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Pastor

# Church Newsletter

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## A Message from the Pastor

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings"

Finally, November is here and with it comes some cooler weather and Thanksgiving! Gerda and I always look forward to our church's annual Thanksgiving meal the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. There is always such an awesome offering of food! There's Turkey and Ham and stuffing/dressing and many different styles of side dishes and of course, rutabagas (my favorite)! Then there's the apple pie and the pumpkin pie and the rhubarb strawberry pie and bread pudding! Hungry yet? As great as all the feasting is, what really makes that day special is the fellowship! We will once again be joined by the Regal Estates residents. May I challenge you to invite someone to join us this year? Perhaps a family on your street or the single mother at work would be blessed with your invitation.

We are currently collecting donations for 10-12 Thanksgiving Meal Boxes that will be distributed to families in need. The sign-up list for donations can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway of the main church building.

"Count your many blessings, see what God has done"

We have been greatly blessed this year. Despite the construction on Hwy 146 we have maintained decent attendance. We were able to purchase the Wells Fargo (Clark Center) building and renovations are slowly moving forward. We've seen incredible growth in our nursery, pre-school and children's ministry. Our youth (both middle school and high school) are also showing some growth. It's exciting! The Lord has sent several new families and individuals to the church and I can't wait to see how their unique gifts are used in the church and the community!

We've seen the blessing of our faith as some of our church family were called home to the Lord. Praise God for the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven for those who are in Christ Jesus! Gerda and I have also been greatly blessed, as have others, with the love and support of a church family while we walk the path of healing appointed for us. I can't imagine going through the struggles of life without a church family! Count our blessings? They're too many count!

"For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies"

The weather is cooler. The days are shorter. God's creation continues its steady march toward the celebration of the Lord's birth, and eventually, His return. The hummingbirds have come and gone and this morning I heard geese on the crisp morning wind. Whenever I need to be reminded of the goodness of God, I look at His creation, which includes ...you!

"For all that You've done I will thank You, For all that You're going to do  
For all that You've promised And all that You are  
Is all that has carried me through  
Jesus, I thank You  
Thank You for loving and setting me free  
Thank You for giving Your life just for me  
How I thank You, Jesus, I thank You  
Gratefully thank You, Thank You."

God bless,  
Pastor Rob

## November Calendar

### Saturday, November 02

- Youth Led Prayer Walk

### Sunday, November 03

- Lord's Supper Services
- Day Light Saving Time Ends

### Monday, November 04

- Quarterly Report Deadline

### Sunday, November 10

- Baptism Service
- Bake Sale Youth Fundraiser
- Youth Bowling

### Monday, November 11

- Veteran's Day
- EARLY Combined Dec/Jan Newsletter Deadline

### Friday, November 15

- Date Night Babysitting-Youth Service Project

### Sunday, November 17

- Thanksgiving Meal Box Donations Deadline

### Wednesday, November 20

- Quarterly Business Meeting
- Youth Assemble Thanksgiving Meal Boxes

### Thursday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Meal Box Distribution

### Sunday, November 24

- Youth Teach Children's Church

### Tuesday, November 26

- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

### November 27—29

- Church Offices Closed

### Wednesday, November 27

- No Evening Services

### Thursday, November 28

- Thanksgiving

# 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 (Jr. & Sr. High Classes) .....	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

## Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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## Wednesday (No Evening Services on November 27)

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



## CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED NOVEMBER 27—29, 2019

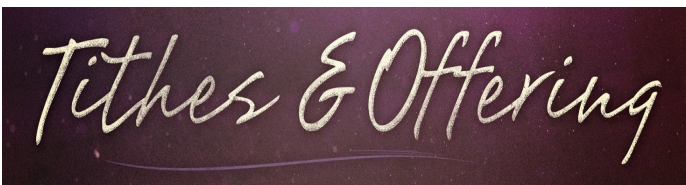
## Regular Office Hours

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 2019 Tellers

Nov. 03 .....	John & Cheryl Harrison, Mike & Cindy Treece
Nov. 10 .....	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Nov. 17 .....	Gene & Heather Engel
Nov. 24 .....	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long



*A look at the church finances...*

### General Funds

Sept. 2019 Contributions .....\$29,918.34

### Building Fund

Sept. 2019 Contributions .....\$221.33

### Missions Fund

Sept. 2019 Contributions ..... \$415.00





# Birthdays

**N** Bobby Bounds  
**O** Gretchen Ennis  
**V** Alicia Williams  
**E** Joni Roubion  
**M** Cristey Crawford  
**E** Gene Engel  
**M** Gary Wagner  
**B** Ruby Guinn  
**E** Michael King  
**R** Michelle Hazlett  
 Alexander Lawrence  
 Machelle Smith



## 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 11th**.



**Tuesday,  
November 5, 2019**



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry is hosting a Neighborhood Prayer Walk on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us! We will meet in the FBCS church parking lot at 9:30 am and split into smaller groups before we go out into the neighborhood. Everyone is welcome! A sign-up sheet can be located in the hallway.



**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

**OBSERVANCE OF  
THE LORD'S  
SUPPER**

**9:30 & 11:00 AM Service**





## **R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry** (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday School** classes meet every Sunday, 9:30—10:30 am. The Sr. High class meets in the 1<sup>st</sup> portable building and the Jr. High class meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> portable building directly behind the main church building.

**R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship** meets from 6:30—7:30 pm in the first portable building directly behind the main church building.

### **November Fundraiser ~ 2020 Calendars**



The youth will be selling 2020 Calendars throughout the month of November. These calendars are very sturdy with large areas to write in. Each month has a beautiful picture as well as a monthly and weekly scripture. These make great gifts. An order form is posted in the hallway.

### **Saturday, November 02 ~ Neighborhood Prayer Walk**

The youth will meet at the church at 9:30 AM to pray before heading out into the neighborhood to pray with our neighbors. Our last prayer walk went very well. We would love for anyone who has a desire to join us. Our neighborhood should be our first mission field. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Please see Lori Forrest for more details.

### **Sunday, November 10 ~ Youth Bake Sale**

The youth will host a bake sale fundraiser after each service. Please stop by our table and support our youth. We will have a variety of delicious baked goods, along with some pies that keep well in the freezer; remember, Thanksgiving is right around the corner. All items will be donation only.

### **Sunday, November 10 ~ Youth Bowling**

The youth will head to Armadilla Lanes in Pasadena after the 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service. We will stop for a quick somewhere along the way. The cost will be \$15/person to bowl.

### **Friday, November 15 ~ Date Night Service Project**

The youth will donating their time for parents to enjoy a date night or some Christmas shopping from 6:00—9:00 PM. Feel free to drop the kiddos off in their PJ's. We will have the kids separated according to age with plenty of supervision. The youth will supply pizza for dinner. For more details, please speak with Lori Forrest.

### **Wednesday, November 20 ~ TMB Assembly**

The youth will meet at 6:30 PM to assemble Thanksgiving Meal Boxes (TMB) and prepare them for pick-up.

### **Thursday, November 21 ~ TMB Distribution**

The youth will meet at 6:45 PM to distribute Thanksgiving Meal Boxes (TMB). We should be finished by 8:00 PM.

### **Sunday, November 24 ~ Youth Teach Children's Church**

The youth will lead Children's Church during the 1<sup>st</sup> worship service. Youth, Please be in the Children's Church room, ready to serve by 9:15 AM. Thank you for your willingness to service.



## **Thanksgiving Meal Boxes**

**November 17<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and will distribute the boxes on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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.

For more details, please see Lori Forrest.



# All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner



**Tuesday, November 26, 2019 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 2019*



*November 28, 2019*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF SEABROOK

## One Combined Thanksgiving Worship Service

**Sunday, December 1, 2019 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.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Men's Monday Night Ministry Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship

**Meets every Monday**  
**Snacks at 6:30 pm ~ Bible Study at 7:00 pm**  
*Dinner and fellowship to follow the bible study*



## 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.



## November 2019 Lamplight

It's no secret that news programs often tease us with headlines just to keep us in the audience. You've seen and heard it before... Stay tuned... in our next story, our roving reporter tells us about a local woman who can shop for a month's worth of groceries without spending a dime!

Are you kidding me? A whole month's worth of groceries for free? No way! So, I stop what I'm doing and wait through three commercials to hear her secret. But alas, it's no secret. It's all about clipping coupons and mapping out ten different stores for all-day shopping adventures. Tell me... who has time for that?

Then you have the headline teasers that have a dire warning attached... Tune in tonight at 11:00 p.m. to find out which food is making everyone sick. Four-out-of-five doctors agree... nobody wants this on their plate.

In my case, this type of story usually airs when I am sitting at the dinner table. Suddenly the food on my plate becomes suspicious, and I wonder... Why do I have to wait until 11:00 p.m. to find out which food is making people sick? Tell me now, because it might already be on my plate!

I don't know about you, but I think that any news that spares others from trouble should be shared immediately... not after three commercials or after suspicious food has been eaten. Urgent news needs to be shared **Now!** Which calls to mind the most important news of all.

In this world, there is nothing more urgent than sharing the Good News of the Gospel. God calls on us to share His truth. We are His ambassadors...

*Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."*

*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

*We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. (2 Corinthians 6:2-10)*

No matter what the cost... **Now** is the day of salvation, which means that **Now** is the time to share. We won't see any dire warnings about the urgency of salvation on the local news anytime soon, but the Greatest Story on Earth is always the headline in eternity. We are His ambassadors... His roving reporters... Let's get the news out!

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."  
(1 Corinthians 2:9)

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

In Christ, Cheryl

# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Youth Calendar Sale through December 1st & Butter Braids will be delivered mid-November				1	2
	 Christmas Blessing Project November Collection					9:30 AM Youth et al 
<b>3</b>  <b>9:30 &amp; 11:00 am</b> Lord's Supper Services  Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship  Quarterly Reports Deadline	<b>5</b> Election Day 	<b>6</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Evening Prayer & Bible Study <b>6:30-7:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Baptism Service  Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser  Youth... Bowling after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> service	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship  EARLY combined Dec/Jan newsletter deadline  <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Evening Prayer & Bible Study <b>6:30-7:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>6 - 9 PM</b> Youth Serve "Date Night" Babysitting 	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Deadline for Thanksgiving Meal Box Donations	<b>18</b> <b>MEN'S ministry</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Quarterly Business Meeting  Youth to assemble Thanksgiving Meal Boxes	<b>21</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Thanksgiving Meal Box Distribution (Youth)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  Youth to teach Children's Church during 1 <sup>st</sup> service	<b>25</b> <b>MEN'S ministry</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	<b>26</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>27</b> <b>NO Evening Services</b>	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Church Office Closed: November 27—29						