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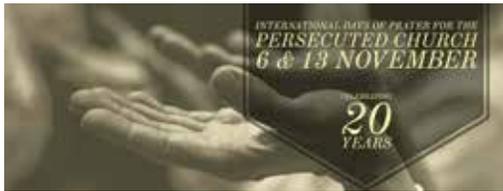
November 2016



November Events



Sunday, November 6th
Communion -- AM Service



Sunday, November 6th &
Sunday, November 13th
International Days of Prayer for the
Persecuted Church - PM Services

Tuesday, November 8th
Election Day



Thursday, November 11th
Veterans Day

Sunday, November 20th
PM Service

Thanksgiving
Praise
Service

Wednesday, November 23rd
No Evening Activities



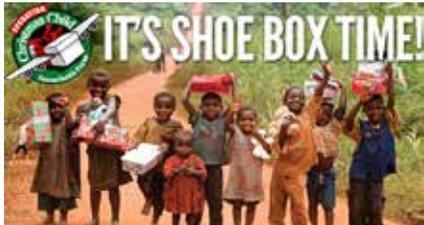


Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6th

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday Night!!!



CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORY
The 2017 Phone Directory will be available in November. Watch the bulletin!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes are available in the Library. This year we have both pre-printed or plain white boxes kids can color. Labels and other resources are available as well. Return your shoebox(es) to the Kitchen by Sunday, November 13th.



Church Offices Closed
Thanksgiving Day,
November 24th
&
Friday,
November 25th

UPCOMING CHURCH
ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE
END OF THE YEAR

Be sure to mark your calendars.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Thanksgiving Praise Service --
Evening Service



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

No Wednesday Evening Activities



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Special Night of Christmas
Music & Communion --
Evening Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Sunday School Christmas
Program -- Evening Service
Please note: The S.S. Christmas
Program Practice will be
Saturday, Dec. 10th, 9-11AM.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

AM Service
No Sunday School &
No Evening Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve
Service -- 6PM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

AM Service
No Sunday School &
No Evening Service



“BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON.....”

First Baptist Church Policy on Marriage and Human Sexuality

Our church policy on Marriage and Human Sexuality is available at the Information Area.



Mug & Muffin

Thursday, November 3rd

What: A time of Christian fellowship for women

Time: from 7-9 p.m.

Where: At the home of Holly Merignac, 1008 Randy Lane, St. Johns

Why: To encourage one another in the Lord



Some of the Campbell Soup Labels do not show the box that says “Labels for Education”. These labels are still good. Just turn in the label to the little box at Information Area and they will cut the UPC code to send in. Thank you for helping us collect these for Shepherds Homes in Racine, Wisconsin.



NURSERY/TODDLERS CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

The generous Christmas gift of volunteered time in the nursery and toddler departments is greatly appreciated by your church family and requires no shopping, wrapping, or bows. If you would like to contribute to this gift by volunteering to serve on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please contact Sarah Thomas at 989-224-0967.



Beacon of Hope Update

Critical Need for Volunteers

Food Bank: Need volunteers with pick-up trucks and strong backs to go to the food bank to pick up food on **Monday mornings**. Must be at the food bank at 8:30 a.m.

Women Advisors: Advisors meet one-to-one with participants to develop relationships with them, discuss their Bible study lessons, and help them understand God’s plan of salvation.

- You **DO NOT** need to be: a Bible scholar, perfect, a trained counselor, or a certain age.
- You **DO** need to be: a member of FBC, a sinner saved by grace, and someone who cares about people.

Learn & Earn Store: Volunteers are needed on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Older teens are welcome for this job.

Calling all deer hunters!

Do you need to make space in your freezer for this year’s hunt? Beacon of Hope can help! Beacon accepts donations of professionally-processed venison. Contact Karen Leif to make arrangements to deliver to Beacon

Christmas Celebration

To take the emphasis off the material aspect of Christmas, the theme for this year’s celebration is: Simplify Christmas, Celebrate Christ. The celebration will be on **Saturday, December 17** starting with a worship service at 10:00 a.m. After the service shoppers will be split into 2 groups, so those who are waiting to shop will be able to enjoy a snack. Volunteers will be needed to help with the shopping, serving refreshments and mingling with participants, and clean-up. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be out starting Sunday, November 27.

Gifts Needed:

- ✓ Pot and pan sets, bakeware, toaster ovens, crock pots
- ✓ Vacuum cleaners and space heaters
- ✓ Tools, jumper cables, Men’s gloves (XL), hunting and fishing supplies
- ✓ Women’s pajamas (XL, 1X, 2X), Men’s and Women’s winter jackets (XL, 1X, 2X)
- ✓ Gas Cards (Speedway Fuel Only cards)
- ✓ Toys, Children’s books & DVDs, scooters, sports equipment
- ✓ Gift cards to fast food restaurants (for teens) and auto parts stores (for adults)





The Mighty O.A.K.S.

On September 10th, a group of Mighty O.A.K.S. headed to Kentucky to visit the Creation Museum. We stayed two nights in a large, restored home in the quaint little town of Petersburg on the Ohio River. We had wonderful weather and spent a whole day enjoying the many displays and programs showcasing a multitude of Biblical truths. It is an inspiring place to visit with every inch of space praising God, His Glory, and His Word. The creation museum is a place where you can be with a crowd of fellow believers. The Zip Lines, 5 of them were fun too! Just ask Helen Kresge!

We had a Hot Dog Roast, made S'mores and had a picnic with a wide variety of other foods on October 11th. Our picnic was at the home of Randy & Ida Salisbury. What a great place to have a picnic. God provided us with perfect weather! Walt Schmidtman gave a presentation of amazing facts about our Bible. It was a beautiful day to have fellowship, sing patriotic songs and hymns led by Trish Smith.

Our November get-together will be at the Holt Performing Complex on Sunday, November 13th. We are going to see the "All American Christmas" performed by The Michigan & Ohio Christmas Choir. If you need a ride and have tickets to this event, please sign up at the Information Area and be at the church at 1:15pm.

Looking ahead to December.

We will meet on Tuesday, December 13, at 12 noon, in the church gym for a catered meal. The cost is \$11 per person. Menu includes 2 entrees, potato, vegetable, salad, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. Watch the bulletin for more information and when to sign up.



Come Join Us!

Date: Thursday, November 3rd

Making Apple Pie

(Bring a Pie Pan)

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Cheri Kresge's Home, 11400 S. Ely Hwy., Ferrinton, MI



Perspectives

on the World Christian Movement

God has a "world-sized" role for every Christian in His global purpose. Whether people go to distant countries or stay at home is a secondary issue. The primary issue is what most people are hungry to discover: vision to live a life of purpose. Discovering this vision makes this course valuable, and perhaps crucial, for any Christian.

2017 COURSE INFORMATION

Basic Cost: \$225

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MONDAYS: 6:30 - 9:30 PM (Jan 2 - May 1, 2017)

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TUESDAYS: 6:30 - 9:30 PM (JAN 3 - MAY 2, 2017)

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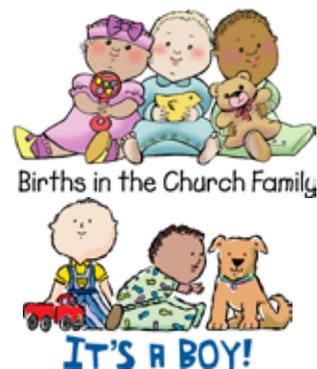
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FIRST BAPTIST THIS 'N' THAT

Please make these changes to your
FBC Phone Directory:

- Bob & Sue Smith
1982 CR 209
Winters, TX 79567
Phone: (989) 292-0136



Congratulations to Phil & Lydia Burkhart on the birth of their son, Titus Charles. Titus was born on Saturday, October 8, 2016. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. His Grandparents are: Steve & Eileen Feldpausch.



Festival of Lights-St. Johns



Live Nativity in Downtown St. Johns

This Christmas our community is putting together a live nativity in downtown St. Johns on Friday, December 2nd. As part of the Winter Festival of Lights, it is important that area churches work together to make the name of Christ prominent in our community's celebration. It will certainly be a blessing to our community.

They need people to help in the planning and preparation as well as people for a community choir, narrators, manger construction team, actors/actresses, costume design and more. Please contact Chris Bouck @ 224-1921 or IMNIMR@live.com if you are interested in helping out.



Calling moms, grandmas, aunts—any woman desiring to pray for children and schools, whether public, private or homeschool, from preschool through college—**experience the joy of replacing anxiety with peace and hope when you pray** scripturally and specifically for your child and their school with other moms.

Join us for a powerful time of prayer!

Praying together provides hope and strength to moms who carry heavy burdens for their children.

Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m.

Contact Person - Mishelle Pagels, 989-224-3861 or tmpags@charter.net

To find out more about Moms in Prayer, visit MomsInPrayer.org





MISSIONS UPDATE

BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

Busy Hands didn't meet in October. We do need toothbrushes and inexpensive washcloths. The Hospital in Bangladesh can use gently-used sheets (any size), towels, wash cloths, and dish towels. If you have any used sheets that are not stained or dirty, they can be cut up into strips to roll for bandages. The next meeting is on November 8th, at 9:30 AM with a reminder to vote that day.

MAILINGS THIS PAST MONTH

One birthday box was delivered to Sherri Jenks . Her birthday is the end of December and she was delighted to get Christmas candles so she could enjoy them early along with some scrapbooking supplies, dishtowels/ clothes, body cream, a candle for fall, and they were packaged in an orange gift bag.

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

Sue Mayo writes: Dear Ladies of First Baptist, Thank you, thank you, thank you for the birthday box. What a lovely surprise! Your choices were perfect; you know us well. The box arrived at a perfect time. Tomorrow morning our family is leaving for a much anticipated one-week holiday. Each year we spend some time in Forster (about 3 1/2 hours from Sydney), watching dolphins, taking hikes, playing board games...basically just chilling out!! We praise the Lord for our church family at First Baptist. You hold a very special place in our hearts!

Beth Buser said "thank you so much for the package, what a treat!!! I love the fall flare to the package. We are into fall now according to the calendar, but we see no changes here. Just as in PNG, we have to create our own fall, with a fall wreath on my front door, pumpkin smelling candles, and leaves on my center piece on my table. I have had to pretend that there are seasons most of my adult life, so why stop now. I know there are seasons somewhere!!!

A note from **Rowena Barnes**: I love the coconut body cream and was thinking I needed to buy something of that type of thing. It is really nice, and I love the smell. Thanks. From the tea to the doily to the food coloring, mapeline and acetaminophen, everything is great. The grey sweater is fine...just a little tight but very warm and useful. The gel stickers and towels and napkins are great. The watermelon placemat will certainly be able to be used somewhere! The crocheted red and white little doilies are sweet. The cloth bags will come in handy. The lady we have mentioned has already worn out one of the bags I gave her to protect her Bible. For her birthday next week I think I will give her a new one. Much love. Many thanks.

Radius: (Buser's) Lexie Sheen works with the children and the class rooms get quite chilly during the winter months in Mexico. They have 12 in the group she works with of 5 to 10 yr. olds. She expressed the desire for lap robe type/size afghans or fleeces. A total of 15 various colored ones were mailed along with 10 children's books. She replied: Hello!!!! I received the package of blankets and books that you sent! Thank you so much! The kids loved them. Thank you for everything. Lots of love, Lexie

MISC.

One of our families were able to take your accumulation of aluminum pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. They were very much appreciated.

Things to collect for missions: unopened "Happy Meal Toys," old buttons/lace/handkerchiefs, cancelled Commemorative stamps, good used suitcases with wheels, and old jewelry. Plus the Campbell soup labels. There is a mission's box in the Lost and Found closet.

LANSING CITY RESCUE MISSION

We are collecting items for the Lansing City Rescue Mission. Please place your items in the yellow container Located in the Lower Level – Classroom #12. Here are some of the items they need at this time:

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| New socks | Napkins | Towels | Twin Blade Razors | Conditioner |
| New Underwear | Paper Towels | Deodorant | Lotion | Real Silverware |





MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Glenn & Becky Kerr

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Mission Agency: Baptist Mid-Missions, serving with
Bibles International

Ministry: Bible translation

Becky: 6/14/51

Glenn: 11/05/49

Married: 7/06/74

Children: Aaron: married to Jen

Joel: married to Emily

Rachel: married to Josh Piland

Becky grew up in northern Minnesota in a Christian family. She became a Christian at age seven while her mom was reading her a missionary story. She used her gifts in music in the mission church they were a part of and was baptized there. She attended one year at Bethel College in St. Paul, then transferred to Bob Jones University, where she met Glenn.

Glenn's parents were not Christians when they married near Jackson, Michigan. When they moved to New Jersey they started attending a Presbyterian church and six months later put their faith in Christ. Glenn received the Lord at age three. After Glenn's junior year of high school, he told the Lord he would be willing to do with his life whatever the Lord wanted. He majored in music, minored in German, and also studied Greek.

After Glenn and Becky married, Glenn pastored in Spartanburg and Simpsonville, South Carolina. In 1978 they moved to Wisconsin where Glenn received a master's degree in Hebrew & Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin. They both were committed to missions in their younger years; however, the Lord continued to say "not now." After 17 years of marriage they moved to Michigan, where God called them to missionary service with Bibles International. Bible translation has been their vision and desire and what they have prepared for since their teen years. They have just completed their 21st year with BI.

Becky is part of BI's stewardship department. She produces the BI triannual newsletter, Briefings. She is involved with all forms of literature production, designing brochures for projects, writing scripts for videos, etc. She also is heavily involved in preparations for BI's annual Harvest Dinner, and she travels with Glenn whenever time and money allow.

Glenn's work includes producing tools to use in translation work, helping translators, and helping those checking translations. BI has many projects going on throughout the world. Glenn is involved in the professional development of each consultant, making sure they have the tools they need to do their job, as well as appropriate computer and software training.

Glenn works with several translation teams each year. Each verse that the translators have translated is checked against the original Greek or Hebrew. This involves lots of travel to distant places, mostly in French-speaking Africa but also to countries in Asia, South America, and even Europe. Bibles International has been blessed to publish New Testaments and complete Bibles for many people groups and is constantly taking on new projects once others are finished.



Food for Thought...A Challenge to be Thinking Christians



Satan's Ten Strategies Against You

Article by John Piper Founder & Teacher, desiring God.org Desiring God

. . . that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs. – 2 Corinthians 2:11

One of the most sobering facts about life is that all humans have a supernatural enemy whose aim is to use pain and pleasure to make us blind, stupid, and miserable — forever. The Bible calls him “the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world . . . the accuser” (Revelation 12:9–10), “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31), and “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

He is our “adversary [who] prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Yet, in the most appalling and unwitting bondage, the whole world willingly “follows the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). At his most successful, his subjects march obliviously to destruction, and take as many with them as they can.

The “good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18) that I wrote about under the title “Awake and at War” includes the daily resistance of this enemy (1 Peter 5:9; James 4:7), the daily refusal to give him an opportunity (Ephesians 4:27), and the daily stand against his schemes (Ephesians 6:11).

Satan's Leash — and Impending Doom

God is sovereign over Satan. The devil does not have a free hand in this world. He is on a leash, so that he can do no more than God permits. In effect, he must get permission — as in the case of Simon Peter, where Jesus discloses, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to have you, that he might sift you like wheat” (Luke 22:31). And the case of Job: “The Lord said to Satan, “Behold, Job is in your hand; only spare his life” (Job 2:6).

So evidently God sees the ongoing role of Satan as essential for his purposes in the world, since, if God willed, Satan would be thrown into the lake of fire now, instead of at the end of the age. “The devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and . . . will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Revelation 20:10). His complete defeat is coming and sure. But not yet.

Unwitting Servant of Our Sanctification

God intends that part of our preparation for heaven be a life of warfare with hell. He calls it a “good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18) and a “good fight” (1 Timothy 6:12). It is good, not because we might be killed (which we might! — Revelation 2:10), but because these fire-fights refine the gold of our faith (1 Peter 1:7), in life and death.

God is the great General in this warfare. He has given us the walkie-talkie of prayer to call for help: “Take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, *praying* at all times” (Ephesians 6:17–18).

He sees behind enemy lines, and knows exactly the strategies that will be used against us. He has written them down in a wartime manual “so that we would not be outwitted by Satan.” The reason we will not be outwitted is that “we are not ignorant of his designs” (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Food for Thought...(Cont.)

Primer on Satan's Strategies

If you need a refresher for what those "designs" are, here is a summary. May God make you a mighty warrior! May he "train your hands for war and your fingers for battle" (Psalm 144:1).

1. Satan lies, and is the father of lies.

"When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). The first time Satan appears in the Bible in Genesis 3, the first words on his lips are suspicious of the truth ("Did God say, You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?"). And the second words on his lips were a subtle falsehood ("You will not die"). John says that Satan "has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him" (John 8:44). We are dealing with the essence of falsehood and deception.

2. He blinds the minds of unbelievers.

"The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4). So he not only speaks what is false. He hides what is true. He keeps us from seeing the treasure of the gospel. He lets us see facts, even proofs, but not preciousness.

3. He masquerades in costumes of light and righteousness.

In 2 Corinthians 11:13–15, Paul says that some people are posing as apostles who are not. He explains like this: "Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness."

In other words, Satan has servants who profess enough truth to join the church, and from inside teach what Paul calls "doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1). Jesus says they will be like wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). Acts 20:30 says they will not spare the flock, but will draw people away to destruction. Without God's gift of discernment (Philippians 1:9), our love will be suckered into stupidity.

4. Satan does signs and wonders.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:9, the last days are described like this: "The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power, *and with signs and wonders of the lie.*" That's my awkward translation. Some translate it "with false signs and wonders." But this makes the signs and wonders look unreal. In fact, some people do say that Satan can only fake miracles. I doubt it. And even if it's true, his fake is going to be good enough to look real to almost everybody.

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One reason I doubt that Satan can only fake his miracles is that in Matthew 24:24 Jesus describes the last days like this: "False Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible even the elect." There is no hint that these "signs and wonders" will be tricks.

Food for Thought...(Cont.)

Let your confidence be grounded in something far deeper than any supposed inability of Satan to do signs and wonders. Even real signs and wonders in the service of anti-Christian assertions, prove nothing, even when they are done “in the name of Jesus.” “Lord, Lord, did we not do many mighty works in your name?” To which Jesus will reply, “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness” (Matthew 7:22–23). The problem was not that the signs and wonders weren’t real, but that they were in the service of sin.

5. Satan tempts people to sin.

This is what he did unsuccessfully to Jesus in the wilderness — he wanted him to abandon the path of suffering and obedience (Matthew 4:1–11). This is what he did successfully to Judas in the last hours of Jesus’s life (Luke 22:3–6). And in 2 Corinthians 11:3, Paul warns against this for all the believers: “I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

6. Satan plucks the word of God out of people’s hearts and chokes faith.

Jesus told the parable of the four soils in Mark 4:1–9. In it, the seed of the word of God is sown, and some falls on the path and birds quickly take it away. He explains in verse 15, “Satan immediately comes and takes away the word which was sown in them.” Satan snatches the word because he hates faith which the word produces (Romans 10:17).

Paul expresses his concern for the faith of the Thessalonians like this: “I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain” (1 Thessalonians 3:5). Paul knew that Satan’s design is to choke off the faith of people who have heard the word of God.

7. Satan causes some sickness and disease.

Jesus healed a woman once who was bent over and could not straighten herself. When some criticized him for doing that on the Sabbath, he said, “Ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, *whom Satan bound for eighteen years*, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” (Luke 13:16). Jesus saw Satan as the one who had caused this disease.

“God is sovereign over Satan. The devil has no free hand in this world. He is on a leash, and can do only what God permits.”

In Acts 10:38, Peter described Jesus as one who “went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil.” In other words, the devil often oppresses people with illness. This too is one of his designs.

But don’t make the mistake of saying every sickness is the work of the devil. To be sure, even when a “thorn in the flesh” is God’s design for our sanctification, it also may be the “messenger of Satan” (2 Corinthians 12:7). But there are other instances in which the disease is solely attributed to God’s design without reference to Satan: “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him” (John 9:3). Jesus feels no need to bring Satan in as the culprit in his own merciful designs.

Food for Thought...(Cont.)

8. Satan is a murderer.

Jesus said to those who were planning to kill him, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth" (John 8:44). John says, "Do not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother" (1 John 3:12). Jesus told the blameless church at Smyrna, "The devil is about to throw some of you into prison. . . . Be faithful *unto death*, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

To put it in a word, Satan is blood-thirsty. Christ came into the world that we might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). Satan comes that he might destroy life wherever he can and in the end make it eternally miserable.

9. Satan fights against the plans of missionaries.

Paul tells of how his missionary plans were frustrated in 1 Thessalonians 2:17–18: "We endeavored the more eagerly, and with great desire, to see you face to face; because we wanted to come to you . . . but Satan hindered us." Satan hates evangelism and discipleship, and he will throw every obstacle he can in the way of missionaries and people with a zeal for evangelism.

10. Satan accuses Christians before God.

Revelation 12:10 says, "I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for *the accuser of our brothers* has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.'" Satan's defeat is sure. But his accusations haven't ceased.

It is the same with us as it was with Job. Satan says to God about us, *They don't really love you; they love your benefits*. "Stretch out your hand and touch all that [they have], and [they] will curse you to your face" (Job 1:11). *Their faith isn't real*. Satan accuses us before God, as he did Job. But it is a glorious thing that followers of Jesus have an advocate who "always lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

Satan Will Not Win

Those are some of Satan's designs. The path to victory in this warfare is to hold fast to Christ who has already dealt the decisive blow.

Resist!

James says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!" (James 4:7). How do we do that? Here is how they did it according to Revelation 12:11: "They have conquered him *by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony*, for they loved not their lives even unto death." They embraced the triumph of Christ by his blood. They spoke that truth in faith. They did not fear death. And they triumphed.

The New Testament highlights prayer as the pervasive accompaniment of every battle. "Take . . . the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, *praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication*" (Ephesians 6:17–18).

"Do not be outwitted by Satan. God sees behind enemy lines and tells us all we need to know to not be ignorant of Satan's designs."

Food for Thought...(Cont.)

As the close of this age draws near, and Satan rages, Jesus calls us to wartime prayer: “Watch at all times, *praying* that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). Similarly, Peter makes an urgent call to end-time prayer: “The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of *your prayers*” (1 Peter 4:7).

Even Jesus fought against the devil on our behalf with the weapon of prayer. He said to Peter in Luke 22:31–32, “Satan has asked to have you that he might sift you like wheat, *but I have prayed for you* that your faith may not fail.” So Jesus illustrates for us the opposition of a specific satanic threat with prayer.

And, of course, Jesus instructed us to make prayer a daily weapon for protection in general: “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil” (Matthew 6:13). That is, deliver us from the successful temptation of the evil one. Do you confront the designs of the devil with the focused and determined power of prayer?

No Neutral Zone

The question is not whether you want to be in this war. Everyone is in it. Either we are defeated by the devil and thus following, like cattle to the slaughter, “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2), or we are resisting — “resist him, firm in your faith!” (1 Peter 5:9).

There is no neutral zone. You either triumph “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony,” or you will be enslaved by Satan. Therefore, “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:3), and “wage the good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18). Pray without ceasing!

The Lord Jesus is no less a warrior today than in the days of old. So I urge you again: Come to him as willing soldiers of the Prince of Peace and learn to say, “He trains my hands for war” (Psalm 144:1).

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NOVEMBER

CALENDAR

- Wed., Nov. 2** Pam Sischo's Women's Bible Study--10am (her home, 6845 Winfield Rd., Ovid)
AWANA -- 6:30 pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30 pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30 pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30 pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
Women's Bible Study -- 6:30 pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30 pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., Nov. 3** Mentoring Moms--6:30pm (Cheri Kresge's home, 11400 S. Ely Hwy., Perrinton)
Mug & Muffin--7pm (Holly Merignac's home, 1008 Randy Lane, St. Johns)
- Sun., Nov. 6** Daylight Savings Time Ends! Turn clocks back one hour Saturday Evening
Communion -- AM Service
Pastor Chad, Persecuted Church -- PM Service
- Mon., Nov. 7** NO Shuffleboard
NO Men's Basketball
- Tues., Nov. 8** Presidential Election -- Please Vote!!
Busy Hands for Missions--9:30 am (Classroom #15-Around Corner from Elevator)
- Wed., Nov. 9** Pam Sischo's Women's Bible Study--10am (her home, 6845 Winfield Rd., Ovid)
AWANA -- 6:30 pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30 pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30 pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30 pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
Women's Bible Study -- 6:30 pm (Lower Level-Adult Wing)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30 pm (Youth Wing)
- Thurs., Nov. 10** Missions Committee Meeting -- 6:30 pm (Classroom #2)
- Fri., Nov. 11** Elders Meeting -- 8:00 am (Office Level-Conference Room)
- Sun., Nov. 13** Mighty O.A.K.S.--Leave church parking lot at 1:15pm(All American Christmas, Holt, MI)
John Kresge, Persecuted Church -- PM Service
World Missions Prayer Meeting -- After PM Service (Lower Level-Classroom #13)
- Mon., Nov. 14** Shuffleboard -- 10 am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30 pm (Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 16** Pam Sischo's Women's Bible Study--10am (her home, 6845 Winfield Rd., Ovid)
AWANA -- 6:30 pm (Childrens Wing)
24/7-Jr. High -- 6:30 pm (Youth Wing)
Prayer Meeting -- 6:30 pm (Office Level-Classroom #1)
Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30 pm (Lower Level-Adult Classrooms)
High School Bible Study -- 6:30 pm (Youth Wing)
- Fri., Nov. 18** Released Time Class -- 1:00 pm (Youth Room)
- Sun., Nov. 20** Thanksgiving Praise Service -- PM Service
- Mon., Nov. 24** Shuffleboard -- 10 am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30 pm (Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 23** NO Regular Activities
- Thurs., Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Day -- Church Offices Closed
- Fri., Nov. 25** Church Offices Closed
- Sun., Nov. 27** Regular Services
- Mon., Nov. 28** Shuffleboard -- 10 am (Gym)
Men's Basketball -- 6:30 pm (Gym)
- Wed., Nov. 30** Same As Nov. 16



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the turkey ate!"





BIRTHDAYS

01	KJ Carpenter Julie Schafer Walt Viges	12	Shane Kidd	20	Diane Boughton
04	Ruth Hills Christian Mead Averlin West	13	Gail Perez	21	David Carpenter
05	Cheryl Bouchey Lisa Crandall Willard Goldman Jill Loznak	14	Jesse Dieterly Zach Kay Linda Patton	22	Tina Duda Cindy Kennedy David Snyder
07	Heath Miller	15	Tim Becker Al Goward	24	Joseph Iung Jeff Lator
08	Matthew Cyrus	16	Levi Schafer	26	Sue Mullikin
09	Janelda Fish	17	Arthur Farr	27	Dawn Baker Jane Cyrus Karen Leif
10	Darlene Dutcher Nate Feldpausch Annie Iung Wayne Studer	18	Zachary Rosendale Stuart Thomas Sara Zamarron	28	Harold Green
11	Naomi Fore Kallie Knaus Julius Motz Fran Whitlock	19	Levi Bancroft Bernadette Richardson Rick Robbe Isaac Simon Susan Studer	30	Julie Heuer Jim Rosbury



SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER

NURSERY

- 02 Awana Carolyn Henning, Katie Fore, Trisha Feldpausch
- 06 SS Lisa Crandall, Bernadette Richardson, Helen Kresge
AM Karen Leif, Sue & Kristy Mullikin, Linda Kresge
PM Combine with Toddlers
- 09 Awana Carolyn Henning, Valorie lung, Lori Knaus
- 13 SS Emily Knaus, Holly Merignac, Anna Ordway
AM Katie Fore, Pamarie Nichols, Jazmine Harps, Linda Kresge
PM Holly Merignac, Dawn Benson
- 16 Awana Carolyn Henning, Emily Bargerion, Eileen Feldpausch
- 20 SS Emily Knaus, Becky Becker, Lori Knaus
AM Becky & Rachel Becker, Lori Walter, Linda Kresge
PM Combine with Toddlers for Praise Service
- 23 NO Awana
- 27 SS Emily Knaus, Pat Wright, Sarah Thomas
AM Sarah & Sylvia Thomas, Andrea Bancroft, Ashton Sheen
PM Sarah & Sylvia Thomas, Emily Brun
- 30 Awana Carolyn Henning, Valorie lung, Lori Knaus

TODDLERS

- 06 AM Liz Davis, Rachel & Lydia Ely, April Mullikin
PM Grace Kresge, Carrie Miller, Andrea Bancroft, Elayna Pagels
- 13 AM Ted & Michelle Beck, Faith Robbe
PM Sarah Bouck, Darlene Dutcher
- 20 AM Rebekah Becker, Lori Knaus, Chara Walter
PM Grace Kresge, Sue Bishop, Ellen Kresge, Valorie lung
- 27 AM Eileen & Natalie Feldpausch, Mary Dieterly
PM Laurie Ordway, Michelle Rosendale, Sarah Snyder

USHERS

- 06 AM *Scott McCorvie, Derrick Ostrander, Preston Nichols, Phil Burkhart, Duane Schafer, Dennis Eilert
PM *John Glerum, Walt Knaus
 - 13 AM *Julius Motz, Shane Kidd, Norm Moinet, Mark Lutz, Ted Beck
PM *Jim Ashenfelter
 - 20 AM *Rick Davis, Kyle Walter, Ryan Shackelford, Joe Ondrusek, Chris Bouck, Harold Lichte
PM *Dean Feldpausch, Chris Bouck
 - 27 AM *John Leif, Scott Darragh, Jason Holben, Ron Showers, Jimmie Harps, Jim Cyrus
PM Doug Merignac, Ted Bedell
- *Captain

TODDLER COOKIES

- 06 Holly Merignac
- 13 Sue Bishop
- 20 Eileen Feldpausch
- 27 Sharon Ashenfelter

GREETERS

- 06 Foyer Ron & Jill Kielen
Office AM-Joel Seling
PM-Diana VanOrsdol
- 13 Foyer Mike & Tammy Underwood
Office Sharon Ashenfelter
- 20 Foyer Tom & MB Moldenhauer
Office Jay & Becky Peterson
- 27 Foyer Roger & Rosanne Schafer
Office Chris & Sarah Bouck

- *Foyer-Stay until Sermon
- *Office- Please be at your door by 9am to greet for Sunday School.
- *Everyone Greets in the PM Service Unless otherwise stated.

