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## IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

### Wednesday, November 6

Copies of budget available in the  
Welcome Center and the Church Office

### Wednesday, November 20

Budget Discussion, 7:15 PM in the  
Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, November 24

Vote on the budget in worship service

## Community Ministry Opportunities This Month

Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies - *Coats for the Cold*

Items needed are coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and/or a \$30 donation to purchase a heater; Bring all donations to the church by Monday, November 18.

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce - *Angel Tree*

Look for the tree in the Welcome Center in the next couple of weeks. Take a tag and bless a child this Christmas!

Local Food Pantries - *Holiday food baskets and canned food drives.*



# FIRST THOUGHTS

## The Powerful Ministry of Encouragement

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With Thanksgiving Day approaching later this month, we all have so much to be thankful for. While we have been heartbroken for those in our region who have suffered incredible losses during last month's floods, I am incredibly thankful for the way our church and many others responded with love and support during this devastating time. The Disaster Relief efforts were enormous. We are so grateful that God allowed our church to be a ministry command center, and for those of you who served, sacrificed, prayed, and supported others. However, as I walked into the building each morning and spent time with the teams throughout the day, I was personally blessed by the amount of encouragement and support that so many were giving to each other. Countless people thanked our church for hosting and helping during this crisis. In return, we thanked and encouraged all the workers as they served each day. In times like these, it's easy to get overwhelmed and disheartened by all of the demands and struggles of ministry, and that's something we need to keep in mind as we move ahead serving the Lord.

Few things in life are more debilitating than discouragement. The devil knows that if he can rob your heart of confidence and joy, you will be much weaker in your walk with Christ and less effective as a servant. And there are countless ways we can become discouraged as believers. Have you had those moments when you felt like your efforts were going nowhere? Moments you feel like giving up because you see a lack of results, especially when others may be succeeding? Do you feel underappreciated and unnoticed? Have you been overcome with weakness and anxiety as you replay the sharp voices of criticism from others? Sometimes discouragement comes when we look at what's going on in our nation, or what's going on in our lives. However it comes, discouragement is a powerful tool in the hands of the enemy because it immobilizes our hearts from wanting to try again.

Because of how common and draining discouragement can be, the Bible calls us to

encourage one another on a regular basis. Paul writes, *"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up"* (1 Thess. 5:11). In the original language, the word "encourage" is translated from a Greek word that literally means "to call alongside." This word was used in ancient times when a military regiment had lost heart on the battlefield, and a general would send out a leader to check on the men and build up their confidence, helping them to continue fighting and moving ahead. So, Paul is saying that when believers are discouraged by the enemy or by the circumstances of life, other believers should come alongside and look for ways to encourage the one struggling. We see an example of this in Acts 14:22, where Paul and Barnabas return to the church at Antioch, *"strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith."* It appears that those in Antioch were burdened or discouraged, and were in danger of becoming unfaithful. However, Paul and Barnabas brought them great strength through words of encouragement.

Garrett Kell said, *"In one sense, encouragement is like oxygen in the life of a church. It keeps hearts beating, minds clear, and hands inspired to serve."* Would you make a commitment to encourage at least one person each day? Would you pray for God to help you become a better encourager, and help you identify people in your life that need encouragement? As we continue growing in our walk with the Lord and reaching our community with the gospel, let's find ways to encourage each other in the days ahead, so the enemy and our flesh will not hinder us from being faithful servants of Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Justin

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

## Worship Pastor Meet & Greet

As we mentioned in our last note - we anticipated sharing news about a prospective Worship Pastor candidate and the next steps in the search process.

We're excited to announce that we'll have a candidate visit the weekend of **November 2 - 3!** He will meet with the choir and musicians starting at **9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning. He and his family will then be available for a church-wide meet-and-greet in the Fellowship Hall from **1-3 PM**. After leading worship on Sunday, **November 3**, he will be voted upon at the end of the service.

Thank you for your continued prayers over this search.

- The FBCD Worship Pastor Search Team



Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM  
Meet in the choir room behind  
the sanctuary

## BILINGUAL CHURCH PLANT

### Quick Update from Pastor Waldhys

Those who know me well know that on my Mount Rushmore of holidays is Thanksgiving. I think every Christian should have Thanksgiving on their top four holidays. It's the perfect time in the calendar year to look back at the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us and thank Him for them; Scripture reminds us that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (James 1:17). I am thankful to our God for how His people from different denominations responded to the devastation caused by the flood from Hurricane Helene. From the many food drives to the clothing drives, it was encouraging to see the Church comfort people stricken by misery; the gospel and the hope of Christ was shared with many folks.

This Thanksgiving will feel a bit different to me, though. The backdrop of this Thanksgiving will be the 230 people who were killed from this storm, of which close to 20 were from our own communities in East Tennessee. It's a reminder that life is fragile and how close we are to eternity. In Psalm 90, Moses calls us to reflect on the limitations of our days against the backdrop of eternity, and our need for God to rescue us. "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). So, this holiday

cherish your loved ones a little more than you normally would; treat them with great affection and tenderness.

The month of October for Verdad en Amor was outstanding. As good Baptists, we had 3 fellowship meals: monthly potluck, house church service, and Lord's Supper. Besides our Tuesday Bible studies and Sunday services, we met for house church service and youth night; the church also met different physical needs from within, which points to growth in Christ. We had planned on ministering to the Newport migrant workers with JCBA at the beginning of October, but that was cancelled due to the storm. All in all, I am grateful to our triune God as He is equipping the saints for the work of ministry. We continue to march forward, for we know that Christ is building His church. I leave you with Paul's exhortation to number our days wisely: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16). God bless you.

Best,  
Rev. Waldhys J. Rodoli

# STUDENT MINISTRY



Fall Retreat IS THIS MONTH!! We are over the moon excited for this great weekend together. We are looking forward to getting away this November to find life in Jesus TOGETHER. It's a great weekend where we get away to a cabin in Pigeon Forge and have a life-changing experience at Hearts on Fire. We look forward to all that the Lord has in store for us this year.

## THE DETAILS

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**When:** November 22-24, 2024

**Where:** Majestic Lodge Cabin at Wild Briar Resort // We will meet at the church then proceed to the cabin to settle in. We will travel from the cabin to Hearts on Fire during the weekend.

**Cost:** \$125

Sibling Discount: 2 Students (15% off) 3+ Students (25% off)

**Register today at [fbcandridge.org/students](https://fbcandridge.org/students)**



With so many voices trying to offer advice, it can be difficult for parents to know who to turn to. Using these resources, we give you some tools to have gospel centered conversation on key topics for teens.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Girl's Night - Friday, Nov. 15 from 5:30-7:30 PM**

Hope you are ready to have some fun! All girls in grades 1-5 are invited to come and make some



memories with us. Fun crafts and a tasty dinner await you! And don't forget to bring a bag of your favorite candy to use for a mystery project! Sign up at <https://fbcandridge.typeform.com/signup> or in the Welcome Center.

## First Kids - Every Wednesday

We're starting a new series on Wednesdays in November learning all about God's amazing, fantastically epic rescue plan! You're not going to want to miss it!



# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct - 27	Oct - 28	Oct - 29	Oct - 30	Oct - 31	Nov - 1	Nov - 2
						9a - 10:30a Choir Rehearsal 1p - 3p Worship Pastor Candidate Meet & Greet
<b>Nov - 3</b> 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service & Worship Pastor Candidate Vote 11:45a - 12:45p Deacon Meeting	<b>Nov - 4</b> 9a - 10a Staff Meeting 12p - 1:30p WMU Sponsored Day of Prayer Luncheon	<b>Nov - 5</b> ALL DAY Election Day - No School Jefferson County Schools 9:45a - 11:30a Ladies' Fall Bible Study 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting <b>OFFSITE</b> 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group <b>OFFSITE</b> 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	<b>Nov - 6</b> <b>OFFSITE</b> 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>Nov - 7</b> 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	<b>Nov - 8</b> 2p - 4p OCC Shoebox Packing Party Time Slot #1 6p - 8p OCC Shoebox Packing Party Time Slot #2	<b>Nov - 9</b>
<b>Nov - 10</b> 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 2p - 3p Adult Handbell Rehearsal 4p - 5p Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting 5p - 6p Dive! Women's Bible Study	<b>Nov - 11</b> <b>ALL DAY Veterans Day</b> 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	<b>Nov - 12</b> 9:45a - 11:30a Ladies' Fall Bible Study 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting <b>OFFSITE</b> 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group <b>OFFSITE</b> 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	<b>Nov - 13</b> <b>OFFSITE</b> 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>Nov - 14</b> 10a - 11a Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	<b>Nov - 15</b> 5:30p - 7:30p FirstKids - Girls Night	<b>Nov - 16</b>
<b>Nov - 17</b> 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service 4p - 5p Women's Prayer Group 5p - 6p Women on Mission	<b>Nov - 18</b> 8:30a - 5p AMOS Coats for the Cold - Church Dropoff Deadline 8:30a - 5p OCC Shoebox Dropoff Deadline 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	<b>Nov - 19</b> 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting <b>OFFSITE</b> 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group <b>OFFSITE</b> 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	<b>Nov - 20</b> 4:30p - 5:30p Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p FBCD Students 6p - 7p Adult Bible Study 6p - 7:15p FirstKids 6:30p - 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15p - 8:15p Churchwide Budget Discussion	<b>Nov - 21</b>	<b>Nov - 22</b> <b>OFFSITE</b> 4p >> FBCD Students Fall Retreat-Hearts on Fire	<b>Nov - 23</b> <b>OFFSITE</b> ALL DAY FBCD Students Fall Retreat-Hearts on Fire
<b>Nov - 24</b> <b>OFFSITE</b> << 1p FBCD Students Fall Retreat-Hearts on Fire 9:15a - 10:15a Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a Morning Worship Service with Budget Vote 2p - 3p Adult Handbell Rehearsal 4p - 6p Grief Share	<b>Nov - 25</b> 9a - 10a Staff Meeting	<b>Nov - 26</b> 6p - 7p Prayer Meeting <b>OFFSITE</b> 6p - 8p Hinchey Life Group <b>OFFSITE</b> 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	<b>Nov - 27</b> ALL DAY Church Office Closes at Noon ALL DAY No School - Jefferson County & Lakeway Schools	<b>Nov - 28</b> ALL DAY Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed ALL DAY No School - Jefferson County & Lakeway Schools <b>ALL DAY Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Nov - 29</b> ALL DAY Happy Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed ALL DAY No School - Jefferson County & Lakeway Schools	<b>Nov - 30</b>

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Daylight savings time ends this weekend. Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night, **November 2**.

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## Holiday Schedule and Church Office Closed

- The fellowship dinner and all activities are canceled on Wednesday, **November 27**.
- The Church Office will close beginning at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, **November 27** and remain closed on Thursday and Friday, **November 28 and 29** for Thanksgiving.



## Online Sign Up Information

Have you asked the question, I wonder how to sign up for that event? To get the latest on the FBCD Event Sign Up information, simply click the following link, <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/signup> or scan the QR Code above to take you directly to all the available events to get you signed up.

# FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS



**SHOEBOX  
PACKING  
PARTY**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
2-4 PM and/or 6-8 PM

*Sending Good News & Great Joy!*

## OCC Shoebox Updates

Our Shoebox Packing Party is coming up on Friday, **November 8** with two sessions to choose from: 2 - 4 PM and 6 - 8 PM. Pizza will be served at 6:00 PM. Come and fellowship, fill some boxes and spend a few minutes in prayer for the children and families who will receive them.

## Other Ways to Help:

- Take a box from a location around the building, fill it and return to the church by **November 18**.
- Make a monetary donation to help cover cost of purchasing items for the Packing Party and shipping the boxes.
- Fill a box online at <https://sampur.se/3YAYHMr> or Scan the QR code below.
- Begin praying that these boxes will have a gospel impact on the lives of children and their families around the world.



**OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS  
CHILD**

## WMU Sponsored Day of Prayer

Join us on Monday, **November 4** at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Terrell will be doing a devotional and we will have small group prayer at our tables. The menu is chili, cornbread, sandwiches, and desserts. All men and women are invited to attend!

## Adult Bible Fellowship Teacher Meeting

Our next monthly teacher meeting will be on Sunday, **November 10** at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Contact Pastor Cory for more information.



## Ladies' Dive! Bible Study

Ladies, please join us for our next Dive! study as we discuss truth when you feel unloved by looking at 1 John 3:1a. If you are reading along, please read Chapter 3 of *Dwell Differently*. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, **November 10**, at 5pm in Room 216! Check out the new Dive! Women's Ministry Resource page where you can access study notes and session recordings from our monthly studies at <https://www.fbcdandridge.org/dive>.

## Women's Prayer Group & Women on Mission

Our monthly meeting will be on Sunday, **November 17**. The Women's Prayer Group will meet at 4:00 PM with Women on Mission to follow at 5:00 PM. Both groups will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring some nonperishable food items for the community blessing boxes to this meeting.

## Grief Share Surviving the Holidays

Facing grief this holiday season? You are not alone. In fact, we're planning a gathering for grieving people to talk about what to expect this season and to learn how to deal with the many emotions brought on by the holidays. Will you join us? Grief Share "Surviving the Holidays" will be on Sunday, **November 24** from 4-6 PM in Room 216. Please contact Cory Hammett at [cory@fbcdandridge.org](mailto:cory@fbcdandridge.org) for more information.



Grief Share  
Find comfort,  
strength & hope at  
**Surviving  
the Holidays**

Join us: [griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays)



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**D A N D R I D G E**

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## General Information

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Jerry Price, Organist

**Church Office: (865) 397-3940**

**Bible Fellowship Report**

**Average Attendance**

	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Preschool	14	16
Children	27	26
Youth	33	28
Adult	213	206
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	287	276

Worship Attendance Average for  
September – 408

**Financial Report**

	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget Fund Goal	\$142,069.60	\$1,108,142.88
Budget Receipts	\$119,409.15	\$1,118,968.23
Building Fund Receipts	4,245.00	35,785.00
Designated Receipts	<u>37,834.64</u>	<u>299,898.92</u>
Total Receipts	\$161,488.79	\$1,454,652.15

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