

First Facts

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Happy Thanksgiving

3 November Events that you will not want to miss!



We will **MOVE** our Evening Worship Service to the Pigeon Forge United Methodist Church on November 22nd at 6pm. Location is: 111 Methodist St. (near Food City) Joint service with Pastor Dale preaching.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 6PM



CHURCH-WIDE

FELLOWSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

On Tues., Nov. 24th at 6PM bring your favorite side dish and dessert for our Church-Wide meal. The church will provide the meat and drinks.

Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 6PM



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Pigeon Forge First Baptist Church will be the location for the Community Chorus Christmas Concert. Admission is a non-perishable food item that will go to benefit the Sevier County Food Ministry.

Sunday, Nov. 29th at 3PM

Loving God & Loving People

Shepherd's Notes



Dear Church Family,

1. *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*
2. *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*
3. *Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

4. *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*
5. *For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100 NIV)*

Praise God for His faithfulness and grace! At this time of Thanksgiving we sure have a lot to be grateful for.

Let me say from my heart and Constance's heart a great big thank you for the gift and calls and texts and cards during last month's pastor appreciation. You are wonderful people and we thank God for you. May God continue to give us the sweet spirit we enjoy.

Remember to pick up a shoebox for **Operation Christmas Child** if you've not already done so. This is a great ministry to children throughout the world and it leads to many opportunities to see children come to Christ.

We'll have a great evening together with our friends at First Methodist when we join them for their evening service at 6 PM on **November 22 for a joint Thanksgiving celebration.** We so enjoyed them when they were with us in August for marvelous Mondays; and they've invited us to join them on that Sunday night.

Thank you for your faithfulness and love for our Lord. And thank you for your warm, welcoming demeanor with our visitors. Many of them have remarked how much they feel welcome here. You truly are wonderful folks and we love you in the Lord!

Bro. Dale



G.R.O.W. will NOT meet in DECEMBER



from **Wayne**

THANK YOU! We praise the LORD for you.

Bro. Wayne

MANY, MANY THANKS to all the volunteers who helped make "Trunk or Treat" a big success.

Because of your willingness to help, we had many children come throughout our community to visit.

Please continue to pray that the love that was shown to these children and their families would draw them to Christ. May God be glorified through your generous gifts. Whether it was your prayers, donations of candy, games for the children, set-up, clean-up, registration, or other ways of ministering,



PASTOR APPRECIATION

First Baptist Church Pigeon Forge is such a loving church family.

Thank you for showing your love to Pastors Dale, Wayne, Nick and Joel.

It is a blessing in the way that you love God and love others.



Frontline Student Ministry



Sunday at 9:15 AM
Sunday/Wed 6PM

Invite
your
friends to
Front
Line
Student
Ministry!

Hump Day
Jump Day



Nov. 11th

JumpJam

TRAMPOLINE PARK

HEARTS ON FIRE PIGEON FORGE TN

NOVEMBER 20-21 AT THE LECONTE CENTER AT PIGEON FORGE

Surviving the Holidays



Nov. 22nd

4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING
THE HOLIDAYS

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

Senior Fellowship

Carver's Orchard & Apple House Restaurant

On Thursday, November 19th the Senior Fellowship will have lunch at Carver's Apple House Restaurant in Cosby.

The bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the Church parking lot.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the back hallway across from the Library.



2015 Trunk or Treat



Pigeon Forge First Baptist



Welcome New Members



Praise the Lord for Jo and her daughter Michelle. They joined our fellowship on October 11th by statement.

Susan and Jerry Fulton have been worshipping with us for many years when they were not in Mississippi. They joined by letter on October 4th.

Paul & Mary Ellen Jagers joined by letter on October 25th. They are pictured with their daughter Penny who lives in Atlanta.



Cecil Howard was baptized on October 25th.

Join Cecil in proclaiming
*"Give God the glory
all day every day."*



Austin and Emma Blalock were baptized on November 1st. They are pictured with their sons Logan and Austin.

They were a big help in our Vacation Bible School this year. Austin is the son of Reba Harmon.

Parent/Baby Dedication - Tucker Watts



Torey & Kayla Watts have committed to raising their son Tucker in a Christian home.

Celebration Choir

December 12th at 6 pm
December 13th at 10:30

ONCE UPON A HOLY NIGHT

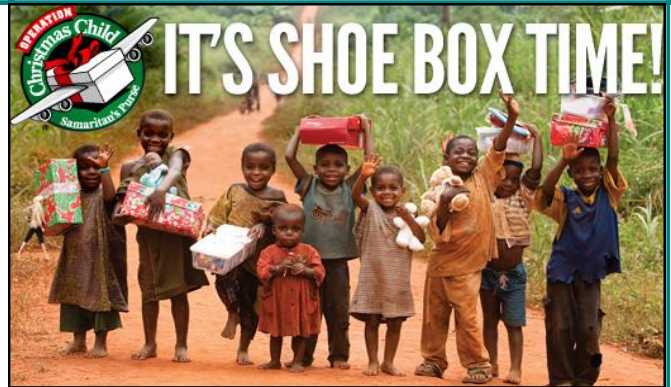
THE STORY OF GOD'S PROMISE

CREATED BY REGI STONE
ARRANGED BY REGI STONE AND BRADLEY KNIGHT
CHOREOGRAPHED BY BRADLEY KNIGHT
CHARACTER NARRATIONS BY KIMBERLEE STONE

Please see Pastor Joel Ogle if you would like to participate.

LJ&My: Worship

Return Shoeboxes



Return Shoeboxes by November 15th

Our goal this year is 200 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for giving gifts to boys and girls so that they can know the love of Jesus Christ through your gifts. A donation of \$7 per box will help in the shipping cost of the shoeboxes. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Correspondence Received

From the Robert "Bob" Walker Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers for our dad during his illness and homegoing. The flowers were beautiful; and we appreciate every kind act of blessing to us. We are grateful for such a loving church family.

Love in Christ,
David & Debbie; Eddie & Holly;
and Wanda Walker family

From the Nell Reagan Family

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the beautiful arrangements to honor Nell Reagan. The outpouring of love and friendship has sustained us during this sad time. We rejoice knowing Nell is at peace in the arms of the Lord with so many of her loved ones.

Thank you and God Bless,
Stacy, Kate, Andrea, & Gracie Reagan

From Traci Dodgen

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers for my sweet mother, Joyce Catlett. Prayers were answered - no surgery needed. Praise be to God!

Thank you,
Traci Dodgen

Comments from Out of Town Guests

- David & Dana Thomas, Mississippi - *"Enjoy worshiping on our annual trip to the mountains."*
- Bill & Wendy Millinor, North Carolina - *"We love that you pray for and over us as pastors/leaders/spouses/missionaries. It is the highlight of our week here. Blessing to you."*
- Charles & Lisa Miller, Alabama - *"We appreciate the special prayer with us as we go back to our church to lead our music worship. It meant a lot to us to have someone pray with us during your prayer."*

Tithes & Offerings Report

Amount Received for Budget

October 4	\$14,024.00
October 11	\$13,679.21
October 18	\$10,979.50
October 25	\$ 8,215.01
BUDGET	TOTAL \$46,897.72

Designated Receipts **\$6,133.58**

Donations received Sunday evening, October 11, 2015 at Spaghetti Fundraiser for **Honduras**

Mission Trip Total received **\$1,624.40**



Secure online giving is available.

Go to www.fbcpf.org and click on the "Online Giving" tab.

Sympathy to:

- Joyce Brackins family in the death of her sister-in-law Shirley Romines Breeden
- Bonnie Brackin in the death of her sister-in-law Nellie Faye Reagan (also, sympathy to Luther Brackins. He is Nell's cousin)
- The family of George Lee McCarter in his death

Griefshare meets on Sundays
from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
in Room 101-A across from the Library.

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