

OPPORTUNITIES

Nov. 19	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:45 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Early Worship Sunday School Morning Worship Children's Christmas Practice Evening Worship
Nov. 20	8:00-11:00 6:00 PM	Preschool Men's / Women's Prayer
Nov. 21	8:00-11:00 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Preschool Men's Basketball Community Thanksgiving First Christian Church
Nov. 22		No Scheduled Activities
Nov. 23 & 24		Office Closed/Thanksgiving

Worship 11/19/17	274
Sunday School	231
Week Day Bible St/Prayer	14
Awana Clubs 11/8/17	113

Budget Offering 11/12/17	\$9,510.63
Given To Date	\$678,570.92
Budget Needs to date	\$670,449.08
Designated Offering	\$1,739.63
Building Fund 11/12/17	\$120.00
Building Fund This Year	\$6,866.00
Lottie Moon (2017)	\$11,775.10
Edward Jones/Endow.	\$78,747.51

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# The Voice



November 14, 2017



The following devotional, from *The Word for You Today*, on dippers and dwellers is something worth sharing. “There’s an art to making good tea. You can dip your teabag up and down in the hot water and then pull it out. Or you can let it dwell there so that you can experience the tea’s full strength and flavor. Jesus said: ‘Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much fruit. However, apart from Me you can do nothing.’ (John 15:4-5 AMPC). The secret to victorious Christian living is not ‘dipping’ in God’s presence once a week in church, but ‘dwelling’ in it every day. That’s why this devotional is a helpful tool for your spiritual growth; it causes you to get into God’s Word each day, meditate on it, and ask, ‘Lord, what are You saying to me?’ When you’re a dipper, you’ve got to ‘make things happen’ by your own effort. You’ve got to move the bag up and down, wrap the string around the spoon, then pull it up and down and continue to repeat the process. That’s a lot of effort—and that’s not how God wants you to live the Christian life. No, He wants you to be a ‘dweller.’ It’s the depth and duration of your dwelling that determines the strength and richness of your spiritual life. So the word for you today is: Don’t be a dipper, be a dweller.’

**Don Wilson**



Retired Adults, we have a busy month of December coming up. As Sandy mentioned at our fish fry last week, we have an outing to the KY Opry to see their Christmas show on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2:30 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. I will have a sign-up/reservation sheet this Sunday,

Nov. 19, or call the church office.

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 12, at Majestic Restaurant in Draffenville. There is no charge for this. It is covered by our church through the Keenager budget. I’ll have sign-up sheets available for this on Sunday, Nov. 26, or call the church office to get your name on this list. Hope you can join us!

Adult Choir, thank you for all of your hard effort on our Christmas musical, “The Greatest Story Ever Told.” The date for the musical is Sunday, December 10, 6 PM.

This Sunday will be a service of praise and thanksgiving concluding Bro. Don’s series of messages, “500 Years Ago This Man Took a Stand”. We have so much to be thankful for!

Have a blessed week. Hope to see you at Sunday School and Worship this Sunday!

**Bro. Mark**



Hello FBC Family and Friends!  
It's great to be back home from our youth fall retreat. It was chilly and we were all tired yesterday, but we had a blast. Our worship band was incredible and the teaching from Derek and Julia Waddell really challenged and grew us all. There was a fun bonfire with smores, 3 exciting games of capture the flag, tons of delicious meals prepared by our kitchen volunteers and fellowship with one another that can only happen when you hit the woods in search of God together. Thank you all for your prayers and your financial support through our many fundraisers. We couldn't do it without you. I am now looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas together. These are my favorite times of the year! Please keep Amanda and Joel in your prayers as she gets closer to her due date.

The Best is Yet to Come,

**Daniel**



This week in Awana we will have our annual Thanksgiving meal. We will have chicken and ham and side dishes. We call it “Come Let us Gather at the Table”. It’s a great way to spend time fellowshiping with our Awana family.

Christmas program practice is November 19 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. and November 26 at 2:30 p.m. Be sure to listen to your music CD’s this week.

The Family Resource Christmas party will be on December 8 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Many volunteers will be needed for that night as well as 2-liter drinks and monetary donations. A flyer will be in this week’s bulletin.

Several have asked about FBC Lunch Club. I have missed visiting with the kids during lunch. I’m working on a few details, but, hopefully, we will begin again the week after Thanksgiving!

Have a great week!

**Margaret**

There will not be a mailout of *The Voice* next week during the Thanksgiving holiday.

We have installed a new security system for the sanctuary building that will require an access pass code in order to enter without setting off the intruder alarm when the panel is armed. If someone is already in the building the panel has been disarmed and you will enter/exit as usual. This shouldn’t create problems unless it’s after hours when you access the building. If you need to be on the list of people that require an access pass code, please let me know and I will sign you up and will train you how to use it.

**Carroll Evans**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Nov. 16 Martha Lewis  
Nov. 17 Kenny Jones  
Chris Clark  
Jackie Curts  
Eddie Stone  
Nov. 18 Kara Crowley  
Chris Curts  
Brian Doss  
Nov. 20 Chase Duncan  
David Puckett  
Misty Meyer  
Triska Powell  
Nov. 21 Ayla Acord  
Ellie English



**INVITATION**

You are invited to a Baby Shower for *Daniel & Amanda Crowley* on Sunday, November 19, 2:00 — 3:30 PM in the Parlor & Activities Building. They are registered at <https://www.babylist.com/amanda-crawley>. They could also use diapers, wipes or gift cards. *It’s a boy!*

**Christmas Dinner**

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that our congregation will be providing our community with a delicious Christmas Dinner and warm fellowship on Christmas Day. And you can be part of it! There are many ways/times to help “get it together” *before* as well as *on* Christmas Day! Check this Sunday’s bulletin insert for ways to participate, or pick up a sign-up sheet from the tables at the entrances. I know not everyone has their plans laid out yet, but as soon as you know when you can help, fill out the form and hand it in to the office. Please include this project in your prayers so we can be part of what God wants for our church.



**New Address**

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you! We sincerely appreciate everyone who has helped and prayed for us.

*Lavana Holland & Grace Goff*

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, hospital visits and every kindness during my surgery and recovery. We appreciate and love our church family so much.

*Tommy & Brooks Meyer*