

# First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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**November 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



## **Birthdays this Week**

23<sup>rd</sup> Stephen Pickard  
23<sup>rd</sup> Caryl Kaseman  
26<sup>th</sup> Marty Lundblad  
27<sup>th</sup> Nathan Ngoma

## **Sundays Sermon**

"A Heart of Gratitude"  
Ephesians 5:19-20

## **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
9: 00 am

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**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

No Group Meeting this week.

New youth pastor is Matt Anderson. Nathan has taken a new position with Century Baptist Church.

Matt can be reached at [mailto:matt@bb.church](mailto:mailto:matt@bb.church)

## **Advent Devotional Update**

Good news! The Advent Devotional booklets will be ready to be picked up at church after the morning worship service this Sunday, November 21. We hope you enjoy reading the devotions written by members of our congregation.

## **Church of Hope**

As in previous years, we ask for your partnership in presenting a goodie bag to each woman at the South Dakota Women's Prison, to bring joy at Christmas time to a group of hurting people.

This year we are planning on about 444 goodie bags. We appreciate any support you can give to this outreach. Your gift can be sent to: Church of Hope, P.O. Box 785, Pierre, SD 57501. Please designate the monies for goodie bags.

## **Thank you**

A special Thank you to all that volunteered to help fill the Thanksgiving Baskets for Northridge Elementary School Families in record time.

## **Preston's Perspective**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. However, that first Thanksgiving was not in any way like the beautiful pictures we see on greeting cards and television today.

I suspect that most of us conjure up warm thoughts and imaginations about that first group of settlers, the pilgrims. We can easily be led to imagine that as they got off the Mayflower and landed on Plymouth Rock theirs was a cozy, fireside Thanksgiving. And maybe the spread on their table from their first harvest was abundant and lavish.

Perhaps it would be helpful for our own observance of Thanksgiving to realize that those warm, cozy images we tend to conjure up are just that ... and only that!

They are products of folklore and imagination, because the principal harvest of those first settlers who observed that first Thanksgiving wasn't picturesque or glamorous at all. Behind those pictures and graphics was some bitter suffering and death. Only three married couples survived that first winter!

We too have endured our share of hard times over the past couple of years. Yet, there is much for which we can give thanks to God this year. This Sunday, in our worship service, you will be given the opportunity to share your thanks and how God has blessed you.

I look forward to hearing your words of thanksgiving and how you have been blessed. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5: 18

## **Thanksgiving Poem**

**T**hank God for everything!  
**H**elp spread thanks to others.  
**A** time of thanks and a time for family and friends.  
**N**ever forgot what the Lord has provided unto us.  
**K**nowing we are blessed by our Heavenly Father.  
**S**erve each other with Thanksgiving.  
**G**ive to one another.  
**I** thank you God for all that you hath done for me.  
**V**isit others and share a time of being thankful.  
**I**n everything we do God the thanks.  
**N**ow is the time to thank God, do it everyday for all things.  
**G**od be given the glory forever and ever. – Amen

