



# NEWS and VIEWS

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November, 2021

Hello Friends,

I am pleased to announce that you have chosen six new deacons to help lead FBC Lenoir into the future. They are David Gray, Jenny Greene, Todd Perdue, Seth Stilwell, Derrick Walters, and Jared Wright. Jenny and Jared have never been deacons before, so we will hold an ordination/installation service in early January 2022.

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, will be an important day in the life of our fellowship as we remember those who have gone before us as part of our All-Saint's Day Service. This day is a reminder of the good things that these church members did while alive, and it is also a reminder of the high calling we have in our everyday lives as saints in today's culture. The families will be present this year, and we will light a candle in their loved one's honor as we celebrate lives well lived.

I am so excited to see how you will respond to our Faith Promise Ingathering on November 14<sup>th</sup>. What I want you to understand about this opportunity is two things: first, when you make your pledge, you promise to provide not only for yourselves, but for future generations. And secondly, whatever you promise to give, you can never out give God. So, I challenge you to think very carefully about your pledges. I ask you to give not only as God requires, but perhaps just as significantly, give cheerfully in response to all the good God has done in your life and in the life of the church. Every gift matters no matter how great or how small. My prayer is that you may be blessed in your life, just as you richly bless the church in this meaningful way.

Though so much of this world has changed during these undulating times, our mission as a fellowship has not. We want to be the Great Commission Church for our community and beyond. As such, we as a church will continue serving those beyond our walls by participating in Operation Christmas Child, The Coat Ministry, The Angel Tree Ministry, and so much more. Though our gifts may be virtual, or though you may feel more comfortable giving your money to the church and allowing our volunteers to buy these gifts for you, one thing is for certain: your giving to these missions makes a tangible difference in the lives of all who receive them.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God as you love, serve, and give to others in His name,

Josh

## Calendar

### Sundays

9:45 AM Sunday School  
11 AM Worship  
6 PM Youth Supper  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study

### Wednesdays

5:15-6 PM Supper Served  
6 PM Bible Study, Adult Choir, Children's & Youth Activities

### Saturday, November 6

4 PM Room at the Table

### Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

### Thursday, November 18

7 PM—Zoom Book Club

### Sunday, November 21

3:30-5:30 PM Adult Choir Workshop

### Monday, November 22

7 PM Deacons Meeting

### Wednesday, November 24

No Evening Activities



Dear Friends,  
I am so grateful for the love and generosity your church has shown Caldwell Pregnancy Care Center. The Spanish material that your church provided the funds for will be an asset to our ministry in teaching our clients parenting skills and sharing the Gospel.

Thank you,  
Michelle Kirby  
Executive Director



- Sunday, Oct. 31 ..... Trunk or Treat\*
- Sunday, Nov. 7 ..... Regular Schedule
- Sunday, Nov. 14 ..... Regular Schedule
- Sunday, Nov. 21 ..... Regular Schedule
- Sunday, Nov. 28 ..... Regular Schedule

\*October 31 Trunk or Treat Schedule:  
3:00—Youth arrive to set up games  
3:30-4:30—Trunk or Treat  
4:30—Clean Up, Supper at Piccolo's (U-Buy)



You are invited to join the FBC Christmas Choir as we lead in a service of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 19th.

**Workshop**

Sunday, November 21st, 3:30-5:30 PM

**Dress Rehearsal with Orchestra**

Wednesday, December 15th, 7:00 PM

Contact Thomas!



Thank you to everyone who provided candy and treats for Trunk or Treat. We couldn't do it without your generosity!

Becca



Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week is November 15-22. This is our opportunity to share God's love with children around the world. You can pack a shoebox gift virtually for \$25 using the following link created for FBC. Help us reach our goal of 100 virtual shoeboxes!

<https://sampur.se/3vO95QW>

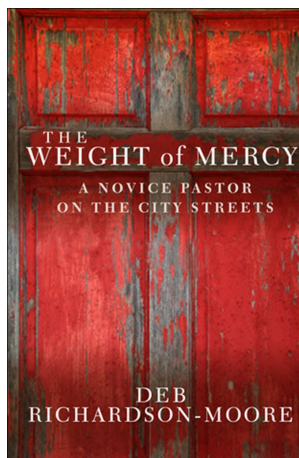
You may also stop by the church and pick up a shoebox if you would like to shop for your gifts.

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>
Budget Needs for 2021
<b>\$833,698.00</b>
YTD Budget Receipts
<b>\$619,075.03</b>

## Dr. Smith's Book Club

The November book for Dr. Smith's Book Club will be The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets by Deb Richardson-Moore. The Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, November 18, at 7:00 PM.

Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.



Our Angel Tree committee is in the process of gathering names of students in our local school system who will need our help at Christmas. Like last year, the committee will be happy to do the shopping for you. Please send your donation to the church by Tuesday, November 23rd, so that the gifts for these students can be purchased and distributed before the school's Christmas holiday. If you prefer to do the shopping yourself, please contact Amy Moore for an angel. Please send purchased gifts to the church no later than December 8th.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
*meal*

Supper is served from 5:15 to 6:00 PM each Wednesday. Please add your name to the permanent reservation list or contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday.

November 3	Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Breaded Okra, Carrots, Dessert
November 10	Baked "Fried" Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert
November 17	Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potato Casserole, Dessert
November 24	No Wednesday Evening Meal or Activities

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/1	Nick Tucker (19) Ranger Tucker
11/2	Sofia Laney (6)
11/3	Mark Transou
11/4	Regan Sanders
11/5	Janice Polly Scott Hall Paisley Hall (7)
11/6	Megan Land (21) Elizabeth Norris Tommy Clawson
11/8	Beth Story Jama Geouge
11/9	Riley Miller
11/11	Nelson Brookshire
11/13	Nancy Pennell Cynthia Suddreth
11/15	Cathy Gragg
11/16	Greg Wike
11/17	Bev Frye Bill Suddreth
11/18	Stephanie Swink Mark Price Terri Clapsaddle
11/20	Tressa Powell
11/22	Dan Jones
11/23	Charles Helms Lewis Wright Mary Ann Robbins
11/24	Freddie Moore
11/25	Jared Moore Bruce Roberts
11/27	Ervil Anderson Janey Hathcock Bud Watts, Jr.
11/28	Harry Polly Tom Macchia
11/29	Cecelia Stilwell JR Spann

## STAFF

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