

Ushers & Greeters

November 26 - Lonnie Wales, ch., Bill McDaniel, Gabe Simmons, Darrell Woolley, Gunter Rodriguez, Kenley Lane, Rick Cox, Ray Acuna

December 3—Bob McQuerry, ch., Larry Perry, Don Mathews, Freddie Hammond, Mark Horany, David Sandlin, Reed Mankins, Kyle Turner

Nursery Volunteers

Extended Session November 26

Babies—Chuck & Barbara Calvin
Toddlers—Karrie Canada & Laken Canada
3's— Samantha & Michael Blevins

Extended Session on December 3

Babies— Natalie Hill & Angela Britt
Toddlers— Makayla & Sean Osborn
3's—Melissa, Sawyer & Emerald Edgington

Children's Church

November 26 - No Children's Church—Holiday

December 3—Jodee & Tori Wales

Sunday Morning Scripture

November 26—Keith Hill

December 3—Sawyer Edgington

Sunday Youtube Mix

November 26— Kade Betts

December 3—Melissa Edgington

Food Pantry Sackers

November 25 or 26—Gunter Rodriguez, Brad Simmons, Rodney & Jan Simmons, Steve Stephens

December 2 or 3—Nedra Belew, Debbie Key, Barbara Calvin, Bobby Wolfe, Todd & Randa Betts

Food Pantry Distribution

November 27—Terri & Jessica Hayter, Doug McCutcheon

December 4—Shannon Moses & kids, & Keith Hill

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“ To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others.” -Mission Statement

November 22, 2023



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 3

10:45 a.m. Worship Service



Christmas Lunch

All-Church Christmas Meal
Sunday, December 17 at Noon
Church will provide the meat.

Sunday School classes will bring sides & desserts.
Church business meeting & budget vote will follow.



There is still a need for a couple of people to help on Monday mornings to pass out food at the Food Pantry. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact Doug McCutcheon (940-257-7390) or Minnie Wood (940-873-8561).

DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.
 November 26—December 2
 Rue Rogers 254-652-3795
 December 3—9
 Jodee Wales 940-564-6151
 December 10—16
 Gunter Rodriguez 903-875-9555

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Clint & Sheila Pulliam and the Pulliam Family at the death of his mother, Bette; to Freddie & Judy Hammond at the death of his cousin, Bobbie Upshaw.



Thank You

Deacon Body of FBC Olney,
 Thank you for the beautiful flowers. Dad would have been so touched by your thoughtfulness! He truly loved being a deacon and serving his church! Oh how mother and dad loved this church for many years!
 Love,
 Amy and the Berry Family



- November 25 Keegan Barnhardt
- November 26 Richard Behrens
Kirk Ondricek
- November 28 Kelbey Thurman
- November 29 Connie Horany
- November 30 Cory Taylor
Taylor Thomas
- December 1 Ezra Bailey
- December 2 David Harris, Jr.
- December 4 Isabelle Musgrave
David Sandlin
- December 5 Todd Betts
Carolyn Strader
- December 6 Lori Cox
Natalie Hill
- December 7 Ashley Bitner
Dan Branum
Jean Clifton



Sunday, December 24 @ 5p.m.

FBCO Sanctuary

Weekly Reports

Sunday, November 5, 2023
 Bible Study: 179
 Morning Worship: 243
 Budget Weekly Needs \$12,432.00
 Budget Receipts \$11,976.38
 Designated Receipts
 Food Pantry 520.00
 Don & Kay Schol. 170.00
 Gospel Meal 100.00
 Shoeboxes 302.00
 Youth Fund 120.00
 My People's Children 100.00
 Radio Ministry 100.00
 Bus Ministry 25.00
 Onward Ever Dental 100.00
 Building Fund 275.00
 Total Receipts \$13,788.38
 Budget Needs to Date: \$559,440.00
 Budget Receipts to Date: \$587,099.54

Sunday, November 12, 2023
 Bible Study: 168
 Morning Worship: 242
 Budget Receipts \$6,944.13
 Designated Receipts
 Shoeboxes 355.00
 Building Fund \$250.00
 Total Receipts \$7,549.13
 Budget Needs to Date: \$571,872.00
 Budget Receipts to Date: \$594,043.67

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on December 6, 2023.

A Message From Brother Chad

Happy Thanksgiving! I have loved how the last few messages in Colossians chapters 3 and 4 have been so focused on thanksgiving to God. He tells the Colossians no less than seven times to be thankful in his book (1:2, 3, 12; 2:7; 3:15, 17; 4:2). Why? Because as believers in Jesus Christ, we have the most reason to be thankful. The reality, though, is that so often we have our eyes on self or circumstance, and we find ourselves resenting, rather than celebrating opportunities and blessings that Christ has given us. Remember the portion of Sunday's sermon where I addressed thankfulness. I was thinking about how we can find our spirit complaining about doing something like washing dishes or helping out with housework, when we should be thankful that we have dishes and clothes to fold in the first place. Thankfulness to God puts the focus where it should be. It points us to the giver of all good things (James 1:17).

I LOVED our ordination service for Reed Mankins. The young men in this church are showing us the way. Let's follow their lead and pursue King Jesus together.

This Sunday will be our first Sunday of **Advent**. We celebrate much of the traditional church calendar. Baptists have never been big on the "smells and bells" as some people call them, but it is always nice to prepare our hearts for Christmas and a renewed devotion to the Lord in a new year by doing some of the more traditional things at Christmas. So make sure you are in church each week this advent season.

A new tradition we hope to start this year will be our **Hanging of the Green** service on **December 3**. The Hanging of the Green is a traditional Christmas service where attention is drawn to the meaning of the different decorations in the Sanctuary. This will be a special service as we light the trees and candles, hang the wreaths, and sing Christmas songs and celebrate together.

We will be having the **"Christmas at the Parsonage"** open house from 5-7pm on **December 15**. We are thankful for the beautiful and well-maintained house we live in that is owned by the church. We love to open the house to the church so you can see your house (and make sure we aren't tearing it up). Over the last several years generous designated gifts were made for the purpose of remodeling the house. We want you to see the work that has been done. Melissa always does such a great job of decorating the house for Christmas. Please join us that evening for fellowship and refreshments.

On **December 17** we will have our annual **Christmas fellowship Meal**. The church provides the meat and sides and deserts will be assigned to different members. We will feast and fellowship! Look for opportunities to sign up to help with the meal. Also, on the 17th, after the meal, we will **hand out costumes for the Christmas Pageant**. The pageant is for ages 4years old-6th grade. We've learned to be very strict on the age-limits. This is a hard rule the pastor has made. Those younger than 4 must wait till they are older. Those older than 6 grade can sing in the choir. No exceptions. It causes too much trouble. You can grab a costume for a grandchild that will be here for the pageant. All are welcome to participate. The costumes will need to be steamed or ironed before the pageant.

The **Christmas Pageant** will take place during our **Morning Worship on December 24**, Christmas Eve. We will have Sunday School that morning for all ages, but we will have Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School hour for the 4year old- 6th Graders participating in the program. There is nothing quite as sweet as our small-town traditional Christmas Pageant. Make sure you are here for that special service. Then that evening, we will have our Candlelight Service. This is a highlight of the Christmas Season for many families. Get there early to make sure you get a good seat.

Our year is drawing to a close and you need to start thinking about making sure you have been faithful in your giving. We want to make and exceed our budget. So, make sure you are caught up, especially if you have been out of town. Let's have a great offering and attendance this week!

I love you! See you Sunday. Chad



Sunday, December 24

10:45 a.m. service

Children's costumes will be

passed out on Sunday, Dec. 17th.



You are invited to

Christmas at the Parsonage

in the home of Chad & Melissa

Friday, December 15 5-7 pm

1115 W. Howard Street