

## Message from Pastor Blume

### Get Ready to Celebrate Advent

Although the Advent season begins the first Sunday in December, I want to ask you to begin preparing for it now. When our son, Jeremy, was a child, Pam and I used the Advent season to build valuable, spiritual traditions as a family. We had family devotions every day of Advent. We gathered in the evening, read an Advent devotional, lit a candle, sang Christmas songs, prayed for missionaries and friends, and even enjoyed some cookies and hot apple cider.

Every year, the three of us looked forward to this special time together. We still look back on this time as an enriching way to celebrate the birth of our Savior. It takes the focus away giving gifts to each other and emphasizes the greatest gift given to all mankind – the child who was born to be our King.

When Jeremy graduated from college and entered the world of adulthood, I chose an Advent devotional book to read each day of the season. This year I am reading a new devotional titled, *“Recapturing the Glory of Christmas: A 25 Day Advent Devotional,”* by R. Albert Mohler, Jr. I encourage you and your family to find a way to celebrate Advent together. If you are single like me, select a book and spend time each day, alone with your heavenly Father. It will enrich the season more than you know!

Here is a list of a few Advent devotional books I have

enjoyed in the past. They are available on Amazon or ChristianBook.com. Many others are available in bookstores.

*“In the Manger: 25 Inspirational Selections for Advent,”* by Max Lucado

*“Joy to the World: Daily Readings for Advent,”* by John Piper

*“Come, Let Us Adore Him: A Daily Advent Devotional,”* by Paul David Tripp

*“The First Songs of Christmas: A 31-Day Advent Devotional: Meditations on Luke 1 & 2,”* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

I cannot say “thank you” enough for all the ways you have blessed and encouraged me! Your cards and expressions of kindness through Pastor Appreciation month are generous. Actually, you showed your appreciation during Pam’s hospitalizations, through her passing and beyond. Thank you very much!

I love you and I am praying for you as we grow together in Kingdom ministry. Thank you for praying for me. Pray for the Pastor Search Committee daily.

Allan Blume

# November 2024 Newsletter

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Save a Life. Give Blood

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Flat Springs Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 8

12:00 Noon – last call 4:30 PM

Register at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

### Poinsettia Memorial

It’s time to prepare our church for the holiday season with beautiful memorial poinsettias. Individuals or families may purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones.

Cost is \$14.00 per plant

Deadline is November 20th

To order:

- Complete the offering envelope
- Include in envelope:
  - ◇ Name of person being memorialized or honored
  - ◇ How giver’s name should be listed
  - ◇ Money (\$14 per poinsettia)
- Turn envelope into Sunday School Class or place in offering plate.



### Deacon of the Month - Brad Boisvert



November 10<sup>th</sup>



November 24<sup>th</sup>  
8 am

### Messiah in the Feast of Tabernacles

November 17, 2024

@ 10:00 AM



**Sam Nadler** is a Jewish believer in Jesus, who has been in Jewish ministry for over forty years. He is the Founder and President of Word of Messiah Ministries.

Sam is an internationally recognized conference speaker having authored books on theology and discipleship.

Sam conducts evangelism, discipleship and congregation planting in Jewish communities world-wide.



Our guest preacher on November 24 is Dennis Nunn, Founder and President of Every Believer a Witness Ministries, based in Summerfield (Greensboro), NC. He is a regular speaker in hundreds of churches across America to groups ranging in size from dozens to thousands. Prior to Every Believer a Witness, Dennis served as a pastor for 20 years. For many of those 20 years, Dennis was also an instructor for Walk Thru the Bible Ministries with Bruce Wilkinson, and later, Chip Ingram. Dennis twice received the President’s Award as Walk Thru the Bible’s number one ranked instructor.

### Sunday School & Worship Attendance for October 2024

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
10/6/24	86	86
10/13/24	72	85
10/20/24	92	112
10/27/24	84	105

## UPCOMING

December 1<sup>st</sup> - Church Council

- Week of Prayer International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Supper

- Nativity Play

- Last Wednesday Night of Mission Friends & Acteens

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Evening Christmas Cantata

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Afternoon Caroling

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Office Closed

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

December 26<sup>th</sup> - Office Closed

January 1st - Office Closed



## A Message OutReach Committee

Greetings from the OutReach Committee! We have had a very busy October!

We have taught "3 Circles How to Share the Gospel" class twice. Now, many more of you are prepared to share the gospel with others!

As the holidays approach, consider sharing it in place of small talk at the Thanksgiving or Christmas parties. What a gift that will not only benefit your family and friends for eternity, but also the ones they share it with!

If you missed the chance to attend the class, reach out to Lou Anne Griffin. (In about 30 minutes you can be more prepared to share the gospel with those in your life!)

We also participated in the Trunk or Treat through the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the one here at FSBC.

We shared Pumpkin Prayer coloring sheets with crayon packs, fruit of the spirit fruit gummy packs, Jesus is the light of the world sucker packs, bottles of water with our church information applied on the label, and information sheets for our church for those who do not attend.

In the month of November, we will be starting a weekly "Sweet Hour of Prayer," a guided hour of prayer open to church members and the community. Starting date is Tuesday, November 5th at 2pm in the SoJourney's OutReach classroom. (The last classroom on the left in the new building). Come and bring a friend!

We will also be holding a prayer walk with specific prayer prompts on Saturday, November 16th from 2-4 pm here at

FSBC. You can choose to participate either on the church grounds around the church parking lot in a designated pattern or seated inside the church if needed for weather, safety, or mobility concerns.

Lastly, we will be sending a team of missionaries to Whitley City, Kentucky to assist the Crossroads Community Baptist Church of Sterns, KY in their Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal. This meal historically feeds 1500-1800 people in a single day from a single building!

We will be leaving on Wednesday, November 20th at 8 am from the church. Some will return on Sunday, November 24 after the church service. Others will continue on the trip to view The Creation Museum on Sunday evening and then tour The Ark Experience on Monday, driving home on Tuesday arriving home around 7pm.

Please reach out to Lou Anne Griffin if you have questions or would like to attend. ( No, it's not too late.)

We will have another preparation meeting on Sunday evening November 3rd at 6:30 pm when we will make the last arrangements for this trip.

If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to meet with Lou Anne Griffin to make alternative arrangements.

Blessings 

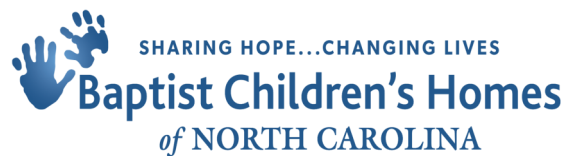
Lou Anne Kelly Griffin

# Happy Thanksgiving



## Week of Prayer for NC Baptist Children's Homes and Annual Offering November 3-10, 2024

The annual NC Baptist Children's Homes story for 2024 tells how God has used North Carolina Baptists to give children families and welcome them into the family of God. The annual offering is a way for our Baptist churches to support the work of BCH, which impacts the lives of children, families, and individuals in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Guatemala. More than 80% of those served by BCH come to the organization unchurched and unreached for Jesus.







Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebox Gifts

Final Collection Day and  
Prayer of Blessing

Sunday, November 17

# November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 4:00 Echoes of Mercy 6:00 Youth Meeting	<b>Wednesday Night Schedule</b> 6:00 Acteens 6:30 FSBC Knights Club 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Deacon of the Month: Brad Boisvert	Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00  American Red Cross	Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00  American Red Cross	Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00  American Red Cross	Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00  American Red Cross
<b>6:00 Youth Fall Gathering with Fire Pit</b> Kentucky Mission Trip Meeting	<b>6:30 Fall Bible Study</b> NC Baptist Annual Meeting	<b>Week of Prayer For NC Baptist Children's Homes</b> 2:00 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 Building & Grounds Meeting	Birthdays: Austin Ragan	Birthdays: Ronnie Smith	Birthdays: Robert Hoffman	Birthdays: Bill Boisvert, Brayden Houchins, Crete Smith
Birthdays: Cydney Herring, Jack Quiggie	Veteran's Day <b>10:00 Dorcas Sew Day</b> Birthdays: Justin Covert, Kayla Holmes, Peggy Watson, Kyle McCarrison	5:30 Family Night Supper	Birthdays: Jean Tillotson, Jesse Walker	Birthdays: Ronnie Smith	Birthdays: Lacey Cagle, Beckie McCollough	Birthdays: Jon Rooker
Feast of Tabernacles - Guest Speakers - Sam Nadler <b>2- Baby Shower - 3:30 Kentucky Mission Trip &amp; Reachout Pregnancy Center Hands &amp; Feet Mtg</b>	<b>6:30 Fall Bible Study</b>	Poinsettia Orders Due	Birthdays: Jean Tillotson, Jesse Walker	Birthdays: Ronnie Smith	Birthdays: Robert Hoffman	Birthdays: Bill Boisvert, Brayden Houchins, Crete Smith
<b>8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast</b> Guest Speaker Dennis Nunn 6:00 Thanksgiving Service No Youth	Birthdays: Lauren Mitchell	No Wednesday Night Activities	Birthdays: Jean Tillotson, Jesse Walker	Birthdays: Ronnie Smith	Birthdays: Robert Hoffman	Birthdays: Bill Boisvert, Brayden Houchins, Crete Smith
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