



Winterville

First Baptist Church

Our vision to share the gospel throughout Winterville and the world compels us to glorify God, grow disciples and go serve others.

November/December 2023 Edition

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Psalm 107

⁸ Let them thank the LORD
for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works
to the children of man!

⁹ For he satisfies the
longing soul,
and the hungry soul he
fills with good things.

Food Pantry is Nov. 18

The Thanksgiving distribution Nov. 18 will be the biggest of the year. Want to help? Here are suggested items to donate.

Canned sweet potatoes
Mac & cheese dinners
Canned green beans
Canned corn
Canned fruit
Boxed stuffing
Gravy (cans/jars)
Cream of mushroom soup
Cake mix/icing
Peanut butter



BREAK BREAD AT THANKSGIVING MEAL

Sunday, Nov. 19, after worship

Fellowship Hall

Provided: turkey, dressings, drinks

Please bring: side dishes and desserts

And maybe a testimony of how God has blessed you.

EVERYBODY LOVES A CHRISTMAS PARTY

The special season deserves special gatherings.

Here is what is on slate for the Christmas season at Winterville First Baptist Church.

YOUTH: Friday, Dec. 8, 6-8:30 pm

The youth will celebrate in the CLC with dinner, dessert, games and prizes. It is open to all students from sixth grade to 12th grade. Friends are welcome too.

A NEW SEASON: Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.

A New Season will reveal secret sisters at a Christmas breakfast.

SENIORS: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m.

The seniors will celebrate Christmas in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN: Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m.

The children's ministry will celebrate at the church.

CHURCHWIDE: Sunday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

After the choir presents a short special musical performance in the sanctuary, the church will gather in the Fellowship Hall for sweets and fellowship.

FOOD PANTRY HAS DISTRIBUTIONS ON REGULAR THIRD SATURDAYS OF MONTH

The Food Pantry will be distributing food on Saturday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Dec. 16.

There is usually a lot of demand for food during the holidays. If you would like to donate food items, a list of suggested items is on the front page.

Want to volunteer? On Thursday before the third Saturday, we unload a large order at about 3:30 p.m. The next day, at 9 a.m., individual bags

are packed. And then on distribution day, we pass out food to clients, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. See Marina Cobb or Jan Giles if you need additional info.



SENIOR ADULTS SORTING CARDS AGAIN

Senior adults will again sort Christmas cards, saving the cost of postage for all who participate.

Cards are due Sunday, Dec. 10. To help the sorters, bind your alphabetized cards with ribbon or rubber band. The cards will be sorted and available the following Sunday.

Seniors will decorate the Fellowship Hall Monday, Dec. 11, in advance of a seniors Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

SENIORS INVITED TO LUNCHESES

Seniors are invited to the Sarepta Senior Fall Luncheon Thursday, Nov. 2, and a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, Friday, Nov. 14.

The Sarepta lunch is noon, at Salem Baptist Church. Seniors are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Also, if you have not previously turned in your JAMBOS pajamas for foster children, bring them to the luncheon. Bring new pajamas for children ages birth to 18.

The Veterans Appreciation Lunch is also noon at Winterville United Methodist Church, featuring barbecue chicken by Ronnie Hardeman. Bring a

side dish, please. Bruce Azevedo, Blayne Spratlin, Johnny White and Chris Charles will be on the program. Reservations will be appreciated by Sunday, Nov. 12. See Joan Chambers. A signup sheet will be in the welcome center.

MORE SENIORS OPPORTUNITIES:

Friday, Nov. 2, 3:30 p.m., Gospel singing, featuring the Mark Trammel Quartet. Meet at the church and plan to eat dinner during the excursion.

Thursday, Nov. 9, noon, Silver Hair Club, Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish.

Friday, Dec. 1, 3:30 p.m., Gospel singing. Meet at the church and plan to eat dinner during the excursion.

Thursday, Dec. 14, noon, Silver Hair Club, Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish.

TIME TO NOMINATE DEACONS

Deacon nomination forms are available. Carefully pray about who to nominate.

See Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:1-13 for biblical guidance.



NO TALKING SMACK, JACK; DON'T WANT NO FLACK; ITS TIME TO PACK A BACKPACK

WFBC Missions is staying busy, and packing 25 backpacks for children at Winterville Elementary School is one of those projects.

The packs are in the Welcome Center, with a list of suggested items. The deadline is Nov. 12. So don't be slack.



Secret Sister Reveal Party
Christmas Breakfast
Saturday, December 9
9:00 AM WFBC Fellowship Hall

YE OLDE LOTTIE MOON SHOPPE RETURNING

The Lottie Moon Shoppe is moving to the resurgent library beginning Sunday, Nov. 19. It will close Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The shoppe will be open before Sunday school and after church, and before and after services on Wednesday evenings too.

Brenda Mercer and Caroline Rice are still accepting items for sale. All proceeds, of course, go to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.



CHILDREN TO SHOP TILL THEY DROP, OR NOT

The children's ministry has a shopping trip scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12, immediately after worship. Their aim: find suitable items to pack in the Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes, which will be packed later that day. They are slated to be back at the church by 3 p.m.

Packing your own box? A list with suggestions is available. Operation Christmas Child suggests one wow item per box. For example, stuffed animals, dolls for girls, large toys or a soccer ball and pump. Any age will appreciate soccer ball and pump. Personal care items can include brushes, combs, toothbrushes or fun bandages and nail clippers for older children. Practically any kind of school supply is appropriate.

BREAKING NEWS! THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS OPEN AGAIN!

Yes, we are tech savvy, but don't we still enjoy holding a book in our hands!

After four years, the church library is open. There is an amazing collection of Christian reading and study material gathered by faithful members over 80 years.

There are children's books for parents to read to children. Or for beginning readers to read to themselves.

There is a curated collection of youth fiction. There is plenty of adult fiction to read and discuss with friends. There are shelves of Bible study aids, nonfiction and reference materials. Browse the library and see what catches your interest.

Could it help you teach better? Inform you about current events? Or just stretch your mind?



Make a suggestion about additional materials you would like to see. Donate reading or study material to help expand the collection. Volunteer to help during open hours. Currently, it is open before and after services Sundays and Wednesdays. See Cincy Paulson or David Johnston if you can serve or want to make a donation.

Any time the library is unlocked, feel free to browse, check out or return books. Instructions are posted. Just as was true in Solomon's day, "of the making of many books, there is no end." (Ecclesiastes 12:12). Just make sure we are all reading the most important book, gleaning all we can learn about it and from it.

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am In-Person and Online
Children's Church during Worship
Nursery provided during Worship
6 pm Discipleship

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Youth group & kids Bible study
6:30 pm Prayer meeting
7:30 pm Worship choir rehearsal

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-2:00 pm
(706) 742-2921

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

www.wintervillefb.org

Winterville First Baptist
Church



November 2023

In every thing give thanks: for
this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you.
– 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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12 12-3 pm, Children's shopping trip for shoeboxes 5 pm, Shoebox pack- ing	13	14	15	16 6:30 pm College Bible Study, Lucks' home	17 Noon, Veterans Luncheon, Winterville UMC	18 9-11 am, Food Pantry, CLC
19 Christmas Shoppe	20	21	22 Christmas Shoppe	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

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1—Claire Gabriel

2— Robbin Besley
Lisa Jones
Blake McBride

4 — David Brownlee

5—Chuck Gabriel

6—Darlene Coggins
Dee Windate
Chris Williams

11—Tori Kitchen

12—Sadie Luck
Andrew Todd

13—Robert Ashe

15—Tim Bramlett
Chris Luck

20—Richard Mathews

21—Pam Huff
Peter Qiao

22—Richard Walley

23—Joyce Steele

27—Alex Goldman
Betty Melton
Tina Robolin

30—Thomas McGarity



1—Kylan Shipman

2 —Lindsey Eberhart
Layla Holland

3—Dwight Eberhart

5—Joanne Allen
Patsy Cruce
Charlotte Whitlock

7—Jim Mosley

10 — Sue Ann Holland

11—Carl Grimes
Emma Sue Sprague

12—Kayla Chambers
Jerry Cruce

13—Bob Foster
Kimberly Lapczynski

14—Kensley Mallonee

15 —Sarah Zuniga

17 — Jackie Chastain
Cathy Kesterson

19 — Stacy Lapczynski

20—Beth Wills

21—JD Armour
Logan Stewart

23—Janel Tanner
Savanna Prince

26—Jean Andrews

27 —Nancy Hamby

30 — Harper Robolin

IN MEMORY OF DAWN BRANCH: \$50 TO LIBRARY FROM GLENDIA PULLIAM

IN MEMORY OF DELORES THORNTON AND WAYNE LOWERY: \$100 FROM
CHRISTINE RANDALL

IN HONOR OF BRENDA MERCER AND CREW, TO HEART MINISTRY, \$25 FROM
BECKY HARRELL

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WARREN: \$50 TO KEENAGE, FROM BOB AND MARY
FOSTER.

IN MEMORY OF JIM MCCAUGHTRY: \$25 BY HAZEL FRANCES LANDRUM

IN MEMORY OF JIM MCCAUGHTRY & ROBERT WARREN: \$50 TO CURB FROM
BLAKE GILES