

The Lamplighter

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LA PLATA

SINGING AND THANKSGIVING
BY DR GORDON HANSON

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Life Chain
- Yokefellows
- November facts

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A seminary professor of mine once asked a class "What do you do when you don't feel like singing?" His answer, "You sing!" Perhaps that seems rather strange to some mortals who only sing because they are happy (blessed). However, we are commanded to sing. "Come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2) and Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." In this context we have substance, style and submission.

Consider the last six Psalms as each one is

framed by the phrase, "Praise ye the Lord" or as 146:2 declares, "...I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." God knew some would neglect, even as we enter a month of reminders, Psalm 147:7 states, "Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving..." Do we have no cause to be thankful?

Baptists have traditionally been a singing people, usually with instrument accompanist and a considerable variety of songs. To further encourage the reluctant, we now have a controlled sounds system and a dedicated choir. You may be discovering that age or a medical condition has changed what voice you once had, remember, Paul said what is important is "melody in your heart to the Lord."

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SMALL GROUPS FOR NOVEMBER:

MEN: Brotherhood--1st Saturday of the month @ 9 AM
Men of the Word-- Every Tuesday @ 10 AM

WOMEN: Women on Mission--1st Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM
Ladies of the Light Bible Study--Every Tuesday @ 10 AM
Connect Bible Study--2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6 PM
Visitation Ministry--3rd Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM
Merry Widows--3rd Friday of the month @ 12 PM

ALL GROUPS MEET AT FBCLP UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY (INFANT & TODDLER):

Nov 5	Norma Stump, Donna Fleming Grant and Sara Walker
Nov 12	Norma Stump, Adrielle Law Amy Jewell, Becky Bucher, Kayla Hepner
Nov 19	Norma Stump, Stephanie Walton Katie Lusk, Erin Hancock
Nov 26	Norma Stump, Cecelia Stauffer Ruth Dillon, Fran Wright, Gracelynn Nicklis

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Nov 5	Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon
Nov 12	Jennifer Cooke, Ashley Miller, Camden Cooke
Nov 19	Sharon Hile, Alison Bode
Nov 26	Kim Burgess, Katie Lusk, Abby Pankhurst

SUNDAY MORNING SECURITY TEAM:

8:30 AM		SS & 11 AM
Nov 5	Norma Stump, Kevin Guiffre	Jim Miller, Melvin King
Nov 12	Courtney Harbin, Marion Simpson	Patrick Hancock, Robert Hicks
Nov 19	Dillon Edelen, Norma Stump	Terry Mathews, Al Law
Nov 26	Kevin Guiffre, Courtney Harbin	Betty Lou Moore, Bob Mathews



UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS:

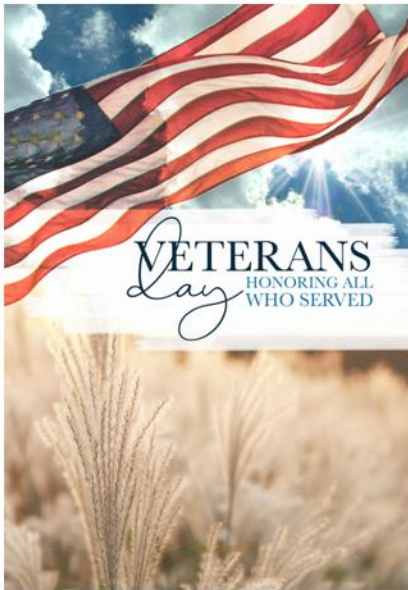
Nov 5	AM	Was Judas Saved?	Matt 27: 3-5
	PM	Before and After	Gal 3: 23-28
Nov 12	AM	Voices from the Crucifixion	Matt 27: 40-43
	PM	Three Curses	Gal 3: 13
Nov 19	AM	Praise, Trust, and Thanks	Psalms 69: 30-31
	PM	Three Covenants	Gal 3: 15-17
Nov 26	AM	Prophecies from the Crucifixion	Matt 27:9
	PM	Uninterrupted Service	Gal 4: 13-20

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Nov 5	Nick Papanicolas Andy Gibson
Nov 12	Kevin Guiffre Patrick Hancock
Nov 19	Darrell Linville Billy Moore
Nov 26	Glenn Miller Chuck Bonn

NOVEMBER TELLERS:

Courtney Harbin
Amanda Nicklis



There will be a luncheon to honor veterans after the 11AM service on 11/5. Please come join us to thank those who have served our country. Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Desk.



SERVANTS' SERVANTS

Yokefellows come along side our deacons to help serve. They are essentially servants' servants. They are members of our church, chosen by the deacons. At FBCLP our two yokefellows are Gary Boston & Marion Simpson. We appreciate everything that they do to help us.



WHAT'S NEW AND ON THE SHELF BY BOB MATHEWS

Fiction

The Oracle by Jonathan Cahn (F CAH)
A Picture of Love by Beth Wiseman (F WIS)
An Unlikely Match by Beth Wiseman (F WIS)
A Season of Change by Beth Wiseman (F WIS)
The Chosen (Book #1) by Jerry B. Jenkins (F JEN)

DVD

Israel: The Royal Tour
The Gates of Jerusalem

Audio

Peace on Earth by Casting Crowns

SINGING AND THANKSGIVING

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Having said this much of questionable value, I have a confession to make. In my first two churches of pastoring in Wisconsin, this preacher was foolish enough to lead all congregational singing. Somewhat deceitful because this writer can not read music. In the second church it soon came to my attention that a knowledgeable man was tolerating me until I found out and gladly relinquished the role.

Pastor Gary is leading a most interesting Wednesday evening study on Scripture based hymns. I urge you to attend and benefit from material never addressed by me as a pastor or by any other pastor I know.

We will sing a "new song" when we reach Heaven, but here on earth among the saints we have an abundance of Christ honoring songs and choruses. As one old sage said as he came out and just held a book, "I want others to know whose side I'm on."



01 Billy & Sharon Bruce
02 Dave & Alison Bode
04 Al & Karen Law
07 Neal & Cookie Wilsey
16 Tom & Elaine Anderson
16 Gerald & Kay Hancock
17 Robby & Karen Jones
19 Joseph & Barbara Windsor
20 Edward & Dorothy Guilliams
23 Billy & Betty Lou Moore
25 John & Shannon Pankhurst
26 Patrick & Jill Hancock



FUN FACTS

- birthstone is topaz
- chrysanthemum & peony are the birth flowers
- *Novem* is the Latin word for 9 because it used to be the 9th month of the calendar
- November is the only month that Shakespeare never mentioned in any of his plays or sonnets
- The 3rd is Sandwich Day, the 6th is Nacho Day, the 14th is Pickle Day, the 28th is French Toast Day & the 29th is Lemon Cream Pie Day
- the US has celebrated Thanksgiving since 1621
- Nov 23rd is National Adoption Day



Nov 4: Hannah Pankhurst bridal shower

Nov 5: Veterans luncheon

Nov 7-16 Israel Trip

Nov 11: Giselle Irwin baby sprinkle

Nov 13-20: OCC packing week

Nov 25th: Youth @ Winterfest (KD)

Woman on Mission will meet
on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, at
9:45 AM. Rosa Minehan will
be presenting the program.
We will make hygiene kits for
OCC boxes.



KIDS

CORNER

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s for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. --Joshua 24:15

Cartoon Thanksgiving Quotes

1. "We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by 'Thanksgiving.'" - *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, 1965.

2. "Hello, what's this? Tomorrow's Thanksgiving! You see that, Odie? Tomorrow's Thanksgiving. That's the day people celebrate with food by eating as much of it as possible." - *Garfield's Thanksgiving*, 1989.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



PUZZLE

THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _____



Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____



The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____



Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also



supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, generous, thankful, harvesting

DEACON HIGHLIGHT: ANDY GIBSON

I have been attending FBCLP since 2010. My wife, Kristen, has been attending FBCLP with her family since 1996. While I haven't grown up at FBCLP, I have been in church all my life as my father was a pastor and youth pastor growing up. I gave my life to the Lord at the age of 8 and through ups and downs, He has always been there. Since 2010, I have served in many different capacities within the church-Upward basketball (FBC Waldorf), Upward soccer, volleyball, AWANA (game leader, security, TNT leader), youth council, EDIFY band member, pastor search committee, and associate pastor search committee, just to name a few.

Kristen and I have been married for 6 years. We met in 2010 while coaching Upward basketball together at FBC Waldorf. God has blessed us with two beautiful children, Kayla (3) and our newest addition just under a month to go, Isaiah. Kayla enjoys singing, dancing, gymnastics, being outside, exploring while on walks, and going to Chick-fil-a (The Lord's chicken). We also have a highly energetic dog named River.

I have been employed with the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division a total of 8 years. I have traveled the world, seen 30 of the 50 states of our beautiful country, met and encountered with many high ranking military members and honorees, professional athletes, celebrities, and been apart of numerous chapters in history- both good and bad. I was assigned to the White House from September 2015 to February 2022. Currently, I am assigned to our Foreign Missions Branch which patrols Washington, D.C. while protecting and assisting Embassies, Consulates and members of the diplomatic community. Prior to that I was a sign salesman for FASTSIGNS of Alexandria from 2010-2015.

As I grow older, I find more hobbies that I enjoy doing. To name a few are sports of any kind, playing guitar and wood working. One day, I hope to have my own shop space to be able to create more wood projects. My next music endeavor is to learn the alto saxophone.

I have been a deacon since July of 2022. Being a deacon, many people view as being in an elevated position or status symbol. In reality, it's not. It's about humbleness, service, but ultimately doing one's best to glorify God. One of my favorite verses in all the Bible is 1 Corinthians 10:31- *"Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."* Being a deacon is all for HIS glory and without God, we can do nothing- I can do nothing. After all, He died for us, we should live for Him.

--Thank you, Andy Gibson

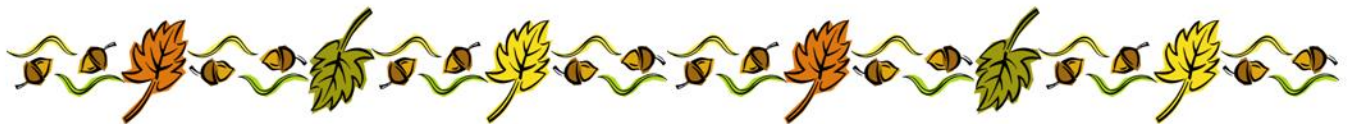


Psalm 95:1-5

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFE CHAIN IN LAPLATA

On Sunday, October 1st, Bob & Carol Gill, Amanda Hepner and Gary & Debbie Schneider held up prolife signs in La Plata along the main streets & 301 highway. It was a silent demonstration to show support for protecting life in the womb.



10 KEY VERSES ON EVANGELISM

6. 1 Corinthians 9:19–23

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

I became as a Jew. Paul was a Jew (2 Cor. 11:22, Gal. 1:13, Phil. 3:5) and valued his Jewish heritage (Rom. 9:3–5), but the Jewish Messiah himself had nullified the distinctively Jewish parts of the Mosaic law (Matt. 15:11, Mark 7:19, Rom. 14:14, 1 Cor. 7:19, Gal. 2:11–14, 6:2, Eph. 2:14–15). In Christ, God had created a newly defined people where there was no distinction between Jew and Gentile (Acts 15:9, Rom. 3:22, 10:12, 1 Cor. 10:32). **became as one under the law.** Paul was willing to adopt the Jewish way of life temporarily to gain a hearing among Jews (Acts 16:3, 21:17–26), but his ethnicity no longer defined his existence (Phil. 3:3).

those outside the law. Outside the Mosaic law, which defined the Jewish way of life. **not . . . outside the law of God . . . the law of Christ.** Paul seems to distinguish between the Jewish law and something he calls alternately “the commandments of God” (1 Cor. 7:19) and “the law of Christ,” which is of continuing validity for Christians, whatever their ethnicity. This second law appears to include the ethical teaching of Jesus as well as absorbing both the theological structure and many of the moral precepts of the Mosaic law. (See, e.g., Rom. 7:7, 12, 22, Rom. 13:8–10, Gal. 5:14, 6:2, Eph. 6:2) This “law of Christ” today would also include the moral commands of the NT epistles, since in them the apostles interpreted and applied Christ’s life and teachings to the NT churches.

To the weak I became weak. This is the attitude that Paul wants those in Corinth with superior “knowledge” to adopt toward the “weak” in their midst (1 Cor 8:9–13).

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Newsletter

BRING THE GOSPEL TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

A shoebox gift is more than the special toys and items packed inside—it's a tangible expression of God's love. We are continuing the initiative to reach the Pacific Island (hard to reach areas), many are pretty isolated, and children are hearing about the Good News of Jesus Christ for the first time. Kwajalein Atoll is a part of the Marshall Islands, a nation located between Hawaii and Indonesia. It's home to about 11,000 people scattered across 100 small islands. Situated on a more than 1,000 square mile coral reef, it is an isolated place at the ends of the earth that even boats find tricky to access. On one stop, Conrad and KD, brothers, received shoeboxes and joined The Greatest Journey. They rushed home after each discipleship class and shared with their parents what they had learned, and the boys invited them to their graduation ceremony. Their father was led to salvation! Two weeks later he passed suddenly, Conrad and KD found comfort in knowing they would see him again in Heaven!

November: IT'S TIME!!!!

- Stock up on any additional items
- Volunteer your time at FBCLP
- PRAY for God's will with each box!
- Donate \$10 per box to help cover shipping costs

Packing Party



Collection Times for 2023

Day	Date	Start Time	End Time
Monday	November 13	5:00 PM	8:00 PM
Tuesday	November 14	3:00 PM	6:00 PM
Wednesday	November 15	9:00 AM	11:30 AM
		5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Thursday	November 16	5:00 PM	8:00 PM
Friday	November 17	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday	November 18	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Sunday	November 19	12:30 PM	4:00 PM
Monday	November 20	9:00 AM	12:00 PM

- Order items from FBC's Amazon wish-list: <https://tinyurl.com/5n99mvem>
- Build a Shoebox Online anytime of the year: <http://tinyurl.com/5n8dfnkj>





Birthdays

November Birthdays

01 Tracy Milcetic
 01 James Miller
 04 Ruby Breitenbach
 06 Bill Pickle
 07 Marion Simpson
 09 Eileen Howard
 11 Carolyn Shaffer
 12 Hannah Doyle
 12 Ann Pasini
 13 Sally Pruitt
 13 Pastor Stokes
 16 Henry (Hank) Calisti
 16 Gabriel Jewell
 16 Wanda Sellers
 18 Francis "Dicky" Hanson
 20 Darrell Linville
 24 Hannah Pankhurst
 25 Benjamin Burgess



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food Distribution 5:00-6:00 PM	2 Women on Mission 9:45 AM	3	4 Brotherhood Fellowship 9AM Pankhurst Bridal Shower @ 3 PM
5 Benev. Sunday Veteran's Luncheon AWANA 5:30PM	6 PACE 8:30AM	7 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM Deacon's Meeting 7PM	8 Food Distribution 5:00-6:00 PM	9	10 Merry Widows 12 PM	11 Irwin baby shower 3 PM
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26 Hanging of the Greens AWANA 5:30PM	27 PACE 8:30AM	28 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM	29 Food Distribution 5:00-6:00 PM	30	<div>Nov. 5th</div>	