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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT THOMAS

*The Vision
Proclaiming the
good news*

NOVEMBER

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m. in-person & online

Sunday Morning Children's Church: 10:45 a.m. in-person (masks required)

Adult Sunday School: 9:30am

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NEED HELP? CALL THE CHURCH AT

859-441-8884

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Greetings, church family!

It is probably no surprise to those of you who know me, that Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. Any chance to gather around a table and eat an insane amount of food and watch sports with family has to be a reason to celebrate. One holiday tradition that hasn't always been my favorite, however, is one where each person goes around the table and says something for which they are thankful. Don't get me wrong, gratitude is at the heart of the holiday, but I'm usually so hungry and ready to dig in that I just want to say "Okay, we get it! Let's eat!"

All kidding aside, there is pressure to share the reasons that we give thanks. We can each find something to be thankful for, but at the same time I know that for many in our church family there is an extra heaviness in preparing for this season. We have experienced loss and heartache. With this, the thought of a time of celebration just feels a little harder to come by and for many there might be a feeling that the best way to make it through Thanksgiving and the holidays to come is simply to survive.

I mention this not to be a downer during a time of joy, but simply to remind you that part of our call as a church family is to walk through all phases of life together. We will rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. Perhaps this holiday season is a chance to reflect on God's provision in keeping us together and placing our trust that there are still many good days to come.

No matter where you find yourself, I want you to know my profound gratitude in being your pastor and walking with you through life together. Every day I thank God for the privilege of serving alongside you. You are a joy to me and my family. I hope to see you as we gather in worship during these holiday months. We are created to be together and in this season we can choose to rely upon each other more and more.

Shine on. Press on. Go on.

Pastor Jeremy

From Our Worship Leader

It's November and we're finally going to start choir practice! Choir will practice starting Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary!!! Can't wait to see you all. We're always open to new singers...come and join us. We will be practicing for our worship services, getting ready for Christmas, and working on the 2 pieces of music we will sing with the other choirs at the joint service at First Baptist Church Cold Spring on Sunday, December 12 at 6 PM. Lots to look forward to...don't miss out!

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of this month...it always saddens me that we seem to skip over that day. Halloween seems to be a national holiday and then we jump to Christmas. I enjoy Thanksgiving so much because I can sit down and really count my blessings, think about all that I have to be thankful for. So many things!! I am thankful for you, my church family. Thank you for loving me through life.

I pray you are blessed this Thanksgiving season, and even through the stormy parts of life will be thankful for everything.

"in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus". 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (Amplified Bible)

Sunday is coming, see you then.

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From Our Children's Minister

Dear Church,

This month to celebrate our thankfulness for God's blessings we are inviting the kids and their families to a Fall craft activity on November 20th at 3pm. This will be different from the ones we did last year because all of our families are invited to join us together instead of doing separate time slots. All will be asked to wear masks. We look forward to the kids getting to fellowship together outside of their normal church hour.

In just a few months our church will be blessed with two new babies, and we'll be needing volunteers to cuddle them! We have nine monthly slots to fill, and it will be important to fill at least half of them by February since that is likely when I will be out on maternity leave and we'll need to make sure we have at least one person available for any infants who might join us during this time. If you would like to get on the schedule please reach out to me and we can make that happen!

Blessings,

Kaitlyn Runion

Children's Minister

Office hours:

Monday: 9-12 (by phone only)

Tuesday: 9-4 (in office)

Wednesday: 9-12 (by phone only)

Thursday: 9-4 (in office)

Friday: CLOSED

- Missions Update-



Holy Spirit Parish Pantry

Last month we donated 168 cans of ravioli! Way to go church!
Doesn't helping the community feel amazing?

In November, we have been asked to make donations of Ramen Noodles. Lets beat our total from last month!

Women's Missionary Circle

(previously The Mary Francis Gould Women's Missions Union)

The next meeting will be held November 1st, at noon. Pack a lunch and have lunch together. It's a great way to enjoy lunch together, eat dessert, and socialize.

We look forward to eating with you!

Olive Branch Ministries

Thank you so much for your generosity church! Together we raised \$1,000!

- Birthdays & Anniversaries -

Birthdays

June Burchett 11/9

Miriam Fuller 11/9

Lori Orne 11/21

Anniversaries

Stephen & Linda Becka 11/25



CALENDAR...

Day Light Savings Time Ends , November 7th

Go ahead and turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed.



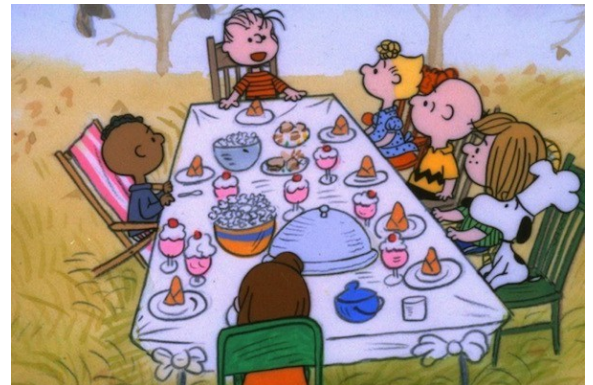
November 11th– Veterans Day

Veterans Day is held in honor of all military veterans, including both the fallen and the living, who have served in the United States Armed Forces, during wartime or peacetime. While Veterans Day celebrates retired soldiers and victims inclusive of all wars on the same day annually, the date of November 11 was originally designated in 1919 as it coincided with commemorating the end of World War I. Until 1954 when it was replaced, Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day.

Thanksgiving, November 25th

Thanksgiving isn't just celebrated in the United States. Other countries that follow celebrations also include Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia. In Spanish, Thanksgiving Day is known as Día de Acción de Gracias, which literally translates to "day of giving thanks"

What are you thankful for? Send your answers to Kayla



Prayer Request

Happy November Church! I am so excited to have this time to sit down and gather with my family; while eating great food, of course. As we start thinking about what we are grateful for, its easy to start remembering the areas in our life that needs a little extra prayer.

Coming soon, I will be making weekly announcement sheets for Sunday service. This will be featuring prayer request and other announcements. If you have a prayer request please contact me by phone (859-441-8884) or email (office@fbcftthomas.com) and I can add it to our Announcement Sheet.

Thank you so much, Kayla S.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT THOMAS Volunteers



CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

INFANTS

11/7
TBD
11/14
TBD
11/21
TBD
11/28
TBD

PRESCHOOL

11/7
Kaitlyn Runion
11/14
Debbie Mershon &
Jeremy Runion
11/21
April Ayers & Kim Beagle
11/28
Susan Meyer & Amy Shannon

ELEMENTARY

11/7
Walter Mershon
11/14
Kaitlyn Runion
11/21
Kaitlyn Runion
11/28
Kaitlyn Runion

Kids Volunteers Needed



Come help us touch a child's heart for Jesus. It is the best feeling ever!

DEACONS

11/7
Harry Weitkamp
11/14
Walter Mershon
11/21
Bill Klopp
11/28
Lori Orne

TELLERS

11/7
Kim Beagle
Barb Musick
11/14
Kim Beagle
Bill Eckerle
11/21
Lori Maines
Walter Mershon
11/28
Kim Beagle
Barb Musick

Obituary for Thomas I. Rankin

WILDER, Ky. – Thomas I. Rankin, age 83, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, died Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas Hospital in Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Born December 3, 1937, in Rushville, Indiana, to Russell and Viola Lucas Rankin, Tom lived in Richmond most of his life. He graduated from Manilla High School in Manilla, Indiana. Tom served as a SPC 4 in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was employed by Belden Wire & Cable for 41 years, ending his career at the distribution center with many close friends. Tom was a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Fort Thomas and a former member of First Baptist Church in Richmond. He enjoyed reading, watching old movies, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren. Tom had a gentle soul.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Gladys L. Laswell Rankin; daughter, Jennifer (Mark) Martin of Melbourne, Kentucky; grandchildren, Tessa Rankin of St. Paul, Minnesota, Jacob Rankin of Webster, Indiana, Kyle Martin of Melbourne, Kentucky, A.J. Fugazzi of Enid, Oklahoma, and Nick (Brandy) Smith of Fishers, Indiana; daughter-in-law, Beth Rankin of Webster, Indiana; nieces; nephews; cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Michael S. (Debbie Isley) Rankin and Steven D. Rankin; parents; sisters, Marilyn Walters and Barbara Robertson; and brother, Larry Rankin.

Please pray for his family and friends



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Laughing is good for the soul

WHICH BOOK OF THE
MAJOR PROPHETS IS
THE EASIEST TO
UNDERSTAND?

EZekiel.



What size was the
lumber that was made
to build the ark?

2 X 2.

New newsletter format coming! Be on the look out