



# FIRST VIEW

## Monthly Newsletter



**From the Pastor's Desk**  
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Church Family,  
We are about to turn the calendar from October to November. This coming month usually turns our thoughts to the subject of Thanksgiving. There is always something for which to be grateful. Matthew Henry, a famous Bible scholar, after having been robbed, wrote this in his diary.

"Let me be thankful first, because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they didn't take my life; third, let me be thankful that although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed." Be grateful. The apostle Paul put it this way in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks..."

God Bless,  
Bro Don

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Week of Prayer Nov. 28 - Dec. 5, 2021

You can give through your church offering envelopes or church online Give page.

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Adult Choir 7:20 pm



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on Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm  
Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options

## Min. of Education | Bro. Wayne Perkins

We are fully into fall by now and the temperatures reflect that. One thing about living in West Tennessee is there are four distinct seasonal periods and the fickleness of all those seasons keep us from getting very bored with the weather. We live in a beautiful part of the world!!

The last wave of COVID has kept our Sunday School attendance at about 40% off what we were experiencing two years ago. However, we have a good core of people who remain faithful in attending, teaching God's Word, and giving their tithes and offerings. We praise the Lord for all who do those things and pray for those whose health causes them to be careful about being in big crowds.

There are two special days in November that is significant to the American Christian. One is Veteran's Day when we pay

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special tribute to those brave men and women who have sacrificed their very lives in order that we might enjoy the freedoms we have always had. The other day in November is Thanksgiving Day which is more than just fun, food, and football. It is a national holiday dedicated to thanking God for all the wonderful blessings we have in America. Let's not forget to remember the God of Blessings and the blessing of God. We seem to be prone to celebrate Halloween, and Christmas whole-heartedly and just sort of "skip over" Thanksgiving with little enthusiasm except for shopping on Black Friday. All that we have or ever expect to have is from the Hand of the God of mercy and grace. We should be thankful every day to Him!!

It is a joy and blessing to serve you at FBC Dresden. See you in Sunday School and church!

Bro. Wayne

## Dir. of Student Ministries | Christian Carr

We are now entering one of my favorite months out of the year! November brings changing leaves, cool air, Thanksgiving, and so much more. I hope that we are reminded throughout this month of the goodness of God towards us and thankful for the many undeserved blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Our youth finished our series "Spotlight" at the end of October. During this series, we looked at the false teachings that are prevalent in our society today and we used the Scripture to expose their flaws. It was a great series to study with our youth and I feel they learned a lot from it. With us ending a series, that means we are gearing up for a new series. Our new Youth MidWeek series will be introduced on the first Wednesday of November! I encourage our youth, 7th-12 grade, to come Wednesday, November 3rd as we introduce our new series. If you are new or have been out of our youth group for a while, this would be a great week to join in.

### CROSS Conference 21

When: Dec. 29, 2021 - Jan. 1, 2022

Where: Louisville, KY

For: 18-25 year-olds who have graduated H.S.

Cost: \$110 plus money for meals.

For more information contact Christian at [chracarr@gmail.com](mailto:chracarr@gmail.com) or

visit the CrossCon site at <https://crosscon.com/>

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Our youth group is also planning a bonfire for November 6th at my and Emily's home. We will have corn hole, games, football, hot dogs, s'mores, and more! We invite our youth to join us on the first Saturday of November for this fellowship. More information will be given at our Youth Midweek Gathering and in our church bulletin.

Also, a date to note is November 24th. That Wednesday night we will not have youth or children's activities on campus. We want to provide time for our youth and children to spend time with their families over the Thanksgiving holiday. May we eat lots of turkey and be thankful to our God for the time He has given us with family and loved ones.

In Christ,  
Christian Carr



**Come join us** Sunday mornings at 9:45 for a time of fellowship as we dig into God's Word together. We are currently studying from the Book of James. Our Young Adult class is for those 18-25 year olds and we meet in the Life Center Room 203.



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You can also give through your offering, church online give page, or in the church office \$25 toward our goal in place of building online. **OCC Deadline Nov. 21, 2021.**





## Min. of Music | Dr. Robert Nanney

November ushers in the beautiful fall colors and, more important, the season of Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for as a church and within the music ministry.

I'm so thankful for God's protection that enabled all aspects of the music ministry to continue in October and into what is always the busiest time of the year musically as we prepare for Christmas programs. I'm also so thankful for those of all ages who continue to step up and serve.

Cantata practice began on Sept. 29 as an extension of Wednesday night choir practice. We appreciate those who are singing with us. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 19, as we present the cantata "Messiah" during the morning worship service. There will still be plenty of time for Bro. Don to bring his message afterward. Several soloists will be featured.

The other big news involves the Christmas Spectacular 2.0, which is a "variety show"-type of program that involves numerous small groups singing, doing skits and bringing the Christmas story in a touching, exciting and fun way.

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See Jeanie's column on this page for more details. She has worked many hours to revamp this program after the pandemic forced us to shut down three days before the performance last year. Sunday afternoon practices with various groups began Oct. 31 and will continue through November.

In the meantime, we're enjoying TeamKid on Wednesday nights and have brought some new rhythm/percussion instruments into the mix with our children and younger youth. We hope to share some of that with you during morning services soon.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Tommy Moore for all the legwork in getting Guy Penrod to come sing, minister and serve as a wonderful crescendo to our fall revival. It was great to see the church mostly full. The revival speakers were appropriately challenging and wonderfully encouraging. What a blessing it all was.

Jeanie and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Robert Nanney  
Minister of Music

## Christmas Spectacular Update

We are very thankful for those who have agreed to be a part of Christmas Spectacular 2.0, which will be presented on December 12th at 6:00. Once again, the program will involve a wide variety of music as well as children and adults from age pre-K to 80! Practices will begin this coming Sunday and will be limited to small groups until we get ready to put it all together on Sunday, December 5th. Most groups will have only one practice prior to that date. We will use the magic of technology to send rehearsal tracks and lyrics to everyone so they can practice on their own. The table in the foyer will serve as our "information station" for handouts for anyone who might have to miss practice, and detailed practice schedules are also available on that table. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th.** You won't want to miss it!

Jeanie Nanney, Director

## TeamKID Music

We had so much fun with our children last week when we introduced them to desk bells and gave everyone a chance to give them a try. With a little instruction, these bells can be played by even our three-year-olds. Desk bells are great tools for teaching rhythm and melody, and we hope it triggers their interest in playing hand chimes when they are old enough. We might even let them help with a Call to Worship in the future! Our next venture will be introducing the older children to another set of instruments known as boomwhackers. We're pretty sure they will have great fun with these as well!



November, a favorite month of the year. A time to give special thanks for all the blessings Christ bestows on us throughout the year. Pumpkins, leave falling, beautiful foliage, cool mornings, frost on the ground and of course turkey and ham and dressing, and well you get the message...such a beautiful time of the year. How can we not be grateful and appreciative of our surroundings? God is truly faithful to us. How blessed we are!!

Although we have cancelled JOY meetings since June because of COVID we are looking forward to gathering again. People WANT to get back to fellowship. This is a small group so we believe we can meet without danger to anyone. Certainly if you're sick or have temperature or any flu like symptoms please stay home but for the rest of us **WE ARE HAVING JOY AGAIN** in November. Mark your calendars now for November 16th at 11:30 am. Watch your mail for a JOY newsletter and be on the lookout for announcements. We will have a meal of burgers, beans, chips, dessert & drink for \$5. Kathy Perkins Stover will be our program/entertainment for the day. Kathy is certainly not a stranger to our church family. Come expecting a blessing.

Since we have not met in such a long time you **MUST** contact Janet in the church office by Thursday, November 11th and let her know **YOU WILL** be attending. This will help us greatly dealing with preparing the meal. We look **SO** forward to seeing you once again. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The JOY Committee



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## *Happy Birthday*

1st: Peyton Oliver

2nd: Jenny Kate Bennett

3rd: Tate & Tyler Moore

4th: Kurt Ferrell, Miller Moore,  
John Cianfarani

8th: Myra Grace Morgan

9th: Emm'ley Box

11th: Ryeson Greer, Trudy  
Sanders, She'lee Wiley

13th: Melissa Morris, Larry  
Houston

17th: Tamara Harrison

20th: Marshall Anderson

22nd: Kenra Simpson

23rd: Barbara Ferrell, Mary  
Robertson

26th: Tanna Wetherell

27th: Drake Lutz, Denton Friar

28th: Christian Carr, Jake  
Bynum, Gerline Mansfield,  
Gertie Sheffield

29th: Betty Shipton, Randy  
Morgan

30th: Donna Perry, Marylou  
Tibbs



2nd WC Backpack Program

6th Men's Breakfast

6th Sew Faithful Ministry

6th Youth Bonfire

7th Daylight Savings Time Ends

7th Women on Missions

7th Deacons Meeting

14th Business Meeting

15th - 17th The Summit-Gathering of TN Baptists

16th JOY Gathering

20th Lively Ones outing to Patti's

21st Community Thanksgiving Service (Fuller St. Baptist)

24th No Mid Week Services

25th Happy Thanksgiving

28th No Evening Services

28th - Dec. 5th Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon IMB

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