

"THE LETTER" E-Newsletter November 2011

First Baptist Church Of Spring Hope

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Sundays

Coffee & Fellowship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Clyde Best (Head) J.C. Womble
Ed Farmer

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

6th In Loving Memory Of Mrs. G.W. Marshborne
13th In Loving Memory Of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bass
20th OPEN
27th 1st Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens,
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Parrish

NURSERY WORKERS FOR NOVEMBER

6th Allison Pitts
13th Nicole Moss
20th Tori Parker
27th Stephanie Moss

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2 nd Guy Jean Farmer	November 25 th Joe Woodard
November 12 th Al Pitts	November 26 th Sue Woodard
November 14 th Gwen Bryant, Richard Williams	November 28 th Ed Farmer
November 23 rd Amy Brewer, Linda Johnson	November 29 th Rosabelle Wiggs
November 24 th Dorothy Inscoe	November 30 th Dan Bissett

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST BAPTIST

At 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday:

Bible Study in fellowship hall

At 7 p.m. every Wednesday:

Adult Choir Practice in fellowship hall

At 8 p.m. every Wednesday:

Hand Bell Practice in fellowship hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hand Bell Practice – Our Hand Bell Practice schedule is every Wednesday night at 8:00 pm until given further notice. Come and ring those bells!

Honorary Members of the Board of Deacons Service – Please join us on November 6th, during church services to celebrate Steven May and Gail Banks recognition as Honorary Members of the Board of Deacons.

Week of Prayer/NC Baptist Children's Home – Week for Collection - November 13th – November 20th.

Community Thanksgiving Service – On November 20th, the Community Thanksgiving Service will held at Peachtree Baptist Church, at 7:00 pm. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Scott Schaffer from Gibson Memorial. Please plan to join this community gathering in a Thanksgiving Service in honor of the Lord! Let's also warmly welcome Scott into our community!

World Hunger/"To The Least of These" for the Faith Christian Ministries – As a ongoing collection for the cause of world hunger and our local area, please continue to take part in our ongoing project of avoiding a snack or your favorite food item and place the \$ value in a jar to be given "TO LEAST OF THESE" (Matt. 25 vs. 40) for the FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES.

*****Newsletter Deadline – November 21st*****

Adult Choir Practice – Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet for Choir Practice and Hand Bell Practice on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday Night Services - Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Wednesday night services will be cancelled.

Hanging of the Greens Service – Our Hanging of the Greens Service will be, November 27th at 5:00 pm. Please come and join us! Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

WMU EVENTS





Samaritan's Purse- All Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are due by November 12th. They will be delivered to Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, NC, then off to the big sorting center near Boone NC, then off to needy children world-wide. Thank you for participating in a ministry that is effective and responding to the needs of others nationwide through God's calling!

Thanksgiving Baskets - Our WMU will deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to our shut-ins and the sick in our church for the month of November.

FBC Welcomes New Members- Our WMU ladies are praying for new members in order to help us continue and expand our work. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church in our Fellowship Hall. For more information, please call the church office at 252-478-3221 between the hours of 9 am-1 pm, Monday - Friday.

Check out our website – www.fbcspringhope.org Please send all new updates for the website to jennifer@jmphippsdesigns.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Daylight Savings Time Ends FALL BACK!	7 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer NC Baptist State Convention 7 th - 8 th	8 WOM Meeting 7:00 pm NC Baptist State Convention 7 th - 8 th	9 Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Hand Bell Practice 8:00 pm	10	11	12
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20 Community Thanksgiving Service at Peachtree Baptist Church 7:00 pm	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm Hand Bell Practice 8:00 pm	23 No Services Happy Thanksgiving 	24 Offices Closed Happy Thanksgiving 	25 Offices Closed Happy Thanksgiving 	26
27 Hanging of the Greens Service 5:00 pm 	28	29	30 Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm			

Happy Thanksgiving from the kitchen of Martha Stewart

Pumpkin Cream Pie

If you're planning on making this for Thanksgiving, start it early in the day. The pie needs four hours to set, but the refrigerator does just about all the work.

Yield Makes one 9-inch pie

Serves 8

Ingredients

- **For the Gingersnap Crust**

- 1 1/4 cups ground gingersnaps (from about 25 cookies)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Salt
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled

- **For the Pumpkin Cream Filling**

- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- Pinch of ground cloves
- 1/2 cup sugar
- Salt
- 4 large egg yolks
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 1/4 cups solid-pack pumpkin (from one 15-ounce can)
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream, whisked to medium peaks
- Garnish: freshly grated nutmeg

Directions

1. Make the gingersnap crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine gingersnaps, sugar, and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Stir in melted butter. Press mixture into bottom and up sides of a 9-inch metal pie dish. Refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes. Bake until crust is golden brown, about 15 minutes. Let cool.
2. Make the pumpkin cream filling: Bring milk, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, 1/4 cup sugar, and a pinch of salt to a simmer in a medium saucepan over medium heat.
3. Meanwhile, whisk egg yolks with cornstarch and remaining 1/4 cup sugar in a medium bowl.
4. Gradually whisk about 1/2 cup milk mixture into yolk mixture. Gradually whisk in remaining milk mixture. Return entire mixture to saucepan. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until bubbling in center, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Immediately whisk in pumpkin. Whisk in butter.
5. Strain filling through a fine sieve into a clean bowl. Pour into gingersnap crust, smoothing the top with an offset spatula. Refrigerate until set, at least 4 hours. When ready to serve, top with whipped cream, and garnish with nutmeg.

You Are Invited to Attend Our Twenty-Seventh Annual

“Hanging of the Greens Service”

On Sunday Evening, November 27th, 2011,

At Five O'clock



YES! I would like to purchase a poinsettia for the “Hanging of the Greens” Service. Enclosed is \$14.50 for each poinsettia ordered.

Please place Poinsettia:

In Memory of _____

By, _____

In honor of _____

By, _____

Return to the church office or put in the offering plate by Sunday, November 13th, to ensure your gift being listed in the “Hanging of the Greens” program. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church and mark them for “Poinsettia”. You may also mail your check and order form to First Baptist Church of Spring Hope, POB - 177, Spring Hope, NC 27882.

Note: You may order your Poinsettia after November 13th, but it will not be listed in the Hanging of the Greens Program.

Note from the Interim Pastor

Thanksgiving Day, 1986 was the day of my father's funeral. Several people commented to me that they were sorry the day was ruined and said they were afraid later Thanksgivings would be sad days as well. I understand why they felt that way, but I didn't agree with them. That Thanksgiving was special to me and the ones since then have been as well.

One of the things I have always had to be thankful for has been my parents. They raised four boys with very little money, but an abundance of love. They provided for us, cared for us, disciplined us, and encouraged us. We did not realize at the time that, according to statistics, we were poor. Toward the end of his life, my father once told me he was sorry he could not always buy us what we wanted. I told him very forcefully that he was being ridiculous. We had more than we needed and many things money could not buy. What my father gave us was much better.

My brothers and I are alike in some ways, but very different in others. We have different personalities, different interests, and different strengths. We did not always please my parents, but they never let any disappointment overshadow their love for us.

Every day of my life I have been sure that my parents loved me. For most of my life, I did not know how important that was. Far too many people do not have that security and comfort. I have been lucky.

So, my father's funeral did not ruin Thanksgiving for me. Instead, I now have even more reason to give thanks on this special day—my father and what he meant to me. Since 1986, I have focused my thanksgiving thoughts on those things closest to me—my wife, my family, my friends—those things that I too often took for granted in earlier years.

There is an adage that points out that a person does not choose his parents; they are a gift. As I get older, I am more and more convinced that most things in life that are most important are gifts that we did not earn. I thank God that I had better parents than I deserved, just as I am thankful that I have a much better wife than I deserve.

These things are one aspect of the greatest of all gifts—the grace of God. None of us deserve that grace. No words can express the gratitude we should feel for that grace. Nevertheless, we should try.

Dr. Fred Grissom

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