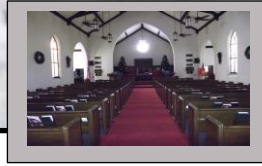


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

November 2022



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First Things First...

Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place.

Exodus 13:3

Remembering birthdays, anniversaries, and the dates of any noteworthy events in life is important. Two significant dates occur during this November. One will be remembered, observed, and celebrated by most, if not everyone, reading this brief essay. It is Thanksgiving Day. The other will be forgotten, ignored, or misunderstood by all but twenty to twenty-five readers. It is the First Sunday of Advent.

Firstly, Advent

Advent, like Lent, is becoming a neglected period of the Church Year. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and concludes at 11:59:59 pm on Christmas Eve. I like to observe Advent with the dual purpose of preparation for celebrating the birth of our Savior, His First Advent, and preparing us for His Second Advent (Coming). Our mid-week services are scheduled from 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm, so those who work locally can join worship during the lunch hour. Also, this allows anyone who is uncomfortable driving at night to join the services in daylight. The service themes this year are:

Sunday, November 27 – Hoping Through Faith

Wednesday, December 1 – The Sign of True Faith

Sunday, December 4 – Hoping Through Peace

Wednesday, December 8 – The Sign of True Peace

Sunday, December 11 – Hoping Through Joy

Wednesday, December 15 – The Sign of True Joy

Sunday, December 18 – Hoping Through Love

Wednesday, December 22 - The Sign of True Love

SATURDAY, December 24 @ 6:30 pm – Candlelight Service & The Hope of Glory

[FYI: Because Christmas Day is on Sunday this year, there will not be a service that day.]

Secondly, Thanksgiving

On a mid-November day about twenty years ago, one of my daughters announced, “Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because it’s all about the food!” Truthfully, the day’s hallmarks engender positive emotions: family, friends, football, and food! Of course, all the loving work, both preparation and clean-up, which accompanies the celebration can fall unfairly on the hosts. But they (read that: she) usually receive the heartfelt appreciation of every guest. As you celebrate this year, remember the inspiration for the first Thanksgiving. The surviving settlers were thankful to be alive and were glad

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they had food to eat! We are blessed with an abundance of material things. We have so great a number that it is difficult even recognizing and counting them. However, the greatest asset of our “wealth” is salvation through our Savior! Give thanks to God for His astounding love and mercy!

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving To God the creator
triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who still guides us
unto the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining
forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel
from light into light.¹

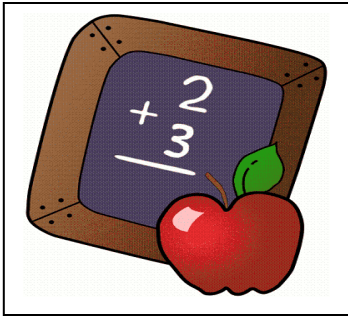
Remember: Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier

”Let All Things Now Living,” lyrics by Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980); tune: Welsh folk tune

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BIBLE READING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2022

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Ezekiel 5	17	Ezekiel 21
2	Ezekiel 6	18	Ezekiel 22
3	Ezekiel 7	19	Ezekiel 23
4	Ezekiel 8	20	Ezekiel 24
5	Ezekiel 9	21	James 1
6	Ezekiel 10	22	James 2
7	Ezekiel 11	23	James 3
8	Ezekiel 12	24	James 4
9	Ezekiel 13	25	James 5
10	Ezekiel 14	26	Ezekiel 25
11	Ezekiel 15	27	Ezekiel 26
12	Ezekiel 16	28	Ezekiel 27
13	Ezekiel 17	29	Ezekiel 28
14	Ezekiel 18	30	Ezekiel 29
15	Ezekiel 19		
16	Ezekiel 20		



First School And Day Care

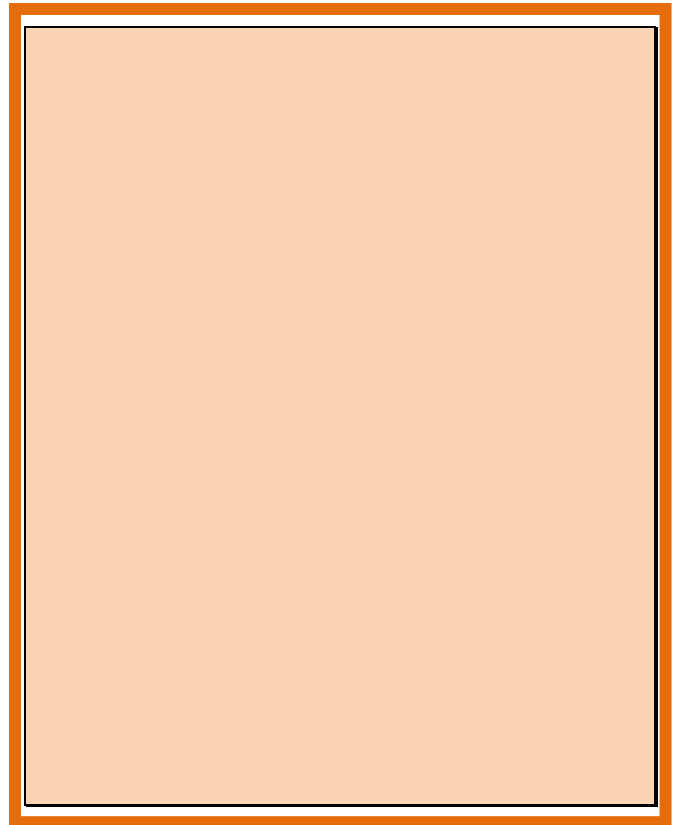


The First School currently has 122 students and a wait list. We are almost done with the renovations to our new house next to the fellowship hall. We are excited to move our one-year-old children into that building to add some more space for three-year-olds in the main building. We are so thankful for this addition for our school! We would like to send a very special thank you to Milton and Loretta for working so hard to make this all possible. Our school board voted and we are naming the new building the "Johnson House" in gratitude for them working so hard to help us obtain this new addition for the school. I want to clarify that they seek no recognition, but we wanted to express to them our thankfulness.

Many Blessings!

Bree Joines

The First School Director



**First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, November 8th, 5:00 p.m.**

NOVEMBER READINGS

- 11/06 Exodus 10:12-20, Psalm 59:6-10, 1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Mark 13:32-37
- 11/13 Exodus 10:21-29, Psalm 59:11-17, 1 Corinthians 4:1-8, Mark 14:1-11
- 11/20 Exodus 11:1-10, Psalm 60:1-5, 1 Corinthians 4:9-21, Mark 14:12-21
- 11/27 Exodus 12:1-13, Psalm 60:6-12, 1 Corinthians 5:1-8, Mark 14:22-31



- 11/02 Ted Schoenfield
- 11/15 Bram Koudela
- 11/19 Joshua Barosh
- 11/25 Franklin Ahlschlager, Jr.
- 11/29 Nerissa House



Our FLC Family

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Charles Bard
- Ron Chambles
- Shirley Chatel
- Lynda Christenberry
- Nora Hollingsworth
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Llotd Nelson
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Odis Newton
- Becky Sample
- Ashely Schoeneberg
- Bentley

Friends of FLC

- Albina Joines
- Linda M
- Amanda Sample
- Virginia Cantu



- 11/01 Robert Hollingsworth
- 11/03 Kirbie Woods
- 11/16 Nikolas Woodson
- 11/16 Ryan Woodson
- 11/20 Sarah Barosh
- 11/20 Teagan Stewart-Gallegos
- 11/23 Sharon Nielsen
- 11/24 Linda Korenek
- 11/27 Marilyn Kight
- 11/29 Lynette Hernandez

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**



- 11/07 Milton & Loretta Johnson

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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 17th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

Manna Meals

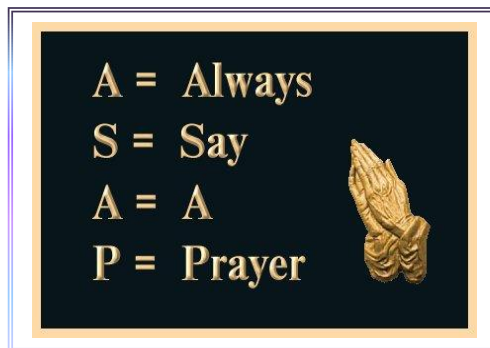
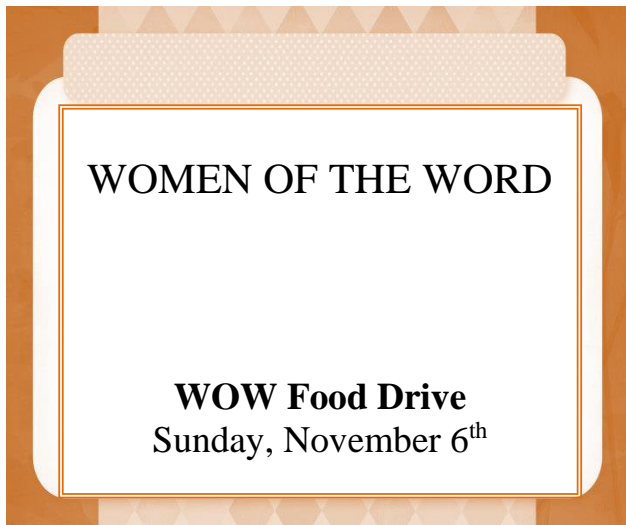
Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will be serving on Monday, November 7th. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. The team welcomes anyone who would like to come and help with this outreach effort!

Where all are family and all are fed

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Fall Back!

On Sunday, November 6th, daylight saving time ends! Remember to "fall back" – turn your clocks back one hour so you will be on time for our morning service.



Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 24th
All are welcome!

Plans are being made to continue this annual event. Precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of the volunteers and the community.

Donations are needed for this free city wide Thanksgiving Dinner. Monetary donations are welcomed to help defray the cost of this meal. An account has been set up at First State Bank in El Campo.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	7 Manna Meals 5-6:30PM FLC Team serves	8 First School Board 5PM	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	14	15	16 Newsletter Items Due	17 Church Council 6PM	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	28	29	30			

November Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Pat Marek
SEXTON: Gaynard Wigginton
USHERS: Calvin Borak, Lionel Chatel
ALTAR GUILD: Sheila Herrington, Becky Sample

ACOLYTES

6th
13th
20th
27th

READER

Kirk Marek
Ted Schoenfield
Calvin Borak
Cathy Schoenfield

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



NOVEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

6th Kirk & Pat Marek
 13th Jimmy & Sharon Nielsen
 20th Open
 27th Open

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Bree Joines, Director of First School

November

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Cindy Mathews, Jimmy Nielsen

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.