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A Message from the Pastor

This morning on NBC's "Today Show" they had a segment with a former Buddhist monk who was giving advice on how to prepare for the holidays and Christmas. His advice was not particularly bad if you're not a Christian. However, if you are a Christian, there is a much better source to help us prepare for the Holidays; The Bible!

Psalms 9:1 I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Colossians 3:16-17 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

The first holiday of the season is Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving! I look forward to our annual gathering the Tuesday before the holiday, the parades on TV followed by non-stop football, and of course the turkey dinner with the family that day. However, as much as I love Thanksgiving, I sometimes lack in thanksgiving. The Bible is filled with verses encouraging us to give thanks. May I make a suggestion? Make a list of the things for which you are thankful and then share that list at your Thanksgiving gathering.

John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Luke 1:15-18 "(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, 'This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Luke 2:12 "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The way to prepare for Christmas is to focus on Christ. Do not let yourself be focused on the trimmings of the season and miss the reason for the season! May I make another suggestion? Choose an account of the Birth of Jesus from the Bible and share it at your Christmas gathering. Let that be your tradition.

God bless,
Pastor Rob

November Calendar

YOUTH FUNDRAISER 2019 Calendars

November 2 — 4

- Church Campout at Stephen F. Austin Park

Saturday, November 3

- Youth Outing to see "Indivisible"

Sunday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 6

- Election Day

Saturday, November 10

- Youth Service Project at the Houston Food Bank and Spud Run Preparation

Sunday, November 11

- Veteran's Day
- Spud Run—Youth Fundraiser
- Thanksgiving Meal Box Donation Deadline

Monday, November 12

- EARLY Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 14

- Quarterly Business Meeting
- Youth to prepare Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

Friday, November 16

- Thanksgiving Meal Box Distribution

Sunday, November 18

- Youth Skating

Tuesday, November 20

- Annual Church Wide Thanksgiving Dinner

November 21 –23

- Church Office Closed

Wednesday, November 21

- No Evening Services

Thursday, November 22

- Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 25

- One Family Thanksgiving Worship Service

Friday, November 30

- Youth Service "Babysitting ~ Date Night"

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	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	Berean Adult Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
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	(No service on 1st Sunday) Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

Monday

6:30 pm...	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship "Raising Samuel"	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	Prayer, Praise and Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Thursday

6:30 pm.....	Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University	*not meeting 11/22 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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**Church Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
November 21—23, 2018**

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 2018 Tellers

Nov 04	John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
Nov 11	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Nov 18	Gene & Heather Engel
Nov 25	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long



*If you have a need for prayer you can call any of the people listed below. This symbol * means this person will accept any call at any hour.*

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds

September 2018.....\$29,845.00

Prayer

Rob & Gerda Purdy*	281-797-4984
Cheryl Harrison*	832-769-9778
Mary Huls	832-618-6575
Don Lilja	281-532-3060
John Mayes	281-507-2223
Luke & Rachel Kerry*	832-607-7995
John & Gloria Henry*	281-474-3550
Pat Broussard	281-474-3594
Eileen Morse	832-632-1412



Birthdays

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Bobby Bounds	Nov. 04
Gretchen Ennis	Nov. 06
Alicia Williams	Nov. 06
Stephanie Mathews	Nov. 10
Joni Roubion	Nov. 11
Cristey Crawford	Nov. 13
Gene Engel	Nov. 14
Gary Wagner	Nov. 14
Ruby Guinn	Nov. 16
Michelle Hazlett	Nov. 25
Alexander Lawrence	Nov. 27
Machelle Smith	Nov. 27
Patrick French	Nov. 30



Sunday, November 4, 2018 ~ 9:30 & 11:00 am

*The Lord's
Supper*



Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

MEETS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

RAISING
UP SAMUEL

6:30 pm ~ Snacks
7:00 pm ~ Bible Study

Dinner & Fellowship
To follow Bible Study



Church Camp Out at Stephen F. Austin Campground

November 2 - 4, 2018

Come be a part of this weekend, Stephen F. Austin Campground offers tent and RV campsites as well as shelters. We hope to make this an annual or semi-annual event. Contact John or Gloria for more details.



Reservations can be made at
<http://texas.reserveworld.com/Home.aspx>.



Sunday, November 4

IDOP

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
for the PERSECUTED CHURCH

Sunday, November 4

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 4th 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.



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. (Not meeting on Nov. 25)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship and Activities start at 6:30 pm, ends at 7:30 pm. (Not meeting on Nov. 21)

Youth Fundraiser 2019 Calendars



Order Calendars through December 2nd. Sign up is on the bulletin board outside the restrooms. Calendars will arrive in time for Christmas and make wonderful Christmas presents.

Butter Braid Orders will be delivered Mid-November

Saturday, November 3 ~ Movie "Indivisible"

Youth will only need \$\$\$ for concessions. See Lori for further details.

Saturday, November 10 ~ Service Project and Spud Run Prep

Youth will be volunteering at the Houston Food Bank. Everyone is invited to join us. We will meet at the church at 6:30 am and should return by 1:00 pm. Everyone must be registered through the Houston Food Bank and for our shift. All of the information you need is on the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Sign up and Lori will take care of registering everyone. After serving at the Houston Food Bank the youth will prepare potatoes and all the toppings for our Spud Run Fundraiser the next day.

Sunday, November 11 ~ Spud Run Fundraiser

The youth will offer fully loaded baked potatoes after each service for only \$5/each. Proceeds will go toward the upcoming mission trip.

Sunday, November 11 ~ is the last day to donate for our annual Thanksgiving Meal Boxes Community Service Project. Please use 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 14 at 6:30 PM and will distribute the boxes on Friday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. Youth please meet at the church by 6:00 to help put the cold items in the boxes. Please see Lori Forrest if you would like more details or if you would like to assist or participate.



Sunday, November 18 ~ Skating

The youth will leave after the 2nd worship service and grab a quick lunch before heading to FunCity SK8 in Webster. The cost is \$12 plus lunch. If money is an issue please contact Lori.

Wednesday, November 21 ~ No Evening Service

Friday, November 30 ~ Date Night Babysitting

The youth will donating their time for parents to enjoy a date night or some Christmas shopping from 5—9 pm. Feel free to drop them off in the pjs. We will have kids separated according to age with plenty of supervision. The youth will supply pizza for dinner. Please see Lori for more details.



DON'T FORGET

Quarterly Business Meeting Reports are due no later than **November 4th**. Reporting on August, September and October.

AND

Submissions are due **EARLY** for the December — January Newsletter - The deadline is **November 12th**.



Tuesday, November 6, 2018



Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

November 11th is the last day to bring donations

Please use the sign-up sheet in the hallway to find a list of needed items and let us know what you will donate. The youth will assemble the boxes on November 14th and will distribute the boxes on Friday, November 16th.

This has proven to be a wonderful ministry for those who can not afford to buy the traditional holiday food for a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you for your supporting and blessing this ministry.



Quarterly

BUSINESS MEETING

November 14, 2018 - 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 20th 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.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

November 21, 2018



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SEABROOK**

One Combined Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sunday, November 25, 2018 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 use 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.



~ November 2018 Lamplight ~ The Greatest Story Ever Told

Jeopardy is one of my favorite trivia game shows. We record the show on our DVR and usually watch at least one episode during dinner. We like to compete to see who can answer first. Isn't it amazing how much random stuff we have floating around our brains? And even though my brain has less random stuff than John's brain, I still answer a few of the questions correctly.

Recently, the final category was "Literature ~ *This novel is considered to be the 'Greatest Story Ever Told.'*" The answer ~ "What is Anna Karenina by Tolstoy" was nowhere near my brain. Truthfully, I have never read the book, and I don't see it on my reading list in the foreseeable future.

Just for fun I Googled, "Best Books Ever Written" and I came across an interesting website. This page has categories of books, including **Greatest Novels Ever Written**, **Best Selling Books of All Time**, **Books Everyone Lies About Reading**, etc.

So here we go... let's add some random stuff to our brains!

Greatest Novel Ever Written – To Kill a Mockingbird

Books Everyone Lies About Reading – To Kill a Mockingbird (*I don't know why, but that is funny to me!*)

Best Selling Book of All Time – The Bible

Books Nobody Finishes Reading – The Bible

To Kill a Mockingbird may be the greatest novel ever written, but I won't lie... I've only watched the movie. I have never read the book.

I wasn't surprised to see the **Bible** as the best-selling book of all time. According to a different Google search, "The most read book in the world is the **Bible**. It has far outsold any other book, with a whopping **3.9 billion copies sold over the last 50 years**. 'Quotations from the Works of Mao Tse-tung' came in second with 820 million copies sold, and 'Harry Potter' came in third with 400 million copies sold."

The Bible, the best-selling and most read book in the world is also the number one book that "**Nobody Finishes Reading**." I have read most of the Bible; however, I know there are parts that I have skipped over. In all honesty, I can't say that I have ever made it to the end of **Leviticus**, and **The Song of Solomon** is just plain weird.

I decided to count the number of Bibles I have in my house, and believe it or not, I own seventeen of the 3.9 billion copies that were sold in the last 50 years. Let's hear it for the Book Category – Books that Everyone Owns Multiple Copies.

It's not really the question of do we own a Bible. Most of us own more than one Bible. The question we must ask ourselves is... do we read our Bible? Do we allow the Bible to speak truth into our lives? It may be funny that the best-selling book is also the book that nobody finishes reading. But maybe that's the way it should be... that we should **never finish** reading the Bible. We should want to read it day after day because it is... **The Greatest Story Ever Told**.

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

In Christ
Cheryl

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I
might not sin against you. ~ Psalm 119:11*

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Youth Calendar Sale through December 2nd & Butter Braids will be delivered mid-November</p>	 <p>Christmas Blessing Project November Collection</p>			1	2	3
					 <p>Church Campout at Stephen F. Austin Campground (Nov 2 – 4)</p>	 <p>Youth to see the movie <i>Indivisible</i></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lord's Supper Services Day Light Saving Time Ends International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Quarterly Report Deadline 	<p>6:30 PM</p>  <p>Men's Ministry Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>Election Day</p> 	<p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>6:30–7:30 PM</p> <p>Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>7:45pm-Choir Practice</p>			<p>Youth serve at the Houston Food Bank (8am–noon)</p> <p>1:00 PM Youth Spud Run Prep</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spud Run Deadline to turn in Thanksgiving Meal Box donations 	 <p>December/January Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:30 Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner</p>		<p>6:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting & Youth to assemble Thanksgiving Meal Boxes</p>		 <p>7:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal Box Distribution (Youth)</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 <p>Youth Skating</p>	<p>6:30 PM</p>  <p>Men's Ministry Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship</p>	 <p>6:30 PM Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>NO EVENING SERVICES</p>			
			Church Office Closed: November 21–23			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<p>10:30 AM One Thanksgiving Celebration Service</p>	<p>6:30 PM</p>  <p>Men's Ministry Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship</p>		<p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>6:30–7:30 PM</p> <p>Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>7:45pm-Choir Practice</p>		<p>5 – 9 PM Youth Serve "Date Night" Babysitting</p> 	