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 Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, visits and meals as I recover.  
 I appreciate and am so thankful for each of you.  
 May God Bless,  
 Aileen P. Nunnally

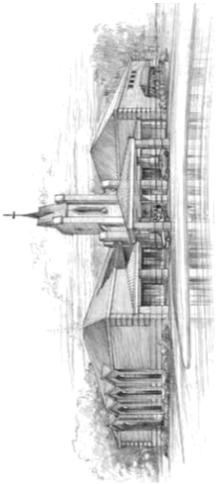
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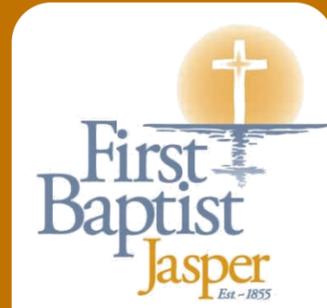
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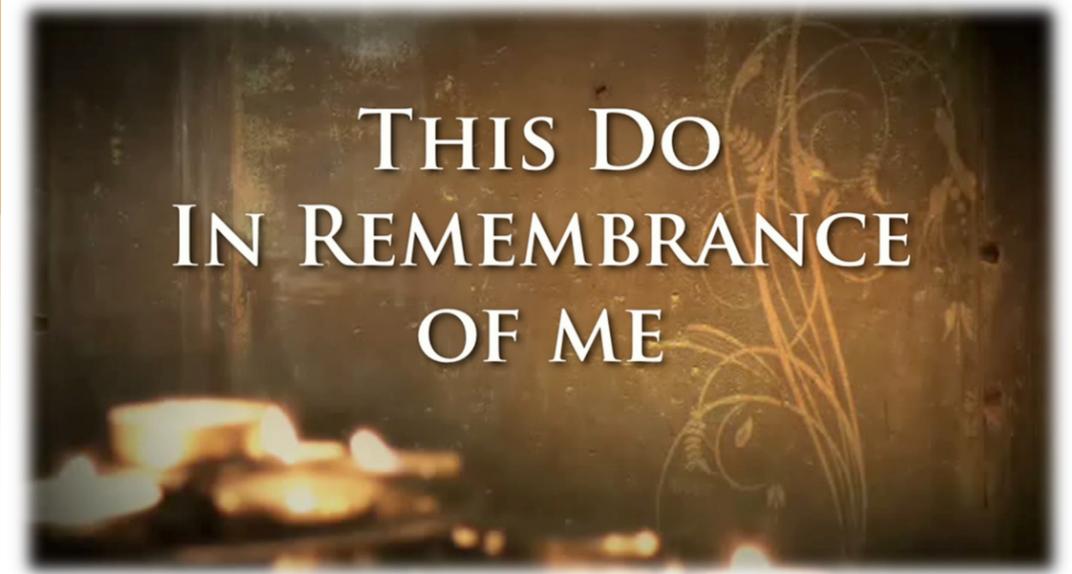
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## THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

**We will observe the ordinance of the Lord's supper on Sunday, November 22nd during the morning worship service.**

*There will be no evening activities on Wednesday, November 25th.*

*The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th.*



A special called business meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be for church members who are present to vote without discussion on the proposed 2021 church budget and the proposed change to the church bylaws. You should have received information in the mail regarding these proposals. In addition, these proposals were presented and discussed at the regular monthly business meeting on Wednesday, November 18th.

Dear Church Family,

My favorite time of year is the Fall and more particularly, the Thanksgiving holidays. It is a favorite because the long hot days of summer are behind us. It is also a favorite because our family usually gathers and celebrates. When we get together, we cook, we play, we eat, we worship, and we tell stories about times past. Of course, we take time to think about that for which we are grateful.

It seems that a sense of gratefulness is not inborn – it must be instilled. From early on in childhood we all take an “inward” turn making ourselves the center of our little universe. Just watch a two-year-old child for a while. Although they are cute (grandchildren especially) they are often selfish, negative, combative, and self-willed. That is why parents work constantly at teaching young children the values of sharing, kindness, love, and gratitude.

Some people catch it. It seems that some never do. Luke tells a story of Jesus healing 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19). All 10 were healed of that dread ancient disease. Only one returned to praise God and to thank Jesus. Doesn't it seem that if one experienced such a miracle, he or she would express gratitude? Yet we, like they, often go through life ungrateful for the goodness of God that we experience on every hand.

Here is some homework for you on Thanksgiving – read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Ephesians 5:20. Think about these two passages. Discuss them with your family. Sink deep into your heart the meaning of Thanks “IN” all things and “FOR” all things. If you do you will begin to discover that great value of gratefulness.

See you Sunday. . .

Brother Donnie



Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm as we make plans to present this year's Christmas musical!

We will rehearse in the sanctuary so we can practice social distancing.



## A Note from Bro. Woody

*Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*  
--Philippians 3:13-14--

The great pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski achieved tremendous popularity all over the world around the turn of the 20th century. Yet, Paderewski said, “There have been few moments when I have known complete satisfaction, but only a few. I have rarely been free from the disturbing realization that my playing might have been better.” Paderewski was renowned as a near-perfect piano player. Yet he remained largely dissatisfied in his abilities and always continued working at improving his talent.

There's a difference between contentment and complacency. Contentment is found in the Biblical promise, “I shall not want,” meaning God fulfills us with everything we need. Complacency, however, is the notion that we have reached and achieved everything, and there are no other areas in which we can grow and learn. Contentment is good. Complacency is not. In fact, when we read the Scriptures, we see our heroes of the faith are always growing, always learning, and always pushing themselves forward. We must be content, but never complacent. We need to realize that God has given us everything we need. But we should continually use what God has given us to continue growing and learning all the days of our lives! Pray that God would bring about contentment and remove complacency from your walk of faith.

*I am satisfied with Jesus, He has done so much for me:  
He has suffered to redeem me, He has died to set me free.  
I am satisfied, I am satisfied, I am satisfied with Jesus,  
But the question comes to me, As I think of Calvary,  
Is my Master satisfied with me?*

You are loved,  
Bro. Woody

## A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL

The youth met last Sunday night to finish up an 8 week long discussion on the beatitudes. As part of our discussion on the last one, “Blessed are you who are persecuted because of righteousness”, we talked about our cultures current view of the church. Many of the students rightly pointed out that the culture is increasingly at odds with what the bible says, leaving many people to take a neutral stance.

That's where this meme of the drowning hand comes in. So many Christians are stuck in the middle of God's Word and the culture. They respond by staying neutral. Affirming the culture in their sin is basically giving a high five to a drowning man. When someone is drowning they need help. When someone is lost in their sin they need to be told there is a way out.

When we come to a disagreement between culture and the Word of God which side do you choose? That sounds like a silly question, of course we would choose the Word of God! But in practice it is becoming rare. Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Stand on that Truth. Do not become indifferent to the needs of the lost. Become the hand that pulls those who are spiritually drowning out of the water.



We are thankful for family,  
friends, God and a church  
that supports us.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

