



Good Monday morning, dear friends. What a weekend! I am so grateful for the mercies of God this weekend because it was so very busy, and yet, we still had a fantastic worship yesterday. I am truly looking forward to some down time this week (the church office is closed Wednesday through Friday) as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, but keep in mind, if you need anything, your ministry staff is always available to you. And remember that there are no activities at the church on Wednesday.

Let me share a few announcements with you as we look towards the immediate future.

- . We are continuing to receive offerings for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They**

are \$25 each. Make the check out to the church, and designate it to this ministry.

- Sunday Nov. 28 will be our regularly scheduled services. Please take part in all of them. I cannot stress how important worship, Sunday School, and small groups are to the spiritual growth of believers and the fellowship of the church.**
- Sunday also begins our Week of Prayer for International Missions as well as our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This should hit close to home since we have our own missionaries serving through the International Mission Board as well as others on the field serving the Father. Pray about what God would have you to give to support the work of missions around the world.**
- Wednesday Dec. 1 will be a special-called business meeting at 6 p.m. to hear two recommendations from the Personnel Committee and Tucker Music Committee. The Personnel Committee will be recommending that we move Austin Glass from part-time to**

full-time. This is a tremendous need for our church as we seek to reach people for the kingdom through technology. We will also be hearing a recommendation about some equipment upgrades for our church.

- . Dec. 3 is our Ladies' Night Out. It will be a great evening of fellowship and worship, so get your tickets now.**
- . Dec. 5 we will have another special-called business meeting to begin the process of electing a Minister of Youth search committee. Please join us in praying about this important need. On Dec. 5, each member will be asked to nominate 7 people to serve on this committee. The Personnel Committee will count the nominations and make a list of 20 people who received the most nominations and who are willing to serve on the committee. That list will be presented on Dec. 12, and each member will be asked to vote for the 7 that will serve on the committee.**
- . Dec. 15 and 16 will be our Christmas FoodFest. Our hope is to provide Christmas**

dinner for at least 120 families. We need your help in finding needy families, so if you know of someone, please give them one of our registration sheets. Each family will be brought into the church, prayed over, witnessed to, and given food to take home and prepare for Christmas. If you can write a postcard, pray for a needy family, share the gospel, be friendly, or carry boxes, we need your help. See Linda Kilgore for more information.

- Dec. 19 will be our Christmas program with our Sanctuary Choir and our Children. It will be an awesome worship experience, so make sure you put it on the calendar.**
- Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. will be our Christmas Eve service. This will be Candlelight and Communion, so plan to join us for a special time of worship.**
- Finally, we will return to one morning worship service on January 2. Our Sunday School will be at 9 and worship at 10. My prayer is that we will have a full sanctuary as we start the new**

year together. We will be discussing future plans for dealing with growth, so please stick with us. I truly believe that God is going to do something amazing in our church in 2022. I was trying to think of a “tag line” and all that keeps coming to mind is “Something new in 22.” Can you think of anything better? Please share it with me.

Please continue to pray for our Music Search Committee. We are getting some quality resumes, so ask the Lord to continue to guide our committee to the man He has for us. The Personnel Committee is working on finding an Interim Music Minister and will be working to find an Interim Youth Minister. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, please let the committee know.

Whew! That is a lot of stuff, so I guess I will cut it off for now. I love the holidays, but let’s make sure that we don’t stay so busy that we forget the reason we celebrate the Season.

Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas!

Bro. Ben