

First Family News

Moments with Mack

Can you believe it? November is here and December is just around the corner so from now 'til the end of the year, we all will be in 'Over Drive.'

Much will be happening between now and December 31st. Much more than we can cover in this article.

First, let me thank you for all of your support and help with the Harvest Festival. YOU are the reason it is always such a huge success. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Next is LIGHT THE NIGHT. I am so looking forward to this event. Hopefully, we will be establishing a tradition that will in the years to come prove to be a tremendous outreach into our community.

Haven't the last few weeks' worship experiences been increasingly meaningful? They have been awesome! I wouldn't dare miss a single one. It's so neat to see God at work.

On a different note, the end of the year is approaching, and we are significantly behind in 'giving,' and we need to seriously think about 'catching up.' Our expenses have out stripped our income and in order for us to end this year in the black, we are going to have to pick-up-the pace. In meeting our budget, each one of us needs to do our part and give sacrificially for the next couple of months. I realize you have been challenged to give to a number of 'projects,' but projects do not help meet the ongoing cost of doing ministry. Please consider what you can do to help make a difference from now to December 31st. The Lord will honor your sacrifice.

*Your Undershepherd,
Mack*

FBC Welcomes our Newest Members



Glen & Breanna Taft

Congratulations To the Family of Alivia Sweaney

For their
Dedication of
Her to the
LORD!



I hope that you had the opportunity to see the 160+ blankets/quilts that have been on display on the church pew backs the past few weeks. We also had some examples of Christmas stockings and jeans pocket purses on a table in the foyer. These items represent just a few of the many opportunities available to all who want to be directly involved in missions. Just ask any project participant how you can join our effort.

All women are invited to attend the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer program at FBC Matagorda on Monday, November 7th. On this day, Baptist women gather around the world to pray for each other. We will enjoy a program that encourages us to be "In Step with the Spirit," and then partake of a thanksgiving meal provided by the church. Vans will leave at 8:15 and return before 2 p.m. Three of our members, along with 4 members from FBC Van Vleck, will leave for Valley Baptist Retreat in Mission after the meal, to take the remaining donated items and work to complete more stockings for distribution. Please pray for all who will be involved in the November 7-10 trip.

We hope to sell oranges and grapefruit from VBR again this winter and will let everyone know when we will be able to have a load delivered, so that orders can be taken.

Your co-laborer in sharing the love of Christ,
Paulette Kirkpatrick

REMEMBERING OUR MILITARY

Dewey Bratcher, Marjorie Bratcher's son
Robby Mathews, Jr., Robby & Tessa's son
Chris Medina, Addy Garza's brother-in-law
John Parker, Annette Carter's nephew
Brian Hammons, Joyce Ferrell's nephew
William Wirtz, Doc Barfield's grandson

Bobby Glenn, Hortense Glenn's great-grandson
Cory Kenniston, Doc Barfield's grandson-in-law
Chris Compian, Kasie Compian's brother



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Light the Night (Christmas Event)

We need thousands of lights to light up the property for our "LIGHT THE NIGHT" Christmas event. If you would like to donate some strings of lights, the following is an exact description of what we need:

- **Clear** mini-lights
- Need to have end-to-end connectors
- **Prefer** 100 ct. strings (but will accept any)
- If **one** bulb goes out, remaining lights **need** to stay lit
- Outdoor lights (indoor/outdoor should work)
- Prefer **green** wire
- **Constantly** on (no blinking or running lights)

You can bring your lights by the church office or drop them off in the foyer on Sunday!

We also need dozens of cookies for our Light the Night event.

Would you consider contributing cookies (*home-made or purchased*) with a Christmas theme?

Please contact Barbara Dowell with questions 979-532-8603.

Happy Birthday!

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| 4 Hank Allen | 20 James Kelley |
| 6 Dorothy Beck | 20 Susan Mitchell |
| 6 Marilyn Shelton | 21 Joan Adamski |
| 7 Vance Snedecor | 21 Paulette Kirkpatrick |
| 8 Thurman Wilson | 21 Audra Watkins |
| 12 Vincent Reina | 23 George Martin |
| 12 Frankie Watkins | 27 Kathy Parker |
| 15 Betty Bergstrom | 28 Shirley Lominac |
| 18 Elida Perez | 28 Harvey Stelzel |

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Building & Grounds 7 pm</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends Deacon's Meeting 6 pm</i>	7 <i>Baptist Women's World of Prayer FBC Matagorda</i>	8 <i>Hostess Team 5:30 pm</i>	9	10	11	12
13 <i>CROSS Prison Change Offering</i>	14 <i>Church Council 5:30 pm Light the Night 7 pm</i>	15 <i>Stewardship & Finance 6:30 pm</i>	16	17	18	19
<i>Mack Mathis (Out of Town)</i>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<i>Office & CDC Closed for Holiday</i>						
<i>Mack Mathis (Out of Town)</i>						
27 <i>First Day of Advent</i>	28 <i>Light the Night 5:30 pm</i>	29	30			

STEWARDSHIP REPORT thru October 31 Monthly Budget Goal

	October Attendance				
	2 th	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Bible Study	62	70	78	69	67
Morning Worship	91	95	112	91	91
	<u>Monthly Report</u>		<u>YTD Report</u>		
Budget Goal	\$ 30,576.90		\$ 269,076.92		
Offerings Received	23,429.65		246,168.80		
Total Income			283,297.96		
Total Expenses			317,671.21		

Deacons for the Month

- Oct 30-Nov 5 **Keith Dowell & Andres Garza**
 Nov 6-12 **Sam Harrell & Charles Allen**
 Nov 13-19 **Herb McCown & Gorman Riley**
 Nov 20-26 **Hank Allen & Bill Kirkpatrick**
 Nov 27-Dec 3 **Harvey Stelzel & Wayne Taylor**

***Please submit your information for December's Newsletter by November 29.*