

**Generous • Thankful • Faithful (November 1, 8, 15, and 22)**

God has generously given us life, love, family, friends, forgiveness, hope, salvation, and so many other good gifts. How do we live as thankful, faithful stewards of these gifts? How do we live generously in a world of scarcity?

The third Sunday each month, we collect an offering for the Food Pantry of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. This offering directly helps feed hungry families in Polk County. You may give to this offering as you exit this morning.

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are due in the office by noon tomorrow (November 16). Thank you for bringing them by the 16<sup>th</sup>, as we are unable to deliver them after the deadline.

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper in worship.

**The Social Committee** will meet briefly in the parlor after worship next **Sunday, November 22**, to plan for the Annual Christmas meal.

**Our November Mission** is a coat drive which continues through the winter months. The collection box is located in the closet across the hall from the Lair Sunday School classroom, and coats will be taken to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry each time the box is full. Please bring new or used coats, sweaters and hoodies of any size, so we can help spread the gift of warmth.

**Brotherhood** will not meet in November or December.

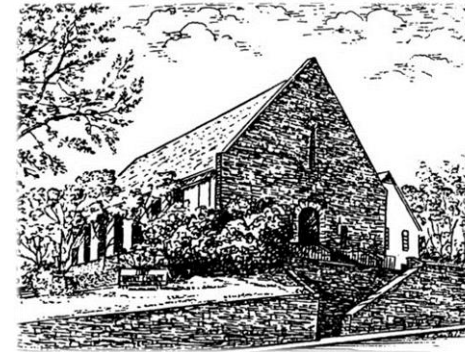
**Community Thanksgiving Service** – Thanksgiving will be celebrated next Sunday, November 22, at 4pm in the First Baptist sanctuary (the combined choirs will practice at 3pm). This will be a joint service with other churches in the community. Come and bring a friend!

**Save the Date!** Mark Sunday, December 6 on your calendars. We’ll celebrate our annual Christmas Meal in the Activity Building at 5pm. Come and bring your side dishes, salads, and desserts. The Social Committee will provide meat, beverages, and rolls. We hope to see you there!

**November 08, 2015**

Weekly Budget Giving	\$ 7,437	Church Scholarships	\$ 20
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 6,640	Food Pantry	\$ 20
YTD Budget Giving	\$ 285,515	Music Ministry Fund	\$ 40
YTD Budget Goal	\$ 298,800		

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*First Baptist Church*

November 15, 2015

Eleven O’Clock in the Morning

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Worship of God*

Music for Gathering Kay Greene

Words of Preparation Jeff Harris

Prelude *Ode to Thanksgiving* - L. Van Beethoven

Call to Worship (Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 MSG) Candace Wilson

“Be generous: Invest in acts of charity.

**Charity yields high returns.**

Don’t hoard your goods; spread them around.

**Be a blessing to others.”**

Invocation Charley Dusenbury

† Hymn of Praise *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (see insert)

† Passing of the Peace Jeff Harris

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children’s Time Candace Wilson

(Kindergartners and preschoolers leave for Children’s Church after the Children’s Time)

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 4:7-11 (p. 224) Candace Wilson

Responsive Reading Psalm 37:1-16, 39-40 Malik Miller  
 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**  
 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
**Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**  
 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.  
**He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of  
 Your cause like the noonday.**  
 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper  
 in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.  
**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**  
 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.  
**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently  
 for their place, they will not be there.**  
 But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.  
**The wicked plot against the righteous, and gnash their teeth at them;**  
 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that their day is coming.  
**The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor  
 and needy, to kill those who walk uprightly;**  
 their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.  
**Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance  
 of many wicked.**  
 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.  
**The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked,  
 and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 (p. 182) Jeff Harris

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Jeff Harris

† Hymn of Dedication 25 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* GALILEE

Offertory Prayer Elizabeth Burrell

Offertory and Meditation *Let All Things Now Living* -arr. Douglas Wagner

† Doxology 253 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Gospel Reading John 13:12-15 (p. 104) Jeff Harris

Anthem *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* -Myrin/Redmon  
 (Dick Wilson, guitar)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

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Sermon "The Generosity of Time" Jeff Harris

† Hymn of Response *Giving God, We Pause and Wonder* (see insert)

† Benediction Jeff Harris

† Congregational Response *May God Give You Peace* -arr. Pepper Choplin  
*(May God give you peace through every trial. May God give you courage for every mile. May  
 God give you comfort and be your friend, and give you life eternal, life without end.)*  
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† Postlude *Arioso (Thanks Be to God)* -G.F. Handel

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, November 15	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship
	5:00	pm	Children's Choir
	6:00	pm	Refuge
Tuesday, November 17	10:30	am	Staff Meeting
	6:00	pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, November 16	10:00	am	Bible Study
	6:00	pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 21	8:30	am	Wood cutting at Thermal Belt Outreach
Sunday, November 22	10:00	am	Sunday School
	11:00	am	Worship, Lord's Supper
	3:00	pm	Choir practice for Thanksgiving service
	4:00	pm	Community Thanksgiving service

If you are a guest, we are grateful that you are here. Please complete a welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate, so we can send you a written word of greeting. As you exit, we have a small gift to offer in appreciation of your presence with us. Devices for hearing assistance are available in the narthex.

Acolytes for today's service are Harper Harris and Sydney Waldman.

## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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God, whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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## Giving God, We Pause and Wonder

HOLY MANNA

Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithed —  
If we gave our gifts, Creator, Hearts and hands all opened wide?  
We might learn, by gladly sharing, Not to trust in things we own  
But to risk — it's part of caring — And to trust in you alone.

We could do abundant mission, Sharing Christ who claims and frees.  
We could reach out with new vision In creative ministries.  
No more bound by limitations Of what churches can't afford,  
We could learn with jubilation Whole new ways to serve you, Lord.

Humbly on your strength relying, We could build a thousand schools;  
We could feed a million orphans And give countless farmers tools.  
As we gladly shared your blessings, Then the world might want to know:  
"See! How loving are those Christians! Who's the One who makes them so?"

God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son.  
Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you" — Ways to pass your blessings on.  
We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give.  
By your Spirit, make us daring In this joyful way to live.

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