



November 2017

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Church Newsletter

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A Message from the Pastor

I am so glad that November is here. The hurricane season officially ends and the cooler weather has finally arrived. However, my favorite November moment is the church's annual Thanksgiving Dinner held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 21st this year). It's an opportunity for us to see some folks we don't see all that often and also an opportunity for us to serve the senior saints from Regal Estates. It is always a good time and I pray that all of you will join us this year.

We shouldn't need a special Holiday for giving thanks, but I'm glad we have one. Even in a year that has been very difficult for many of us, there is still much for which to be thankful. Our God is a Deliverer. The 1st Thanksgiving was held in Plymouth Plantation by folks who endured horrible loss and tribulation yet were able to give thanks to God. Here's a quote from William Bradford;

"May not and ought not the children of these fathers rightly say: "Our fathers were Englishmen which came over this great ocean, and were ready to perish in this wilderness but they cried unto the Lord, and He heard their voice, and looked on their adversity. Let them therefore praise the Lord, because He is good, and His mercies endure forever. Yea, let them which have been redeemed of the Lord, shew how He hath delivered them from the hand of the oppressor. When they wandered in the desert wilderness out of the way, and found no city to dwell in, both hungry, and thirsty, their soul was overwhelmed in them. Let them confess before the Lord His loving kindness, and His wonderful works before the sons of men."

The Bible is full of verses calling us to thanksgiving. Here are a few of my favorites:

Psalm 107:1 *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Ephesians 5:20 *Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Colossians 3:15-17 *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Philippians 4:6 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

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

Psalm 106:1 *Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalm 105:1 *Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!*

The verses that speak to me most on this subject are found in **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

It's God's will for us to always rejoice, always pray and always give thanks!

God bless,
Pastor Rob

November Calendar

**Youth Fundraiser ~ Calendars
Order through Dec. 3**

**Christmas Blessing Project
Collecting \$\$\$ all month**

November 1 — 12

- Thanksgiving Meal Box Collection

Saturday, November 4

- Anchor Point 5K

Sunday, November 5

- Lord's Supper Services
- **Day Light Saving Time begins**
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- Quarterly Report Deadline

Monday, November 6

- Church-Wide Pig Roast & Hamburger Fellowship

Saturday, November 11

- Veterans Day

Monday, November 13

- EARLY Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 15

- Quarterly Business Meeting

Friday, November 17

- Thanksgiving Meal Box Distribution

Tuesday, November 21

- Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 22

- No Evening Service

Thursday, November 23

- Thanksgiving Day

November 22—24

- Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

- One Combined Worship Service at 10:30 am

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 am.....	Berean Adult Fellowship (studying Philippians)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Children's Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Youth Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
1:15 — 2:00 pm	Retirement Ministry Worship Service	Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City
5:00 pm.....	Women's Ministry Bible Study; "Patchwork..."	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & Bible Study (Malachi)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



**Church Office will be closed
November 22—24**

Regular Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

November 2017 Tellers

Nov. 05	John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
Nov. 12	Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Nov. 22	Gene & Heather Engel and Paul & Kim Rangel
Nov. 29	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds

September 2017.....\$25,767.11

Do you need Prayer?

CLICK HERE

We would love to pray for you!

Birthdays

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Bobby Bounds
Gretchen Ennis
Alicia Williams
Stephanie Mathews
Joni Roubion
Cristey Crawford
Gene Engel
Gary Wagner
Ruby Guinn
Michael King
Michelle Hazlett
Patrick French



Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

November 12th is the last day to bring your donations. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway to find a list of needed items. The youth will assemble the boxes on November 15th and will distribute the boxes on Friday, November 17th. This has proven to be a wonderful ministry for those who can not afford to buy the traditional fixin's for a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you for your supporting and blessing this ministry. For details, please see Lori Forrest.



Anchor Point 5K Run
November 4th @ 7:15 AM
www.anchorpoint.us



Sunday, November 5, 2017

**OBSERVANCE OF
THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

DON'T FORGET TO

**FALL
BACK**

Sunday, November 5, 2017



DON'T FORGET!

Quarterly Business Meeting Reports are due no later than **November 5th**. Reporting on August, September and October.

AND

Submissions are due **EARLY** for the December — January Newsletter - No later than **November 13th**.

IDOP
REMEMBER THEIR CHAINS

INTERNATIONAL
DAYS OF PRAYER
FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Sunday, November 5

On a daily basis Christians around the world face persecution in various forms, including discrimination, physical assaults, violence and even death. The Bible in Hebrews 13:3 commands Christians to pray for those suffering as if they themselves were suffering. In other words, the Bible calls us to not only remember those who suffer but also to identify with them in their suffering.

We invite you, therefore, to join us this year on November 5th as we unite globally to pray for the persecuted. Let's pray that in spite of the pressure and persecution, our suffering brothers and sisters —where ever they may be in the world — would stand firm in their faith, holding fast to the promises of God in Christ.



Church-Wide Pig Roast & Hamburger Fellowship

**Monday, November 6, 2017
6:30 PM**

Church family and friends are asked to bring complimentary side dishes and/or desserts to share.



Quarterly

BUSINESS MEETING

November 15, 2017 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday Evenings...

Prayer & Praise @ 6:30 PM

Bible Study @ 7:00 PM

**** nursery available ****



**Wednesday Night
Bible Study**

No Wednesday Service, November 22



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, **9:30—10:30 am** in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship and Activities start at **6:30 pm**, ends at 7:30 pm in #1 portable building directly behind the main church building. (Not meeting on November 22.)

2018 Calendars Youth Group Fundraiser

Order Calendars through December 3rd. Sign up is on the bulletin board outside the restrooms. Calendars will arrive in time for Christmas and make wonderful Christmas presents.



Saturday, November 4 ~ The youth will participate in the Anchor Point 5K. If you would like to join us, please go to www.anchorpoint.us to register.

Sunday, November 12 is the last day to donate for our annual Thanksgiving Meal Boxes Community Service Project. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway outside the restroom to let us know what you would like to donate. The youth will assemble the boxes on Wednesday, **November 15 at 5:00 PM** and will distribute the boxes on **Friday, November 17 from 7:00-8:00 PM**. Please see Lori Forrest if you would like more details or if you would like to assist or participate.



Sunday, November 26 ~ The youth will not meet for Sunday School since there will only be one family celebration worship service at 10:30 am.

All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner



Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Thanksgiving is a reminder of being thankful for all our blessings. Our Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 pm. This is one of our most enjoyable and best attended fellowships of the year!

We ask each family to bring a vegetable and a salad or dessert. The church will furnish the turkeys, hams, rolls and beverages. If you have friends or relatives visiting, please bring them, too. In order to get a rough idea of how many will attend and what foods will be served, there will be a sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway just outside the restrooms for you to indicate what you will bring and how many will attend. Regal Estates will again be joining us so prepare a little extra.

Some foods we definitely need several people to bring are: mashed potatoes, green bean casseroles, yams, vegetables and gravy. These are foods we always run out of early.

HELP NEEDED: We need people to cook and slice turkeys and hams. We also could use kitchen helpers prior to the meal and to prepare the food for serving. We will also need help to clean up our mess! If you would like to help please speak with Mandy Stilwell.

Everyone is invited! We always have a great time, great food and great fellowship!



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SEABROOK**

One Combined Worship Service

Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 10:30 AM

We will all gather together for one service, which means there will be no Children's or Pre-K church. The nursery will be open for children ages 0-3, but all other children will get to stay with their parents for this special morning service.



Christmas Blessing Project November Collection

FBC Seabrook Benevolence department's goal and ministry is to provide short-term financial assistance (rent, utilities, food pantry) to residents of the Seabrook community when the unexpected happens. As we visit with each client and their needs unfold, it is clear that if they are struggling with their basic living expenses then purchasing Christmas gifts for their children will be impossible. Here's where you can help...donate money, no amount is too small and no amount is too large ;-). If you can donate toward this project please mark your offering envelope "Christmas Blessing".

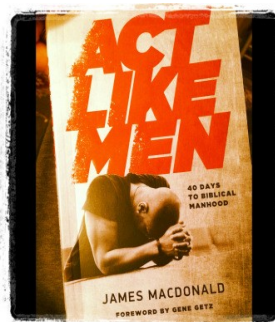
Gloria Henry and Heather Engel will be using all monies donated to purchase items specific to each families needs. If you have any questions please call the church office at 281-474-3281 or speak with Gloria and/or Heather.



Women's Ministry Bible Study Every Sunday at 5:00 PM

The Bible Study, "Patchwork, the Handiwork of God" has been extended through November 12 and possibly longer. The women are enjoying Bible Study and as a bonus they are making quilts for cancer patients. All women are welcome!

Men's Monday Night Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship



Every Monday
6:30 pm ~ snacks
7:00 pm ~ Bible Study

**** Bible Study ****
Excerpts from Act Like Men
By James MacDonald



November 2017 Lamplight ~ Full Measure

The FBC Seabrook Women's Ministry is having a great time this Fall! We meet on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm for a light Bible study, fellowship, and quilting for cancer patients. No worries if you have missed meetings. Come anyway! There is always room for you! My Lamplight article this month highlights the **October 22nd Bible study**. This week's object lesson stemmed from a tape measure...

2 Peter 1:3-8: *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason,*

make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the past few weeks I have shared about my mom's sewing skills. She was, and still is, very talented when it comes to turning raw fabric into something useful. We all have a happy place, and during my younger years, I remember my mom being very happy when she sat in front of her **Singer** sewing machine.

My mom loves to stitch, and in the height of her sewing career, she somehow managed to sew for her family, friends and the public. Mom made a lot of my wardrobe, and she'd pull out her trusty tape measure every time she began a new garment. Every dress, skirt, shorts, pants, and blouse required my current measurements, but the tape measure was just the beginning. First, she measured me. Then, she laid out patterns, cut fabric, pinned everything together, and called me in for "fittings." Personally, I learned a lot about straight pin torture during these fittings. Especially when the pins poked my armpits!

The crux of the matter is this... every garment made for me required my measurements. Why? Because clothing can't serve its purpose if it doesn't fit right.

Last week we heard Paul implore the Lord in his Ephesians prayer... ***"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you..."*** (Ephesians 1:17-18)

In his prayer, we can sense Paul's heartfelt desire for his brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul prays that God, through His Holy Spirit, would provide the wisdom and revelation that enables us to know Him. Paul pleads with the Lord to open our spiritual eyes and to shed light on His individual calling on our lives. In this week's passage we can see a common thread... ***His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.***

As Christians we **"know"** Jesus, and because of this God gives us everything... yes **EVERYTHING**... we need to live a godly life. We see God's precious promises fulfilled through His provision. He gives us the free gift of His Holy Spirit, thus we bear His fruit -- ***love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*** ~ (Galatians 5:22-23)

In the midst of everything, we must not overlook the source of the fruit. It is God and only God who provides incorruptible and imperishable fruit. Therefore, we should strive to *"possess His divine qualities in increasing measure..."*

As I said before, this week's Object Lesson was a tape measure, of which everyone in the room received **one inch**. First, I called attention to the different numbers on each section. Then I noted that every piece was the exact same size -- **one inch**. As women we tend to measure ourselves against one another. We question if we measure up as a **wife, mom, sister, aunt, grandma, friend, co-worker, believer, etc...** This constant comparison is a spiritually unhealthy habit that leads us down the destructive path of ***"Never Measured Up."***

But wait! There is good news! As Christians we need not measure ourselves against one another. On the contrary, by giving the Holy Spirit full access to everything we do and say, God increases and we decrease. God has a unique calling for each of us, and the full measure of the Holy Spirit within us helps us to lay hold of all that God has planned for us. For the sake of this lost world we must allow God's Divine Nature to work through us... this and only this will help us to be ***"effective and productive in our knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

In our flesh we may strive to be like one another, but God wants us to be like His Son. Thankfully He gives us the **Full Measure of Himself** to help us along, and with His help we will ***"Always Measure Up."***

Remember this... you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ, Cheryl

Full Measure

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November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Youth Calendar Sale through December 3rd			1 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Youth Discipleship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday	3	4  Anchor Point 5K Run 
5 9:30 & 11:00 Lordi Supper Services  Quarterly Report Day Light Saving Begins	6 6:30 PM Church-Wide Pig Roast & Hamburger Fellowship 	7	8 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Youth Discipleship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 
12 Thanksgiving Box Donations Due 	13 6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study  EARLY Dec/Jan Newsletter	14	15 6:30 PM Quarterly BUSINESS MEETING 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	16	17  7:00-8:00 PM Thanksgiving Box Distribution (Youth)	18
19	20  6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study	21  Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 PM	22 NO Evening Services	23 	24	25
26 One Combined Worship Service 10:30 AM No PreK or Children's Church	27  6:30 PM Men's Ministry Bible Study	28	29 Regular Sunday Services 8:15-9:15 AM.....Adult Bible Study 9:15-10:15 AM.....Berean Adult Fellowship 9:15-9:30 AM.....1st Adult Coffee Fellowship 9:10-10:30 AM.....1st Nursery / Children's Church / Pre-K Church 9:30-10:30 AM.....1st Worship Service & Youth Sunday School 10:45-11:00 AM.....2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship 10:45-Noon2nd Nursery / Children's Church / Pre-K Church 11:00-Noon2nd Worship Service 5:00 PMWomen's Ministry Bible Study	30		