

FROM THE PASTOR

Yesterday at the business meeting there were three items of new business completed by the congregation of BGBC. The **first** was a By-Law revision allowing for a change in the number of Deacons that can serve in the Deacon Ministry. The change was made from nine (9) Deacons to twelve (12). As stated previously, the Deacon body and myself came to the realization that the former number of Deacons (9) needed to be changed to (12). With the church growing in numbers and ministries expanding, we felt it was necessary to expand this important ministry in order to better serve the congregation. This motion was passed unanimously.

Secondly, with the passage of the aforementioned By-Law revision the congregation then voted, by secret ballot, on the four remaining eligible Deacon candidates. Those candidates considered were: **Jeff Diritto, Jake Phelix, Bonnie Gromovsky and Joseph Stepp**. The candidates receiving most of the votes were:

- Jeff Diritto
- Jake Phelix
- Joseph Stepp

A service of ordination and installation is scheduled for Sunday, November 18th in the FMC service at 8:45am.

Thirdly, our 2019 budget was presented, discussed and passed unanimously. More on that later.

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for volunteers who can assist in decorating the sanctuary on **Sunday, December 2nd from 3-6pm.** Ruth Judd has graciously agreed to lead in this effort but she will need considerable help. Please contact Ruth at: ruthjudd@hotmail.com or the church office if you are willing to assist. Following the decorating, there will be a pot-luck dinner hosted by Jean Satterwhite, Bonnie Gromovsky and the Hospitality Team in the FMC. The church will provide the main course and beverages.

Faith and Finances

Our Finance Committee and other church leaders brought to the congregation the 2019 budget which represents an increase of 8 per cent. Most of this increase is a result of expanding our Children's Ministry (CM) by hiring a part-time CM Director. This is a challenge for us, but one that can be met if we remember this simple fact; *our focus is on the call of Christ to be faithful in reaching people for Christ and making disciples.* That call cannot be accomplished without healthy financing. The main reason for giving is not to maintain the church as an institution but to meet the need of the giver to share what God has given in order to grow in faith and thereby help our commitment to Jesus Christ.

There are two important components to building a church budget. First, the church budget must be based on solid analysis. In order to be wise stewards we must analyze past giving and spending patterns. Knowing the financial history of the church helps to set a reasonable budget for the next fiscal year. Secondly, we must never forget that there is a faith aspect to every budget. The church should expect God's blessing and growth so that it will be able to charge ahead with new programs and spending in order to achieve its vision. These two components should not be in competition with each other but a reasonable balance should be found so that the church is free to accomplish God's purposes.

Together We Serve,
Pastor Frank

Musical Connections



The Adult Choir would like to express our thanks to the Lord for the leadership of our Director, **Sandra Stevens** and our Accompanist, **Bettie French** as we enter the season of Thanksgiving. Their dedication to the Music Ministry makes it possible for the Choir to glorify the Lord each Sunday with songs of praise.

UPCOMING

December 2: First Sunday of Advent

December 16: Christmas cantata in Traditional Worship service

2 Chronicles 5:13 (NIV)

The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever."



October was a very busy time for our group as well as for our church family. We are now collecting shoe boxes filled for Samaritan's Purse with small toys, hygiene items and a special "wow" gift for children around the world. Specific directions about items to include or not to include are in the box. All Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes should be returned on or before Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 when Pastor Johnson will have a special blessing for them.

We enjoyed baking cookies for the Cookies for Christ handed out at the Bowling Green Harvest Festival. We prayed for the youth who were responsible for sharing them with our community.

Our September emphasis for Virginia Missions and the Alma Hunt offering received more than \$1,000.00 which was our church goal. Bless those who were able to contribute.

The annual WMU meeting was Sunday, Oct. 21 with the other churches in the Hermon Association. We were served dinner by Salem Baptist Church and then assembled food bags for children to take home from school on weekends and holidays. These school children are members of a household deemed "food insecure", which means they may not have adequate food available. Our church collected 500 single serving microwavable pasta with meat cups. The other 9 churches in our Hermon Association were asked to contribute other items such as breakfast items, snacks and drinks. Thank you to all who participated in this most worthy event.

Our annual church food collection for Thanksgiving baskets (boxes) to be given to families in need will begin Sunday, Oct. 28 and will end Sunday, Nov. 18. Please give non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Baskets will be on a table in the Family Ministry Center and under the bench in the missions area. Anyone who wishes to submit the name of a family in need, please do so as soon as possible. Names may be given to Susie Hicks or to the church office. We strive to maintain confidentiality in this project.

Once again we will have the "Angel Tree" in the family ministry center, with names of those in need of a Christmas gift from us with love. This will have names available on Sunday, Nov. 25 so that you may have adequate shopping time. We ask that presents be brought in by Sunday, Dec. 16, so that we will be able to deliver them before Christmas. Any names of a needy person or child may be submitted to the church office or to Susie Hicks. We also will accept monetary donations.

Our emphasis for International Missions with the Lottie Moon Offering will be Dec. 2-9 this year. This offering helps to fund so many of our missionaries away from home, who give so much to further the word of GOD. We will continue to learn more about some of these missionaries throughout the month of December.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

November 3, 2018 • 0800-1000

Bowling Green Baptist Church

Worship Music • Men's Message • Great Food

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thankfulness: There is a new column in the *Remember in Prayer* Section of the Bulletin. Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away. Please reveal the good news of what God has provided you and/or your family and friends, and share your thankfulness with us.

Veterans Day: On Sunday, November 11 we will take a few minutes to honor our Veterans, past and present in both of our worship services. An American flag board has been donated by Hope Trout, to help us in that endeavor. If you have a photo of those in your family who served in any branch of the service, and would like to post them on the flag board, please bring them in and we will make sure they get posted. Also, add a short description with name, branch of service, and if they served during a time of war.



Beginnings Preschool: Spirit Nite at Roma's is to benefit Beginnings Preschool is Tuesday, November 13, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Join the Children's Christmas Choir! Rehearsal on Wednesday nights:- 5:00–5:30: 2nd grade – 5th grade; 5:30–6:00: 1st grade & younger.



WMU: Food for Thanksgiving: Each year our church seeks to give to those in need in our community by collecting non-perishable food for this holiday. We strive to maintain privacy for those needing our help. Anyone wishing to submit a name of someone needing assistance, please contact Susie Hicks or the church office. Monetary donations are always appreciated to help with the purchase of food.

DEADLINE to have your donations at the church is Sunday, November 18. Baskets are provided in the FMC , and under the bench in the Missions area.



Our first "Ironmen" field trip is scheduled for Saturday, December 15 to the Fredericksburg Civil War Battlefield. Save the Date . Details and sign-up sheet are located in the FMC.

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Deacon Ordination and Installation. A service of ordination and installation is scheduled for Sunday, November 18, in the Early Service at 8:45 a.m. Jeff Diritto and Jake Phelix will be ordained and Joseph Stepp will be installed as active deacons .

Office Holiday Schedule: The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23.

Christmas Holiday Decorating. Another item that was discussed that will result in a change in our normal Advent schedule is the cancellation of our Hanging of the Greens service which is normally scheduled for the first Sunday evening in Advent. This year that Sunday falls on December 2nd. The reason for this is that both Sandra Stevens and I will be in Israel on a Holy Land tour with several of our church members and other pilgrims from Salem Baptist Church. However, we still need to decorate our beautiful sanctuary for the holiday season. Consequently, we are looking for volunteers who can assist in decorating the sanctuary on Sunday, December 2, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Ruth Judd has graciously agreed to lead in this effort, but she will need considerable help. Please contact Ruth at: ruthjudd@hotmail.com or the church office if you are willing to assist. Following the decorating, there will be a pot-luck dinner hosted by Bonnie Gromovsky and Jean Satterwhite and the Hospitality Committee in the FMC. The church will provide the main course and beverages.





1 Teresa Hudson
 2 Ben Sadler
 5 Richard Covington
 5 Hunter Eutsler
 6 Larry Hudson
 19 Ben Crawford
 19 Heather Smith
 20 Lillian Jones
 23 Laura Ferguson
 24 Ruth Judd
 26 Buddy Thomas
 27 Troy Smith



Deacon of the Week:

November

4 Doug Farris
 11 Meredith Pack
 18 Charles Cushing
 25 Sherry Brillhart

Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Charles Cushing

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters– Terry Bullock and Dianne Webb

Flowers:

4	Barbara Lanford
11	Olivia Perry
18	Jeanne Jordan
25	Beverly McDearmon

Coffee & Snack Schedule:

Nov. 4 Sallie Tidman
 Nov. 11 Margaret Mills
 Nov. 18 Mary Flora
 Nov. 25 Bonnie Gromovsky

Nursery Workers: *

4th – Meredith Pack – Sabrina Farris – Gabby Dixon*
 11th – Tracey Mallory – Kristin Bissoon – Ethan Bissoon*
 18th – Carolyn Lane – Jeanne Jordan - Kailey Gray*
 25th – Heather Smith – Lisa Shields – Jett Smith*

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