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Sunday, November 22

10:45 AM Morning Worship

Sharing the Lord's Supper,

Special Music to include the

Hand Bell and Sanctuary Choirs

5:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal shared by

the church in the Fireside Room



2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Nov. 22	10:45 AM 5:00 PM	The Lord's Supper Thanksgiving Meal	Dec. 16	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Children/Youth Party Blessing of the Baskets
Nov. 25 Nov. 26		Thanksgiving Holidays Offices Closed	Dec. 19	9:00 AM	Delivery of Baskets <i>Your Help is Needed!</i>
Nov. 29		First Sunday of Advent	Dec. 20	10:45 AM 6:00 PM	Symphony Sunday with FCC Service of Remembrance
Nov. 30 Dec. 1	9 - Noon 1 - 3 PM	White Christmas Applications Centennial Room	Dec. 23		No Evening Activities
Nov. 1	10:00 AM	Senior Adult Fellowship, FSR	Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service Offices Closed
Dec. 6	2:30 PM	Handel's MESSIAH	Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Dec. 7	6:30 PM	Solo's Christmas Dinner	Dec. 27	10:45 AM	"Thank You Gift to God"
Dec. 11	7:00 PM	White Christmas Gospel Concert Benefit: Bring a Toy!	Dec. 30		No Evening Activities
Dec. 13	10:45 5:30 PM	Christmas Cantata White Christmas Program	Dec. 31	6:00 PM	Silent Lord's Supper
Dec. 14	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sort Food for Baskets Assembling of Baskets	Jan. 1		New Year's Day

Dr. Ron Williams
Interim Pastor

Thanks,
God.

I am having a good time serving as your Interim Pastor. It is a special treat to visit you as you gather for morning worship. Up until now, some of you have only been faces seen from the choir. Now, I am beginning to call you by name and I feel like I am beginning to know you. I am enjoying this process. In addition, I can honestly say that it is such a great experience to preach in our lovely sanctuary to such open and receiving people.

We are approaching the holidays and this could be a wonderful opportunity for you to INVITE A

FRIEND TO THIRD. If you have friends who are not attending a church, why not invite them to attend one of our services? They may choose not to come but, on the other hand, you may help them find a kind and loving Christian community where they could flourish. Why not give it a shot?

Finally, let me remind you of our special "Thank-You Gift to God." This special offering is planned for December 27 but you may choose to do this anytime. I hope you are prayerfully considering how you will express your thanks to our Lord. This offering will go to

meet the demands of the many ministries of our church, ministries that touch so many areas: from children to senior adults; from music to clothes closet; from vans to pots and pans; from the cleaning of the floors to the preaching of the sermons. You become part of this through your regular contributions. I want to say "thank you" to you as you say "thank you" to God.

"I give everybody else something for Christmas, why not give God a gift too?"

Joe Bob Pierce ~ Spiritual Formation

I have a friend who is writing twenty-six days of thankfulness on his Facebook page, one for every day of November through Thanksgiving Day. I thought this was a great idea. For many years now we have been told that the attitude of thankfulness is a life-giving, enriching habit. Think about it, it is hard to find a grateful, thankful person who is unhappy. Gratitude is one emotion that causes us to see things in our

life that perhaps are there all the time but that, without gratitude, we would take for granted.

In our worship services there are invariably times of giving thanks, of praising God, and of acknowledging our blessings. And regardless of who you are, if you try, you can find something to be grateful about. I hope that in the next several days leading up to Thanksgiving that you will give some thought about what you are

grateful for. Ask God to grant you a thankful heart. Teaching yourself to look at life with gratitude will make life easier to live and will make you easier to live with!

Listen to our Sunday
Morning Worship Service at
10:50 AM on
100.5 FM or 1420 AM

David Roberson
Minister of Music

This Sunday our Handbell group will be playing two songs in the Morning Worship service. One is an arrangement of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress" and is fairly difficult. The other is a nice arrangement of the Shaker hymn, "Tis a Gift to be Simple."

I hope you enjoy the songs and they enhance your worship experience. Make sure you thank a bell ringer after the service...they work extremely hard in our weekly rehearsals and deserve a little praise now and then!

Holy Father God, help us to offer back to You equally the many gifts You have given to us. Even though what we give will never quite match up to what You have given, help us to do it as a token of our appreciation for all You have done for us.
In Jesus name. Amen.

Wes Roberts ~ Minister to Youth



I had a great trip this week driving through the mountains of West Virginia. As I drove I noticed the leaves had mostly fallen which allowed me to see many hills and valleys along the way. Seeing this scenery reminded me of the many hills and valleys I have experienced in my own life. I have had mountain top experiences and I have had lowly times in the depths of the valley.

As I neared my destination in West Virginia the sun was shining

just over the top of the mountain and it reminded me that God is always just looking over the top of the mountain to carry me along the way. His presence never leaves us no matter where we are along our journey.

We often have a hard time seeing that when we are stuck in the depths of the valley but we must rest assured that God is with us in the valley and is just waiting to take us to the top of the mountain.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says it well, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."

Please continue to pray for our students as well as they seek to trust God along their journey of life.

BE SURE TO TAKE THE ALL-CHURCH

SURVEY

The Pastor Search Committee has sent out an all-church survey to help them in their process of finding our new pastor. Surveys were mailed last week and are due in the church office by Thursday, November 26, 2015. If you have not received a survey, call the office! We need your input!

Flu Shots will be available in the Atrium Office this Sunday, Nov. 15th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.



The cost of the shot is covered by most insurance companies.

Bring your medical insurance card with you.

No appointment is necessary.

Jan Lampkin ~ Children's Minister

Thanksgiving is just a few days away! I have been reminiscing about family Thanksgivings, how they used to be and the changes over the years. When my grandparents were alive, my aunts and uncles and cousins would gather at their house and enjoy a day of mostly eating a bountiful feast of food. My aunts would bring their new and experimental dishes for all of us to try. Some would make it to the tradition status and others not. The children played in the yard and around my grandfather's beloved trees until he glanced out the window and saw us attempting to climb them. The boys would then resort to a game of tag and the girls would play Cinderella. I always got the role of one of the mischievous step sisters; go figure! I never got to play Cinderella. My uncle would

bring out the reel to reel and we would view film of previous gatherings. Precious memories!

Grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins have passed over the years but Thanksgiving for me is still all about family. We celebrate and give thanks today for grandchildren, nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews and remember family that we lost during the year. I am thankful for all of the special memories I have of days gone by. I am thankful for the changes that now make my Thanksgiving a special time with a loving family. I am thankful for my church family. I am so blessed that God has passed to me the privilege of nurturing the TBC children. I am not worthy of this assignment but thankful that God wanted me and our congregation to bring these

children, their parents, and siblings into the TBC family. These children are precious to me and to you.

Be thankful this year for all of the special memories you have for Thanksgiving's past. Remember those who have gone before you. Love those that are your family now. Love your church family! Let's continue to make special memories!

"Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Flu Shots, Atrium Office
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 5:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal, FSR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 12:15 PM Bible 101, Game Room
 1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics
 5:15 PM Bible 101, Game Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 9:00 AM Clothes Closet
 12:00 PM FCC - 2nd Fl. Conf. Room
 6:15 PM Zumba Class - Youth Room
 6:00 PM FSR Reserved
 6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
 No Evening Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
THANKSGIVING DAY
 Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Lord's Supper
 12:00 PM Vote on 2016 Budget

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:00 AM Basket Applications
 Centennial Room
 1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
 9:00 AM Clothes Closet
 10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
 12:00 PM FCC - Game Room
 12:00 PM FCC - 2nd Floor Conf. Room
 1:00 PM Basket Applications
 Centennial Room
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsals
 5:00 PM Gymnasium Reserved
 6:15 PM Zumba Class - Youth Room
 6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Youth & Children's Meal
 6:00 PM Youth & Kids Missions
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
 5:00 PM Community Meal
 5:30 PM FCC - Game Room
 6:00 PM Leadership Team, Cent. Rm.
 6:15 PM Zumba Class - Youth Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
 10:00 AM OCS - Fireside Room

DEACON INFORMATION
November 22
 Stan Napper, John Lampkin

Hope and Harvest Team
 Frank Beller, Judy Dixon

November 29
 Jesse Rhodes, Sam Lee

Hope and Harvest Team
 Barry Spinks, Cissy Bishop

PRESCHOOL PRAISE
November 22
 Misty Hernandez
November 29
 Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

NURSERY WORKERS
November 22 Jan Holbrook
November 29 Misty Hernandez

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest love and sympathy *to the family of Lucille Messel; to Alex & Tru Wilhite, & Ciara Pate and their family* in the loss of their mother, Cathy Morton; to *Christina Claypool and her family* in the loss of her grandfather, Jay Claypool; and to *Allen Basham and his family* in the loss of his mother, Karen Fimbres.

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the church have been made *in memory of Bess Rusher* by Jon & Joanne Skillman, Grady & Carole Harreld; in *memory of Ken Adkisson* by Amy Adkisson Brown; in *memory of Lucille Messel* by Mrs. Jean Lampkin.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



NEEDS!
 Kid's socks
 underclothing,
 hats and gloves

Atrium Social

November 22:
 New Millennium Class
November 29:
 Esther Class &
 FCC Sessions



White Christmas Food Bags

Pick up your white bag and grocery list at the atrium desk. Shop the sales on non-perishable items and fill your bags. Return the bag by Dec. 6th! Our goal is to prepare 100 boxes for families in need. If you know of a family who could use a little help this year, contact the church office and give us their information.

OUR RECORDS		
	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
Sunday School Attendance	153	147
Worship Attendance	201	197
General Fund	\$7,940	\$8,967



Just Older Youth

Senior Adult Fellowship

Tuesday, December 1
 10:00 AM