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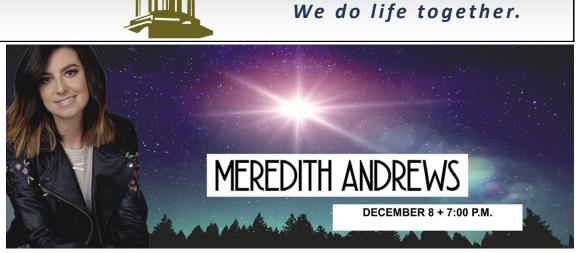
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I never knew a "picture perfect" Thanksgiving when I was a child. You know the scene: everyone gathered around an elegant dining room table with perfectly matching china (even for the food) with dad standing at the end to carve the bird.

Our Thanksgivings weren't nearly as formal. We would travel to a large gathering of my grandma's family, the Harrisons. After arriving to Vinton or Deridder, we would pile into the home or camp of whomever was hosting. Dishes were everywhere and questions about them abounded: "Where's Aunt Edith's pecan pie?" "Did Faye make her peanut butter balls?" "Where is Aunt Jerry's dirty rice and Aunt Vera's chicken and dumplings?" "What did Aunt Fran and Aunt

Yvonne make?" There was no fancy dining room table with matching dishes - just 20 feet of folding tables, usually set up in the garage, crammed full of an amazing smorgasbord. With that many Baptists sprinkled with a handful of Pentecostals, I'm sure our Thanksgiving was close to what the heavenly banquet will be like.

Oddly enough, I don't remember eating turkey at the Harrison Thanksgiving. It was there, but it was dry and tasteless. Why waste precious plate space on that? There was a strategy involved in stacking a plate at the Harrison Thanksgiving, and my strategy did not include dry turkey when I had to make space for the other 19 feet of dishes! (I hope this doesn't offend anyone. I have no idea who cooked the turkeys. Hopefully, they've gone to be with Jesus and won't read this. Besides, it's not their fault. We had yet to discover whole fried turkey.).

With our styrofoam plates (the big rectangular ones! Yes, Jesus!) piled high, we ate everywhere and wherever we could find a seat.

Before anyone piled their plates, though, Uncle Phil, my grandma's brother, gathered us together, shared briefly about the value of family and his gratitude for us and what God was doing in us, and then prayed or called on one of the other elders to pray. As a kid, I didn't realize what a holy moment that was. What a blessing to be part of such a family of faith! After I surrendered to the ministry, Uncle Phil started calling on me to pray. I felt like the mantel of Elijah had fallen on me.

The Harrison Thanksgiving ended a few years ago. As MawMaw said, "All good things have to come to an end eventually." The elders were elderly and several had gone to Jesus. The family also had grown too large for any one family to host and too spread out to gather everyone. We all reached the obvious but sad decision together. But what remains are the memories, recipes, and relationships - with each other and with our Lord Jesus Christ.

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, remember, it's not about a fancy table or the turkey. It's not even about keeping the same traditions. It's about making memories and celebrating the goodness of the Lord Jesus . That's what will make it "picture perfect." (But one of Faye's peanut butter balls sure doesn't hurt!).

## CHURCH-WIDE

#### F.I.R.S.T. Kid's Corner

Thank you church family for supporting and giving to Operation Christmas Child! Because you give, we collectively were able to provide a shoe box gift for 200 children around the world! WOW, what a great response! It is fun to see our church come together to work on this project each



year! This collection annually serves as a "kickoff" for Christmas for me personally. As I write this article, my mind has already jumped to Christmas and completely bypassed Thanksgiving. May you take the time today to STOP and be thankful for ALL the Lord has blessed you with. May we point others to Christ this Thanksgiving and prepare our hearts to truly be thankful for our salvation, our life, our families, our church, our friends, and the multitude of other blessings in our life. May we seek Christ first and not get caught up in the commercialization of the holidays this year! May we point our children and our families to THE ONE- our Savior. Start now to think of ways that you can lead your family to slow down and embrace this season fully. This year, I have planned an event for our Preschool/Children's Ministry titled "Adventures in Advent." I pray that this event will be more than an event, that it will be a night that our kids will prepare their hearts for the birth of our Savior! It is scheduled for Friday, November 30, from 5:30-9:00 P.M. The cost is \$5.00 per child and supper will be included. This will also provide parents with a night out. Please reserve your child's spot, by registering online by November 26 at www.fbcpineville.net.

#### Welcome to our New Members!



Brian and Lisa Branch Peyton and Beau Forester





Lily Bennett



Chloe Waters

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Jonathan and Kacy Saylor

Hannah Peppers



Dr. C. Stewart Holloway, Pastor

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### **CHURCH-WIDE**

#### Homebound Member of the Week:

Please consider praying for and sending a letter to our Homebound Members.

#### November 18-24 Etheyl Thomas Tioga Manor RC-17 5201 Shreveport Hwy. Pineville, LA 71360

December 2-8 Peggy West 122 Azalea Court E Pineville, LA 71360

#### **December 16-22** Willie Mae Connell

Tioga Manor A-26 5201 Shreveport Hwy. Pineville, LA 71360

#### November 25-December 1

Grace Wakefield Brookdale of Alexandria Rm. 110 351 Windermere Blvd. Alexandria, LA 71303

Sunday School Report						Giving Options				
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## Birthday Blessings

### Please pray for our friends on their birthday.

- November
- 16 Eli Blackwell
- 17 Anna McKee, Frank Coe, Renee' Chappell, Kim Thompson
- 18 Carolyn Weber, Dr. Tom Kent, Katie Randall, Stuart West, Alan Sticker, Shelby Blakewood, Callie Aguillard
- 19 Madeline Strother, Ralph Sisco, Cortney Joiner
- 20 Ariel Sullivan, Rachel Trimble, Sandy Gilliland, Morgan DarDar, Donald Barone, Gladys Springer
- 21 Peggy Doucet, Marilyn Knapp, Patsy Tudor, Kody Roller, Maynard Munger, Abigail Johnson
- 22 Ariana Bryant, Marcia Darby, Cindy Griffin, Becky Prestridge, David Garlington
- 24 Katelyn Strange, Dien Le, Debbie Wilks
- 25 Melanie Toal, Kevin Chambliss, Meghan Smith
- 26 Lindsey Douglas, Thomas Worsham, Pamela Todd
- 28 Denyse Holt
- 29 Tyler Davis, Judy Taunton, Danon O'Kelly, Vyrtis Cox, Suzan Martin
- 30 Kheli Tudor, Dr. Christine Reese, Martin Tullos

#### December

- 1 Collin Maurey
- 2 Mary Burr, Jana Hughes, Michael McKay

December 9-15

Alma Jo Wilkerson

423 Cummings Dr.

Pineville, LA 71360

- 3 Paul Funderburk, Athena Blackwell, Garrett Jackson
- 4 Zachary Holloway, Charles Dickinson
- 5 Kelsey Mills
- 6 Kristen Blakewood, Keenan Jenkins, Ann Blackwell
- 7 Jason Mizell
- 8 Karen Gillen
- 9 Dell Nichols, Grace Lee, Betty Matthews, James Charles, Bill Hunter, Dr. John Clement, Linda Yeager, Debbie Malone, Steve McGuirt
- 10 Josh Huff, Dr. Fred Hilburn, C.J. Rachal
- 11 Fannie Cheek, Glenda Monroe
- 12 Kathy Wakefield
- 13 Darise Ralston, Betty Pharis, Jerry Cleveland
- 14 Robert Smith, Liz Morrison
- 15 Marie Dunning, Jacquelyn Tullos



Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your love and support during our tragic loss of Kevin. Your presence was so comforting

during this time. We are so appreciative of the phone calls and food . We were overwhelmed with your love. I am beyond blessed to be a member of this church. It is evident that "We do life together" as you have shown to our family.

Please continue to pray for us as we try to adapt to a "new normal." A special thanks to Kimberly for being there for us. Also, Thomas and Brother Stewart for all of the comforting words. As usual, he did a wonderful job. We are so blessed to have him as a pastor.

> In Christ, Virginia and Family

Dear Pastor Holloway,

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to your for allowing the Alexandria VA Health Care System to utilize space at your church and host an employee engagement event. The space was clean and set up in a manner conducive to our needs.

I would also like to express my gratitude to a couple members of your staff, Marie and Tammy, who assisted with securing the dates, ensured the audio/visual setup was ready, helped set up chairs, and ensured the space was open early.

Without your generosity, and the assistance of your staff, our event would not have been a success. We already have future dates planned for more of these events and look forward to working with the staff again.

> Sincerely, Peter C. Dancy Jr. FACHE Medical Center Director

UPCOMING JOY CLUB TRIPS: December 11th Afternoon trip to Natchitoches to shop, eat, and see lights.

\*If you are interested in this trip, reserve your spot by calling Cynthia Woodward at 664-3665.





#### **Expanded Library Hours:**

Sundays 8:00-9:00 A.M.

Many new adult fiction books are currently available in the library. Those include:

The Restoration by Wanda Brunsteller Troubled Waters by Susan May Warren As the Tide Comes In by Cindy and Eric Woodsmall A Dangerous Legacy by Elizabeth Cander The Hope Jar by Wanda Brunsteller

Come by the church library to check one of these books out.

Your Librarians, Judy Dubea and Glenda Monroe

Newly Elected 2019 Deacons



Wes Aguillard Beau Colle Hershel Corley Ray Doucet Jimmy Holsomback Kenny McNeely Mark Mertens Mike Peevy Chris Roller Roger Wise



**Schedule Your Baptism** We are scheduling baptisms for nearly any Sunday. Please call the church office

to schedule your date.



Need help with a minor home repair job?

FBC Helping Hands ministry is here to help. Contact the church office with your need, and our team of men will assess your need and come to your rescue!

#### Love and Sympathy Extended:

• Breanne, Rob Parfitt's niece, on the loss of her premature son.

#### **Baby Announcement:**

 Charlotte Elizabeth Rourke was born October 16, 2018. She was born 15 weeks early at 1 lb 13 oz. Congratulations to parents Luke and Paige Rourke, grandparent Christina Chaisson, and great grandparent Madeline Coby.

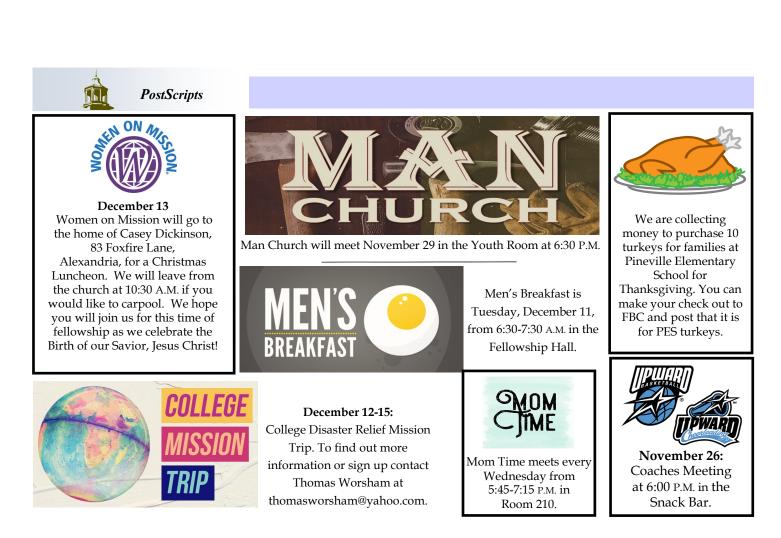


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