! We had just one classroom for children ages 2-5 years. We started with just one enrolled child, for six weeks! That one child taught the entire staff the importance of prayer, love, commitment, and faith! But, how can we operate a center with just one child? God brought us TO this point. Surely He would bring us THROUGH our enrollment struggle! Right? So, we prayed! A LOT!!! After a few months of struggle, tears, and determination, God answered our prayers! Once the children started coming, they just KEPT coming!

Over the years we have hired new staff, knocked out walls, added more bathrooms, and they still KEEP COMING! We are currently licensed for 84 children, ages 2-12 years, and employ 22 staff to care, love and pray over these children each week. Praise the Lord!! JLMCC has blossomed into a ministry that continues to meet the childcare needs of this community.

Through the ministry of JLMCC we have been able to connect with so many families over the years. We have been entrusted with the most precious things they have, their children. We have been invited into their triumphs (JLMCC continued on page 2)



- ~ CCPC 1st Annual Diaper Dash
- ~ Saturday, November 10th
- ~ 8am to 11am (run begins @ 9am)
- ~ Meadow Park in Elkton, MD
- ~ Participants receive a free event t-shirt.
- ~ This year's goal is to raise the funds needed to purchase updated class material, basic and necessary supplies for new parents, as well as operating costs.
- ~ Visit www.ccpregnancycenter.org for more details & registration info.

Seeking Christ's Spirit

Acts 1:14

UNITED
>>IN<<
PRAYER

BCM/D State
Missions
Offering goal:
\$150,000

Church goal:
\$1,000

Goal exceeded: **\$1,165**

November



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Chelsea Logue
- 2 Goldia Gregg
- 5 Tommy Murray
- 7 Alicia Callaghan
Mark Gibson
April Vance
- 8 Audrey (Beman)
Hammond
- 11 Iva Lewis
Esther Watson
- 13 Dorothy Lundberg
- 14 Megan Burns
Michael Jones
- 15 Melissa (Jackson)
Marvel
Cassandra Walsh
- 16 Delilah Keyes
Brian Musser
- 17 Colby Brice
- 18 Cameron McCann
- 19 Jennifer Barker
Connie Hamilton
Anthony Taylor
- 20 Bobby Hilaman
- 21 Matthew Hamilton
- 23 Frances Cantler
- 24 Ethan Hokuf
- 25 Amy Hall
Jason Whitmore
- 26 Logan Hokuf
Morgan Naggie
- 27 Janet Hokuf
Bowen Milburn
Ann Reeder

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charles & Beverly Poff
- 2 John & Nancy (Carpenter) Carr
- 4 David & Mary Beth Naggie
- 5 Kevin & Jennifer Barker
- 7 Will & Teala Robertson
- 22 Carl & Evelyn Moore
- 26 John Jr. & Manda Barber
- 27 Jim & Patricia Adkins



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(JLMCC continued from pg. 1)

and trials. We have celebrated new families, babies, jobs, and homes. We have offered prayer, encouragement, and counsel through layoffs, family deaths, addiction, eviction, and too many more trials to mention.

And through it all, we have been able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with each family, getting God's Word into their homes and hearts! And every step of the way we have given God ALL the Glory!!!

So, where will JLMCC be in 20 more years? I'm not sure. I do know this. Whatever lies ahead, as long as we seek God's will and allow Him to guide our path, we will be exactly where we are supposed to be, doing exactly what we are supposed to do, and giving Him all the Glory for it!

In His Service and for His Glory!

Sandy Jackson



Why I Volunteer?

If you ask me why I volunteer
 Aren't my days full of cares of their own?
 Why I've chosen to forfeit some freedom
 To stand prepared for the ring of the phone.
 Or why I'm a regular down at the Center
 For training, or to put training to test
 Trading comfort for commitment and challenge
 In treating strangers as if they were guests.
 But these strangers are quickly familiar
 And look to me as part of their hope
 They let me enter the world of their crisis
 Where I'm humbled and prayerfully grope.
 For it's not just a call to service
 Or the voice of the stranger I hear
 But the unspoken cry of the least of these
 Which reminds me why I volunteer.

~ Anonymous

Jesus said, "in as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me."

Submitted by Sharon Hodanics



Work Day
 Sat., Oct.
 13, 2018

(Left): Bob Veasey working on a sump pump.
 (Right): Tim & Laura Bayer observe and help with sump pump.








PUZZLE




HARVEST OF GOODNESS




God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.

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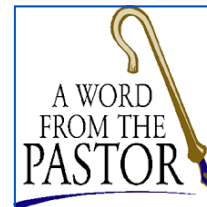
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Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In October of 1998, our church embarked on a journey – a brand new ministry to reach our community. It was something we had been praying about and planning for, for a long time. We named it Jesus Love Me Childcare Center. We started it with \$5,000 of seed money that we received as a grant from Advancing Christ's Kingdom. That is a benevolent organization of our Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.



It was 20 years ago, after months of preparation, that we opened our doors. Angela Masker Johnson was our first director and we only had one student – Ashley – for the first six weeks. By December we still only had four children, not enough to sustain the ministry after our grant money ran out. What would we do?! I called a staff meeting and explained the situation, and we prayed. All of our staff agreed, we had to keep trying. We had come too far to quit. They decided to keep working, but for half the salary – until enrollment increased. What a gracious gesture and sacrifice those ladies made. Praise the Lord. It was June of the next year before we were able to pay them their full wage.

Carol Evans and Sandra Jackson became co-directors in May 1999, and soon Sandy took over that role completely, which she holds to the present. We decided to give back ten percent of all the income received to the Lord through the church. Over the years that amount has fluctuated, and we now give five percent.

The ministry has grown and expanded over the last two decades. We are trying to reach all of those families who trust their precious children to our care. It is a daunting challenge, but a wonderful God-given open door. Only eternity will tell all of the blessings that will come from this tremendous ministry.

On Sunday, October 28 we will celebrate this 20th anniversary in our morning worship services. I hope you can come and share this event with us. Please be sure to read Sandy Jackson's article on page one.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



Thankful TREE

Make this Thanksgiving decoration and keepsake as a reminder of God's many blessings.

What you need:

- Acrylic paints
- Paint brush
- White cardstock (8" x 11")
- Baby wipes or wet paper towels
- 8" x 11" frame (available at dollar stores)
- Black permanent marker
- Bowls or paper plates

What you do:

1. Paint your palm, fingers, wrist and a portion of your arm with brown paint.
2. With the white cardstock placed vertically, press down your painted hand and arm. The print should resemble a tree trunk and branches.
3. Clean your hand and arm with baby wipes or wet paper towels.
4. Dip your fingertips into different-colored paints and press them onto the paper to make leaves. (It's autumn, so leaves can be falling!)
5. When paint is dry, write "thankful" down the trunk with permanent marker. Also write your name and the year in the corner.
6. Frame and display your decoration.



N O V E M B E R

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28 6pm: Sunday Evening Service 6pm: Youth cookout and hayride @ Pastor Steve's house	29	30	31 10am: Trunk or Treat for JLMCC in church parking lot	1	2	3 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church
4 9:20am: Breakfast 6pm: Youth	5	6 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship <u>ELECTION DAY</u>	7 5:30pm: Kids' Klub Fall Kick-off Hayride & Bonfire @ Pastor Steve's house	8	9 9:30am-2pm: FBCNE serves Community Dinner @ Elkton Methodist Church	10 8am-11am: CCPC Diaper Dash 5K (run starts @ 9am)
11 6pm: Youth <u>BCM/D Annual Mtg @ Oak Grove</u>	12	13	14 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	15	16	17 Youth trip to National Zoo in DC.
18 Dec/Jan <i>Lamplighter</i> articles are due 12pm: Fellowship meal 6pm: Youth	19	20	21 6:30pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service w/ Robert Hall	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24
25 NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE	26	27	28	29	30	1 1pm: Handel Concert @ Lancaster Bible College

See page 6 for regular events/services



First Baptist Church of North East Shoe Box Collection Site Schedule

Monday, November 12 to Saturday, November 17: 10am to 4pm

Sunday, November 18: 1pm to 3pm

Monday, November 19: 8:30am-12:30pm

Shoe Box
Dedication Sunday:
Sunday, November
11th



Kids' Klub

Kids' Klub will be re-starting again. We will have a kick-off hayride and bonfire on Wednesday, November 7. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm, then travel to Pastor Steve's house for a bonfire and hayride. We will return to the church around 8pm.

Youth hayride and cookout—Sunday, October 28 @ 5pm—@ Pastor Steve's house.

Youth trip to the National Zoo in Washington DC—Saturday, November 17.

(contact Tim Bayer for van pick-up)



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GREETINGS OF THANKSGIVING!

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
☆☆ Non-Profit Org. ☆
☆☆ U.S. Postage ☆
☆☆ PAID ☆
☆☆ North East, MD ☆
☆☆ 21901 ☆
☆☆ Permit No. 19 ☆
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am

9:20am

9:30am

10:30am

6pm

6pm

WORSHIP

Breakfast (*1st Sun, monthly*)

📖 **Sunday School/Bible Study**

WORSHIP/Children's Worship

Youth

WORSHIP (*Last Sunday of the month only*)

Wednesday

6:30pm

6:30-7:30pm

Kids' Klub

📖 **Prayer/Bible Study**

BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

Thursday

10am

11am

6pm

Choir Practice

Ladies' Prayer Time

🎵 **Praise & Worship Team Practice**



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
10/21/18(42 wks): **\$3,560.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,691.**

Budget Status: **-\$5,507.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$3,924.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
Received to date: **\$39,820.**
Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning
worship attendance:
9/23/18-10/21/18: **93**

