

The Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of North East

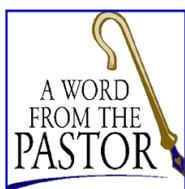
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Newsletter

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Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. November is a busy month for our church. Of course we have Thanksgiving and all preparations for that, but this is also the month we collect the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (November 17th – 25th). It is also our church's 63rd anniversary. We will celebrate on Sunday the 24th with a fellowship supper after the second morning service.



There have been a few changes to our fellowship hall since last year. When you look up, you will notice that we have recently upgraded all of the lights with next generation LEDs. Believe it or not, in the six years since we replaced all of the fluorescent tubes with LEDs, the technology has vastly improved. The new LEDs use about a third of the electricity of the "old" ones and give even more light. We were able to purchase them with a

\$13,545 grant from the Energy Savings Program of Delmarva Power.

If you look down, you will notice that the floor is also different. All of the carpet squares are gone. Thanks to the hard work of the local Boy Scouts Troop #131 for an Eagle Scout project, our fellowship hall has literally been transformed. We now have commercial grade linoleum tile across the whole 4,000+ square feet of the hall. What a wonderful new look (and so much easier to take care of it). Our Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center is especially grateful for these and many other improvements in our facility.

What you might not notice, but it too is new since last year, is the heating and air conditioning. We have had to replace two complete heat pump units, not only in the fellowship hall, but upstairs in the offices as well. After more than 25 years in our educational wing, things are finally wearing out. Praise the Lord we have been able to do

all of this work and pay for it as well! While we were doing all of this, we had to replace the aging underground propane tank. We now have two brand new 1,000 gallon, above ground tanks. We received both when we prepaid for 11,800 gallons of propane. We should have enough fuel to heat our church facility for several more years. If all of these improvements are too much for your heart to handle, we now have a defibrillator. We can actually shock someone's heart, if there would ever be such an emergency.

I am so grateful for our Trustees, under the chairmanship of Bob Veasey, for all of these (and many other) necessary upgrades. These things don't just happen. All of you in our church family are a part of this body of Christ. God has gifted each of us, by His Holy Spirit to serve Him. We work together to the praise of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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PUZZLE
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Galatians 6:9 James 3:18 John 4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

November Birthdays

5	Tommy Murray
8	Audrey Hammond
11	Iva Lewis
15	Melissa Marvel
16	Brian Musser
17	Colby Brice
18	Cameron McCann
19	Jennifer Barker
19	Connie Hamilton
20	Bobby Hilaman
21	Matthew Hamilton
24	Ethan Hokuf
25	Amy Hall
26	Logan Hokuf
26	Morgan Naggie
27	Janet Hokuf
28	Annie Reeder



November Anniversaries

1	Charles & Beverly Poff
2	John & Nancy Carr
4	David & Mary Beth Naggie
5	Kevin & Jennifer Barker
7	Will & Teala Robertson
22	Carl & Evelyn Moore
27	Jim & Patricia Adkins



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This past month brother Tim Bayer has led two of the teens to faith in Christ! They are growing in their new found faith and looking forward to being baptized soon. The youth group is making preparations for *ReBoot*, at Camp Skycroft this coming January. Tim has two new helpers on his team, Joe Fisher and Rob Sparks. Please pray for them.

Our jail ministry team is growing too. Ralph and Judy Veasey have been going on the first Sunday night of each month, for years. Lately, Rob Sparks has been going along. He has shared his testimony and has seen God touch hearts, every time he shares. Each month men get saved and others recommit their lives to the Lord. Praise God for all of you who go and do these important outreach ministries.

This month I begin my 40th year as your pastor. It has been my joy through the decades, to see God's hand of blessing on our church. I have watched several generations of many of our families come along. As the apostle John said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John: 4). It is my hope and prayer to be alive when Christ returns and takes all of us who are His, home to be with Him in the rapture. This could be the year! Are you ready if he

would come today?! I want all of you, and many more who are not yet saved, to be in that number. Let's keep looking for His Second Coming, and let's be faithful and true to Him until that glorious day.

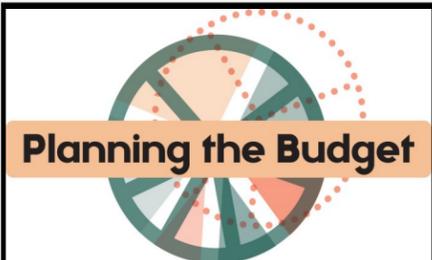
Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



Thanks
be to God
for his
indescribable
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15



Copies of the 2020 Budget Proposal will be available for anyone that is interested, on Sunday, November 3 & Sunday, November 10. The Budget Proposal will then be discussed at the monthly business meeting on Wednesday, November 13. Finally, there will be a special business meeting after service on Sunday, December 1, to vote on the 2020 Budget Proposal. (There will not be a discussion during this meeting.)



COLLECTION WEEK IS COMING!

This is a reminder to all who are filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, that our "Dedication Sunday" is November 17th. The children will be a part of this special time as we pray over the shoe boxes that have been brought in. Then, on Monday, November 18th through Monday, November 25th, our church will be a drop off location for this area.

If you are interested in helping, or need to drop off shoe boxes, our schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 18th – Saturday, Nov. 23rd: 10am to 4pm**
- Sunday, November 24th: 1pm to 3pm**
- Monday, November 25th: 8am-12:30pm**

This year marks the 20th year that we have been a drop off location. It is such a joy as other groups and individuals bring in their shoe boxes, and together we pray for the children who will be receiving them.

The cartons we pack will be taken to a church in Delaware where they will be shipped to the processing center in Baltimore. From there, they will be shipped all over the world. Some of our church members plan to go to Baltimore to be a part of this process.

If you have any items left over after you have finished packing your boxes, you can donate them by placing them in the box by our Operation Christmas Child display that is located in our education wing. These items will be sent to the processing center where they will be put in the shoe boxes as needed.

Thank you to all who participate in this wonderful project. I pray this will be a blessing to you, as well as the child that receives the shoe box.

By Nancy Hudler



YOUTH HAYRIDE

Due to the inclement weather that we have been having over the last few weeks, we have had to reschedule our Youth & Kids' Klub Hayride and Cookout nights. They have been rescheduled to the following dates...

Youth Hayride & Cookout @ Pastor Steve's house...
5pm-8pm: Sunday, Nov 3.
Contact Tim Bayer for if you would like to go.

Kids' Klub Hayride & Cookout at Pastor Steve's house...
Meet at the church at 5:30pm on Wed, Nov. 6.

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N O V E M B E R

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 6pm: Evening service showing Dr. Dobson's video, <i>Dare to Discipline</i> 6pm: Youth	28	29	30 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study	31 10am: Fold November <i>Lamplighter</i>	1	2 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church.
See page 6 for regular events/services						
3  9:20am: Breakfast 5-8pm: Youth Hayride	4	5 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ Pleasant View Baptist Church	6 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study 5:30pm: Kids Klub cookout and hayride @ Pastor Steve's	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day BCM/D Annual Mtg. in OC, MD	12	13 6:30pm: Business Mtg, 2020 Budget 6:30pm: Kids Klub	14	15	16
17 OCC Dedication Sunday Ryan Hokuf Missionary Report Dec/Jan <i>Lamplighter</i> articles due!	18	19	20 6:30pm: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30pm: Kids Klub	21 10am: Fold December / January <i>Lamplighter</i>	22	23
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drop off						
24 63rd Anniversary Fellowship meal after 10:30am service 6pm: Youth OCC Shoe Box Drop off	25	26	27 6:30pm: Thanksgiving Service with Rev. Robert Hall	28 	29	30



**Thank you
for your
sacrifice
and service
to our
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**Please join us at 6:30pm on
Wednesday, November 27.
Rev. Robert Hall will deliver
the message.**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am WORSHIP
9:20am Breakfast *(1st Sun, monthly)*
9:30am **Sunday School/Bible Study**
10:30am WORSHIP/Children's Worship
6pm Youth
6pm WORSHIP *(Last Sunday of the month only)*

Tuesday

6pm **Praise & Worship Team Practice**

Wednesday

6:30pm Kids' Klub
6:30-7:30pm **Prayer/Bible Study**
BUSINESS Mtg *(2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)*

Thursday

10am Fold Lamplighter *(Last Thurs of the month)*
11am Ladies' Prayer Time

**Budget/Attendance
Analysis**

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 10/27/19
(43 weeks): **\$3,695.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,802.**

Budget Status: **-\$4,604.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$3,307.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
Received to date: **\$43,550.**
Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning worship
attendance:
9/22/19-10/27/19: **89**