

### **From the Pastor.....**

A chicken and a pig made their way from Sparta to the town of Bowling Green. They stopped at K-Jo's for breakfast knowing that many members of BGBC breakfasted there and knew that the food had to be good. They were soon seated and handed menus that read: **Today's special: Ham and eggs.** The chicken looked at the pig and said, *"I guess you could say I'm committed."* The pig peered back from behind the menu and replied, *"You may be committed, but I'm involved!"*

I first heard this parable many years ago as a young pastor. As I recall, it was used in reference to the importance of church membership, and it has stuck with me all these years. You see, it's one thing to say, *"I have a commitment to Jesus and to His Church!"* It's quite another to be **involved** (like the pig) in the church's mission and ministries.

Congregations have an abundance of chickens – members and regular attenders who believe their commitment is accomplished simply by dropping some "eggs" into a basket – perhaps occasionally showing up for a worship service, making the occasional offering, or contributing money to support a favorite program or cause. Of course, people gathered to worship and gifts gathered to fund ministry are necessary to the church and are celebrated with thanksgiving. But what if more members and regular attenders were involved? What greater life would come if chickens also invested their time, energy, patience, encouragement, leadership, spiritual gifts and talents to the work done at BGBC in Jesus' name.

Please know this, I think BGBC is a good congregation accomplishing a lot. But it can become a great congregation accomplishing even more. What will it take? Every member and regular attender involved more in the life and work of the church. As noted by the pig in the parable, such involvement asks for sacrifice. To be more involved in BGBC may mean sacrificing time and energy given to your other life priorities. Indeed, it's a fair argument that those priorities may be where God wants you to serve. So, I ask one favor. Will you take time to ponder and pray over these questions?

- What must I sacrifice in order to be more involved in the ministries of BGBC?
- What keeps me from making that sacrifice?
- What would happen if I did?
- Can I trust God's lead in this?

Remember our church needs your involvement. To be sure I am very grateful for your commitment. Reflect on the parable of the chicken and the pig and know: Whatever God has in mind for "Today's Special" on the church's menu, your involvement is counted on!

In His Grip,  
**Pastor Frank**



# *Music News*

We are now in the last quarter of 2016 and autumn has arrived with all the beautiful colors of the season and glorious weather that makes your heart sing. It is a time of appreciation for all God's gifts and especially the cool breezes, beautiful sunsets and harvest moon.

On Saturday, October 16, the Harvest Festival was held in the Town. Our church participated in many different ways at the event. Thanks to Doug Farris, Worship Leader in the Contemporary Service, the Praise Band performed on the grounds of the church for the event. It was a great outreach opportunity and they did a great job. Many thanks for their hard work and time.

On Sunday, October 23, we enjoyed the special music of Kristin Eye who played her harp and sang for the Traditional Worship Service. Kristin is a professional harpist who plays for different venues around the greater Richmond area and we are thankful to have had her with us.

Our next event is the "Hanging of the Greens" on November 27. We will have a Pot Luck Supper and then go into the sanctuary and decorate our church for the Christmas Season. It is the first Sunday in Advent when we begin lighting the candles in the Advent wreath in each worship service before Christmas. During the Hanging of the Greens, we prepare and reflect on the meaning, use and colors of the season. The Advent candle lighting is a time of preparation of our hearts and minds about the true meaning of Christmas.

On December 18, we will present our annual Christmas Production in the sanctuary at 11:00 am. We are busy working on the music for that production.

Our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve. It is a very eventful time of year and all of these special services are hopefully the most important part of our Christmas plans. It is where we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Our choir works very hard to bring special music to our church and we appreciate their dedication. We are planning to have the Children's Choirs participate in our Christmas productions and that is always a special treat. Our sound system has added so much to our sanctuary services. The clarity of sound is much improved. Thank you so much to all our wonderful friends who contributed to this project. We have interviewed two projection experts regarding a screen and projector for worship services which will add a new dimension to our worship. If there are folks that would like to contribute to this very special project, we are trying to raise funds and our goal is to have it installed by Christmas.

Keep a song in your heart and we look forward to seeing you at all of our special events as well as at our regular worship services.

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Much of our October meeting was a discussion about the country of Norway-it's people and culture. We learned from a missionary family who now makes Norway their home, just how difficult it is to spread the gospel there. Some of us will enjoy a brunch on Saturday October 22, given by Cardinal Baptist Church WMU. There we will further expand our learning about Norway. This seminar will be led by Pastor Mel Covington of Calvary Baptist Church.

Collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes ends October 30. We hope that all our 100 empty boxes are filled and ready for delivery to the area collection site. Each box will have a special prayer to go with it to a special child across the world. Thanks to all who participated in this annual mission project.

Some of our members will be going to the Hermon Association annual meeting on Sunday, October 23. We will have dinner, after which we, along with Pastor Frank participate in filling 300 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

On Nov.2 our church will begin our annual food collection for needy families. Anyone may nominate a family if they are not receiving other services. We will receive monetary donations as well as food until Nov 20. Food may be placed in the baskets under the bench in the back hall or in the family ministry center in the designated collection basket.

Take a little extra time as you go through the back hall in the Sunday School area downstairs to absorb some of the mission displays in the glass display case. Thanks to the "decorating team" who helps make this and other areas look so nice.



Remember to support  
Thanksgiving Baskets for  
the needy.  
Collection Baskets under bench  
in Back Hallway.



# NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Pastor Frank on vacation</b> <b>11/2/11/8/2016</b>		<b>1</b> 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Preschool Board, Philathea Rm	<b>2</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads SMC 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Praise Band	<b>3</b> 6:00-7:15 Children's Christmas Play Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Doug Farris in charge of service <b>End Daylight Savings</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit exercise, FMC	<b>7</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	<b>8</b> <b>Election Day</b> 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	<b>9</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans' Day</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 5:30 KIDZ NIGHT	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit exercise, FMC	<b>14</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	<b>15</b> 10:00 Christian Book Club, 12:00-5:00 <b>Bloodmobile</b> 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Building & Grounds,	<b>16</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 Praise Band	<b>17</b> 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	<b>18</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	<b>19</b> Girl Scouts Yard Sale-Clean Sweep
<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Baptismal Sunday</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 7:00 Refit exercise, FMC	<b>21</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 7:00 Finance Committee, Philathea Room	<b>22</b> 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 6:00 Relay for Life	<b>23</b> 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads, SMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Hanging of the Greens	<b>28</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	<b>29</b> 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement	<b>30</b> 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Crossroads, FMC 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal			

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Teresa Hudson  
2 Ben Sadler  
3 Douglas Jones  
5 Steven Carter  
5 Richard Covington  
5 William (Bill) French  
5 Kay Rice  
6 Larry Hudson  
8 Anderson Farmer  
8 Dennis Taylor Sr  
15 Dennis Taylor Jr  
19 Ben Crawford  
19 Heather Smith  
20 Lillian Jones  
20 Chantal Toombs  
22 Adam Woolridge  
23 Laura Ferguson  
24 Ruth Judd  
26 John (Buddy) Thomas  
27 Troy Smith  
28 Catherine Durrett  
28 Charles Ponton

GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD  
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

## NOVEMBER REMINDERS

### Deacon of the Week:

Nov 6 - John Markham  
Nov 13 - Brad Thomas  
Nov 20 - Daniele Cushing  
Nov 27 - Ed Britt

### Deacons' Meeting Devotions

Nov. Priscilla Shuler

**Counters**– Daniele Cushing & Glenn McDearmon

**Building Security:** – Deacon of the week

### Flowers:

Nov 6 – Barbara Landford  
Nov 13 – Olivia Perry  
Nov 20 – Sallie Tidman  
Nov 27 – Beverly & Glenn McDearmon

### COFFEE AND SNACK SCHEDULE:

Nov 6 – Sherry Brillhart  
Nov 13 – Jennifer Michael  
Nov 20 – Olivia Perry  
Nov 27 – Sallie Tidman

### Nursery Workers: \*

6<sup>th</sup> – Karen Covington & Amy Phelix  
13<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Judd & Sandy Taylor  
20<sup>th</sup> - Stephanie Covington & Christianna Gray  
27<sup>th</sup> – Naeda Gustard & Kamryn Gray

\* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service;  
the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00  
service.