



November Birthdays

11/20 Rodger Stephens
11/24 Joe Smith
11/27 John Weeks

NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

POINSETTIAS! TIME TO ORDER!
DEADLINE TO ORDER – NOV. 29
\$10.50 PER PLANT
Order in memory or in honor of a loved one.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT 11/15/2020

TOTAL GIVEN	\$4,045.83
Building Fund	\$ 7.00
Weekly Budget Needs	\$5,284.51

Upcoming Events:

* Unable to Attend Member: Roberta Gann

11/18 Online Streaming - 6:00 p.m. *Radical Reliance*, Chapter 2
11/16-23 Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off
11/25-27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

**JOINT THANKSGIVING MEAL
HAS BEEN CANCELED!**

THANKSGIVING FUNNIES!

Q. Why did the turkey cross the road?

A. Because it was Thanksgiving and he wanted to get out of sight.

Q. What do turkeys eat for dessert?

A. Peach gobbler.

Q. What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?

A. Unlimited drumstick buffet!

Q. What's the best music to play at Thanksgiving dinner?

A. Plymouth Rock.

Q. What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving?

A. Lucky.

From the Pastor

We are so blessed to have a church that is looking forward to what God is doing around us and asking us to join Him in what He is accomplishing in our world today. We had a great day yesterday as we discussed at the quarterly business meeting what we are doing in many areas of our church. We talked about the various things that were needing to be fixed or replaced or inspected which is just a part of life that must be dealt with to keep the buildings up to date and safe to be in each week. We also brought to the church new things that are being done and need to be done that enhance our church and are going to be a part of our future in terms of ministry. We needed a welcome center by the front door of our entrance and now we have one and it is almost finished. The gathering area by it will be completed soon where you can get coffee and a pastry/donut and visitors can gather to talk to our staff and greeters as they come into our church. We are purchasing a scoreboard for Upward to use as well as the basketball, pickleball, and volleyball leagues will be using in the near future.

One of the items that we talked about and decided to do is to renovate our chapel so that we will be taking out the pews in that place and putting nice chairs and tables (when needed) to use for Life Group times and other teaching times. We can still have funerals and weddings in that area, but we will have chairs instead of pews which will make it more versatile in how we can set it up. It is difficult to move from a traditional look to a more contemporary design as change can be hard, but necessary to do all that we feel the Lord is leading us to do in the months and years ahead. We are asking each person to make a sacrifice and purchase a chair or two or more so that we can start getting the 100 chairs for this area as well as the 8 tables that we need to fill up the chapel area. The chairs are \$40 each and the tables are \$175 each so if each person purchases a chair or two and each Life Group class buys a table we will have the amount of chairs we need. Just designate on your check that you are wanting the money to go to the chapel renovation fund and we will make sure that we will use it for that purpose.

When I was talking to the search committee about coming here, I was asked what kinds of things would I do to help move the church from where it was to where they felt it could be in growing and touching lives for Christ in the younger families. We have not been able to do some of the things I mentioned, but there are still a number of things that we can do and it is helpful to start thinking about them as we move ahead. One thing is starting to think about a modern or contemporary worship service in addition to our traditional worship service. This new service would be at the 9:00 a.m. time frame in the worship center and would be led by a younger person who is trained in the instruments and style of that type of service much like the way that Carlos does with his Hispanic service using those same instruments (Guitars, drums, keyboard). We would need to hire a part-time modern worship leader who would also oversee the youth and college area for their life group which would meet at the 10:30 a.m. time while we have our more traditional service going on. One way of paying this new minister is to use the money we will hopefully receive from Epic Charter Schools (for renting part of our unused space in April/May for scholastic exams) would take care of this expense. Pray about this step of faith for the days ahead.

I was hoping to have a nice Thanksgiving meal this Sunday night as we have been promoting, but due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases many of our people are not wanting to come so we are cancelling the meal this year as well as the service we were going to do with it. It is not what I personally want to do, but I understand the challenges of feeding a group of people safely and having no transfer of germs in this time. I look forward to the future when we can get to fellowship together over food again! In Christ,
Pastor Troy

Life Groups' Bible Study

FBC
Casa de Restauración

9:15 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Services

FBC
Casa de Restauración

10:30 A.M.
12:15 P.M.

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