

#### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Can you believe it is already November? It is commonly known as the month of giving thanks, and people are encouraged to express gratitude, appreciation, or even express obligation. After generations and generations, it is still an act of kindness that has not lost its value because it brings encouragement, healing, and restoration. Go and tell a sister, brother, best friend, or friend why you are thankful for them. Share with them the things you are thankful for. You do not have to be a festive person to show thanks this month, and you do not have to wait until November once a year to tell a neighbor "thanks." In fact, if our world could learn how to give thanks more often, it would bring great healing and peace. What about your daily life? Try to count the blessings instead of the things you do not have and see how it can change the way you feel throughout your day.

For Christians, giving thanks should be a regular part of our daily prayer. The greatest thing we should feel grateful for is the hope through our faith. We have hope in salvation because enteral life with God awaits us. But what about your friends and family who are lost, do they have this hope? Show them your faith and witness to them. Tell them your testimony, how God saved you.

I would like to tell each one of you that I am thankful for you. Whether you sit in the pew on Sunday morning, serve in the kitchen, play in the worship band, or serve on a committee, I am thankful for you the church. Government Street Baptist Church is possible through God's work in your and my lives. I ask that you will keep our ministries in your prayers. I ask that you will also pray for our faithful volunteers and our ministerial staff. I am ever grateful to a church family to serve alongside, and I challenge you to give thanks more. Let this thanksgiving month encourage you to start giving thanks, but do not stop when a new month comes.

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods." - Psalm 95:2-3

- Dr. Charles E. Brown



#### **Education Ministry**

We will have a Children's Bake Sale as a fundraiser for the Children's Ministry. The Children's Bake Sale Tastings will be on Sunday mornings, November 4 and November 11. You may pick up the baked goods you have ordered on Sunday morning, November 18.

We will have our next Men's Lunch on Wednesday, November 14, at 11:30 am in the Youth Room. All men are invited to attend. Please bring a guest with you.

During the month of December, many of our Sunday School classes schedule Sunday School Christmas parties. Please schedule your Christmas party on the church calendar.

The Lottie Moon Post Office will open on Sunday morning, November 25. You may send Christmas cards to church members through the Lottie Moon Post Office for 25 cents each. All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

You may participate in Operation Christmas Child by giving a shoebox gift. You can take a standard-size shoebox and fill it with a "wow" toy and other gifts. Please include a \$9 donation to cover the postage. The deadline for turning in shoebox gifts is November 14. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Matthews.

- Brooks Alexander

#### **Generate Student Ministries**

Hello Church Family! Pumpkin Spice is in the air, and Hobby Lobby has had its Christmas decorations on display for around three or four months, so it must be fall. At least, that makes the most logical sense from a Millennial's perspective. All joking aside, I am excited about what is in store for the month of November. Our annual car show will be held on November 10. Make plans to volunteer or to attend! Lastly, this month will mark two years that Ellisa and I have been with you! We are thankful for your continued love and support. The Lord has been so kind to us, and we are thankful. We pray you will also rejoice in the glory of Christ this Thanksgiving season!

- In Christ, John Baker

## **Child Development Center**

Psalm 69:30 "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with Thanksgiving."

Welcome to November, Fall, and Thanksgiving!!! On November 13 at 10:00 am we will have our annual Thanksgiving parade and lunch. It is always such a fun and festive time so we would love to have you join us in our celebration. We are growing everyday, so we have much to be thankful for.

On November 26, construction will begin on the new playground. We are very excited for what will end up being like a nice Christmas present for us.

But this reminds me that at this time of year we get caught up in turkeys, parades, and football and then jump straight to our Christmas wish list and all the festivities and lights. Maybe we should take the time to write a thankful list before we do our Christmas wish list. And let us remember to give our God the adoration and thankfulness He deserves before we fill our prayers with all our needs and wants. So whether it is for home, family, or a hot meal, remember to give thanks, for God is Good!!!

- In Christ, Deborah Eddie

### **Government Street Christian School**

Fall is here! In all things give thanks. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonian 5:18. Here at GSCS we were able to have our first flag football team with our first and second graders, they did great! We have finished with soccer and our girls volleyball. The boys basketball team is still playing. Come and support the Chargers! Students have enjoyed Seward Farms, the Exploreum, and Red Ribbon Week. Our Fall Festival was fantastic with the helicopter that landed for the kids to tour, thank you PTF.

We would like to recognize our new National Honor Society members and our high school students for practicing in the Alabama Youth and Government mock trial, a big thank you to Attorney Michael Newton and Judge Bob Sherling.

- Blessings, GSCS Staff



## CUSTOM = CLASSIC = STREET ROD = MUSCLE



All proceeds will go to aid our children and student ministries in paying for their summer camps. Come out for a great day of food, fun, door prizes, prize drawings, and judging.



# REGISTRATION FEE: \$25



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PRE-REGISTER, CALL JOHN BAKER AT (251) 660-7444.



Pack a shoebox and return to the church by Wednesday, November 14. Shipping charge is \$9.00 per box. **This year we cannot ship liquid items, tooth paste, candy, or military type items.** Additional information can be found in the church foyer.

#### CHURCH FINANCE

 09/30/18
 \$ 12,082.20

 10/07/18
 \$ 13,256.04

 10/14/18
 \$ 14,923.79

 10/21/18
 \$ 10,029.47

YTD Budget Requirement: \$ 229,857.00 YTD Budgets Receipts: \$ 230,827.00

Income vs Expenses - \$ 11,887.97

#### **VOLUNTEER:**

#### **Sunday Outreach by Deacons:**

November 04 Chad Milam and Tallie Wilson
November 11 Cliff Baugus and Sonny Willisson
November 18 David Burcham and Steven Drews
November 25 Gary Raulerson and Jason Smith

#### Church Officers:

November 04 Greg Parker and Dan Watson
November 11 Fred Drago, Jr. and Scottie Pearson
November 18 James Little and Buddy Nabors
November 25 Gavin Butler and Steven Drews

#### **Nursery Volunteers:**

November 04 Susan Cannon-Nursery
Lori Beth Graham-PreK

November 11 Rebekah Smith-Nursery
Josh & Jenn Dickson-PreK

November 18 Dana Pope-Nursery
Caitlyn Smith-PreK

November 25 Alicia Lee-Nursery

#### **THANK YOU:**

Hunter & Stephanie Arritt-PreK

We are thankful to the Lord for the many, many ways He fills life with His goodness— including the blessings of a caring and loving church family. Thank you for the food, visits, phone calls, and especially for the prayers. You are very special to us. - Love, James & Aggie Little

#### **SYMPATHY TO:**

Mrs. Aggie Little in the loss of her sister, Mrs. Cheryl Middleton.

Mr. Jim Ivy in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Linda Ivy.

To the family of Mrs. Sybol Bray.

Ms. Darlene Giles, Jerry, Michael and David Washington in the loss of their father, Mr. Willie Warrington.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

By Statement: By Baptism:
Mr. Michael Stacey Mr. Matthew Stacey

Mrs. Sherlyn Stacey

## **November Events**

- Security Mtg. w/ FBI-GSBC 10:00 am Sr. Adult Event (Missionaries/Picnic)-Youth Rm. 6:00 pm GSCS NHS Inductions-Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm New Life Youth Activity-Gym
- Time Change 9:00 am Children's Bake Sale Tasting 5:00 pm Life Groups
- 9:00 am Sr. Adult Prayer & Praise 6 10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch
- 9:00 am Sr. Adult Dominoes-Hospitality Room
- GSCS Classroom Spelling Bees 5:00 pm New Life Youth Activity-Gym
- 10 9:00 am Car Show
- 11 Veteran's Day 9:00 am Children's Bake Sale Tasting 12:00 pm Bridal Shower-Amanda Powell-Hospitality Room 5:00 pm Life Groups
- 12 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- 13 Ala. State Convention-FBC, Trussville (11/13-14) 10:00 am GSCS K4 Program/Thanksgiving Parade/Lunch
- AISA District Spelling Bee 14 11:30 am Men's Lunch-Youth Room
- 16 5:00 pm New Life Youth Activity-Gym
- 17 5:30 pm Widow(er) Thanksgiving Dinner-Fell. Hall
- 18 9:00 am Children's Bake Sale Pick-Up 4:00 pm Grace Circle Meeting 5:00 pm Life Groups
- 19 GSCS Thanksgiving Holiday (11/19-23) 5:30 pm School Committee Meeting
- 20 9:00 am Sr, Adult Prayer & Praise 10:00 am Adult Bible Study/Lunch
- 21 No Evening Services
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed (11/22-23)
- Lottie Moon Post Office Opens 25
- 26 GSCS Homecoming Week (11/26-30)
- 27 AISA Regional Drama Competition
- 28 Lottie Moon P.O.
- 30 5:00 pm New Life Youth Activity



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#### MEET OUR STAFF

**Dr. Charles Brown** 

Senior Pastor

**Dino Danzey** 

**Executive Pastor of Administration** 

**Dr. Bruce Earnest** 

Worship Pastor

**Brooks Alexander** 

Associate/Education Pastor

John Baker

Student Minister

**Brett Warren** 

Camp Christian Director

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Pastor, New Life B.C.

Lee Anna Martin

Music Associate

**Daniel Driskell** 

Church Pianist

**Deborah Eddie** 

CDC Director

## WEEKLY

#### Sunday

9:00 AM - Bible Study 10:15 AM - Morning Worship

Monday

4:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study-Bel Air Apts 5:30 PM - Ladies Bible Study-Hosp. Rm.

Tuesday

5:30 PM - GROW Outreach Wednesday

4:45 PM - Fellowship Supper 5:45 PM - KidZ Open Gym

6:00 PM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Fastlane (PreK)

6:00 PM - Overpass (1st-5th)

6:00 PM - Generate Student Min. (6th-12th)

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Saturday—Sunday

Closed



