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IN GOD WE TRUST

Thank you!

to everyone for the visits, prayers, phone calls and text messages during my recent surgeries.
 Dick Zuberer

Baby Shower

There will be a church-wide baby-shower (baby boy) for James & Christy Borengasser on Monday night, November 6th at 7:00 PM in the FLC. James and Christy are registered with Amazon and Target under Christy Borengasser. Baby is due Dec. 28th. James & Christy will be here for the shower, but since they live in Arizona, any large items need to be sent directly to their address or the Target store in Tucson for free pick up. You will find that information on the website when ordering. Thank you!

XYZ Group Update

The XYZ group will have a pitch-in lunch on Tuesday, November 14 at 12:00 PM in the FLC. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	84	AM	132
Youth	6	PM	47
Children	12	Hispanic Church	
Preschool	11	Discipleship Training	18
Total:	113	Children's Choirs	8
		Total:	26

Offering Information

Budget Needed: \$ 10,742.00
 Offering Received: \$ 9,641.00
 Designated Other: \$ 220.00
Total: \$ 9,861.00

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,
 serving...in the name of Jesus
 Christ and for His glory.*

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings Time Ends - remember to set your clock back 1 hour
 Sunday School Workers Meeting in FLC - 9:00 AM
 Deacon's Meeting - 7:20 PM

Monday, November 6

SEIBA Annual Meeting
 Church-wide baby shower for James & Christy Borengasser in FLC - 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 9

Deacon Ordination Council Meeting - 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 11

Ladies Prayer Group at the home of Opal Bowles - 1:00 pm

Sunday-Sunday, November 12-19

Operation Christmas Child Collection of boxes
Sunday, November 12

Lord's Supper - PM

Tuesday, November 14

XYZ pitch-in luncheon in the FLC - 12:00 PM

Saturday, November 18

Thanksgiving pitch-in meal and service in the FLC - 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 19

Thanksgiving Sunday
 Deacon Ordination for Randy Hartley - 6:15 PM

Pastor's Paragraphs

Thank you to everyone who came to the testimony workshop last Sunday night. I believe the greatest resource First Southern Baptist Church has for reaching people with the gospel is sitting in the pews every Sunday morning. A song we occasionally sing says, "People who know go to people who need to know Jesus." That is true. That's the way it works. If you missed the workshop you can still pick up a testimony worksheet at the Welcome Center. It is simply a tool to help you tell your story in the best way. You can do it on your own. The main thing is that we are telling the story of Christ and his salvation and his work in our lives. Statistics show that the testimony and witness of friends loved ones or personal acquaintances is every bit as significant as a sermon preached from the pulpit in bringing people to faith in Christ. Do not underestimate the power of your testimony and your personal witness. Use it for the glory of God and for the winning of the lost.

In the same way that way remember the sacrifices of our forefathers who gave all to build our nation may we also remember our spiritual forefathers who paid the price in devotion and steadfastness to bring to the world the religious liberty that we enjoy today. As we remember the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, may we also rededicate our lives to sharing the gospel and living the gospel in our world today.

I hope you are planning to attend the Thanksgiving meal and service on November 18. This year the meal is going to be potluck. Please notice the announcements elsewhere in the bulletin for the details. Invite a friend and plan to come. It will be great.

Think about this: "Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God," (1Cor. 9:31).

See you in church, Bro. Russ

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 5

9:00 AM	Sunday school worker's mtg
	Men's Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service
5:00 PM	Discipleship Training Preschool & Children's Choirs
6:15 PM	Worship Service
7:20 PM	Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, November 8

5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Pizza, breadsticks, salad, dessert
6:15 PM	"Ignite" Bible Study (Youth) TeamKid (Grades 1-6)
6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study/Prayer Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:45 PM	Praise Ringers Handbell Team

Thursday, November 9

8:30 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
7:00 PM	Deacon Ordination Council

Saturday, November 11

1:00 PM	Ladies Prayer Group
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Thanksgiving Meal & Service

Our Thanksgiving meal will be on Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 PM in the FLC. This year the meal will be a pitch-in. Each individual family (whether church member or guest) should bring a dish. If your last name starts with A-H, bring a vegetable. I-N, bring a salad. O--Z, bring a dessert (please make sure pies & cakes are pre-sliced). We will have a designated area for gluten free. Please sign up so we will know how many turkeys we need and how many table settings are needed. Meat & drinks provided by the church.

A Word from Tyler

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I want to share an insight as to why we celebrate a man named Martin Luther. To be sure, we don't celebrate a man to elevate his humanity, but we do take notice of good leaders, especially good, humble leaders.

Why do we celebrate Martin Luther? Because his service was to God and his gospel. Consider this quote attributed to Luther:

"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans, but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 3, would not tolerate Christians calling themselves Pauls or Peters, but only Christians. How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?"

Martin Luther embodies the spirit of the Reformation that lingers on in the church today; The return to the spirit of the Apostle Paul, "Not I, but, Christ." May the gospel be clearly understood as grace through faith.

To the glory of God alone.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The 3rd & 4th grade Sunday school class has prepared 120 shoeboxes to be shipped. If you would like to donate money to help ship these boxes, please make out the check to OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD and give to Sharron Richards.

OCC Drop Off Center Team Still Needed

FSBC needs a few more people who will greet those dropping off their shoeboxes, put them into large cartons, and fill out paperwork. If you will help with this, please contact Debbie Woolsey @502-938-7652. The dates and times still needed are as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16, and 17, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 10:00 a.m. to 2p.m., Sunday Nov. 19, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will load a large truck on Monday the 20th to take boxes to the next point in the process.

Would You be a Prayer Partner?

We have a need for two groups of Prayer Partners:

1. We have a list of prayer requests for our Hispanic church plant, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Clarksville. The Missions Team is looking for a group of people who will commit to pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. If you are willing, please contact Debbie Woolsey at DebkWoolsey@gmail.com for the list of requests.
2. We need a group who will commit to prayer for our Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Center. If you are willing, please contact Opal Bowles.

Please join us at 4:00P.M. in the RA room for an Opening Ceremony as we kick off the Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week. We will have prayer and cut the ribbon opening our Drop-Off Location.

Important Operation Christmas Child changes for this year: Because of customs regulations, we are no longer allowed to send candy or toothpaste. Also, the cost of sending a box is now \$9.00 If you would like to make a box, there will be information at the welcome desk.

Collection at the church will be from November 12th to the 20th. Please bring your filled boxes then. Cost to send a box is \$9, if you want, you may pay this online at www.SamaritansPurse.org/Operation-Christmas-Child, and Samaritan's Purse will send you an email telling you to which country your box was sent!