



# November



- November 3** GJ's Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:00 AM - CLC
- November 6** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication - Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the Sanctuary. Don't forget your \$10 check for shipping.
- November 6** "Thanksgiving Bag Packing Party" in the ARK following the Morning Worship Service. Thanksgiving Bags will be distributed through the Baptist Service Center.
- November 6** Family Game Night 5:00 - 7:00 PM ~ CLC Please bring finger foods. Drinks and paper supplies provided. Bring your games!
- November 9** Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes must be turned in today.
- November 9** Business Meeting to present and discuss the 2023 Proposed Budget - 6:30 PM
- November 10** Women of Faith ~ 6:00 PM Meeting in CLC.
- November 12** **Baptist Men's Breakfast not Meeting in November.**
- November 13** Business Meeting to vote on 2023 Church Budget at the close of the Morning Worship Service.
- November 13** "Renewing the Vision" Day and Thanksgiving Lunch following Morning Worship
- November 17** Widows and Widowers - Will Not Meet due to Thanksgiving Holiday.
- November 23** Church Office closes at Noon on Wednesday.
- November 23** No Wednesday Evening Activities due to Thanksgiving Holiday.
- November 24-25** Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.
- November 30** Red Cross Blood Drive in the CLC from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## Looking Ahead to December

- Sunday December - 4** Carols and Communion by Candlelight 5:00 PM
- Sunday December - 11** Churchwide Christmas Caroling
- Sunday December - 18** Worship Choir presentation of "We Believe" with Special guest Jonathan Wilburn - 5:00 PM
- Sunday December - 25** Christmas Day Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. No Sunday School. Bring your entire family and join us for this special Christmas Day Worship Service.

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*Sunday, November 13*

## *"Renewing the Vision Day" and Thanksgiving Meal*

**"Renewing the Vision"**-We will take time in the Morning Service to share testimonies of blessings and God's faithfulness regarding our Christian Life Center. Our Finance Committee will also share vital information about our CLC Loan and upcoming Loan Renewal Process during the meal in the CLC.

**"Renewing the Vision Offering"**-This special offering will be received to place funds directly against the principal of the CLC Loan. The first wave of this offering will be received on November 13, but funds may be given to this offering from November 13, 2022 thru January 31, 2023. The goal of this offering is to reduce our total debt on the CLC Loan as we prepare to renew the loan in 2024. Please consider giving a significant lump sum gift to reduce the overall debt.

**"Thanksgiving Meal"**- A Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal-Sunday, **November 13**, following the Morning Worship Service in the CLC. The Church will provide a meal of Chicken/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, and Banana Pudding. Encourage your entire family to join us for Worship and Lunch. No need to bring anything! Just come and enjoy!  
The Finance Committee will make a special presentation during the Thanksgiving Lunch.

*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."  
Lamentations 3:22-23*





*Dr. Todd Stewart*  
*A note from the pastor .....*

Dear FBC Saks Church Family,

Well, it is not every day that you turn 50! Imagine that. Your pastor is now half a century old! No, I did not come to America on the Mayflower, and I did not witness the Civil War. But, I am older than I have ever been before. I normally do not comment on birthdays, but this one seems to be a significant milestone. I have seen a lot of life. I have experienced a lot of things. I have learned some things that I do very well, and I have discovered many things that I am not good at. Most of all today, I want to point out two items that I have learned in my 50 years that are important for all of us. First, God is faithful. In every season, experience, challenge, difficulty, and circumstance, God has always been faithful. God has always met my needs, given me understanding, shown me His will, and taken care of me. God is so Good! His compassions never fail, and His mercies are new every morning! I stand amazed at the goodness of God. Second, God blesses us richly through family! God has given me a wonderful wife in Alisa. Outside of Jesus, she is God’s richest blessing in my life. God has given us two children who love the Lord, serve the Lord, and bring joy to our hearts. I could not ask for better children. God has given us a daughter-in-law who loves our son and challenges him to be the man God wants him to be. AND, God has given us a granddaughter! Whitlee. Wow! Who knew that being a “Papster” could be so much fun. On November 9, I will turn 50 and Whitlee will turn one! What a blessing to share a birthday with your first grandchild. I hope everyone will take time this Thanksgiving season to reflect on the gift of family. If you are not carving out time in your life for family, let me encourage you to adjust your priorities. Never forget, your family is your primary ministry. May God bless you richly this Thanksgiving season as you spend time with family and reflect on the goodness of God.

On Sunday, November 13, we will enjoy a Church-wide Thanksgiving Lunch following the Morning Worship Service. We will be “Renewing the Vision” related to the CLC Loan. Our Finance Team will present some specific information related to our upcoming Loan Renewal process. We would like to ask every FBC Saks family to consider making a “Renewing the Vision” offering toward the CLC Loan Principal sometime during November 13 - January 31. The first wave of this offering will be received on November 13. This would be above your tithe and help reduce the loan principal to better position us for the loan renewal process. Please pray about what God would have you do! He is faithful!

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Pastor Todd Stewart

From the Desk of Bro. David...  
Director of Music and Outreach



**FBC of Saks**  
**WORSHIP CHOIR**  
& Orchestra

Orchestra : Wednesdays 6:00 PM  
In the Orchestra Rehearsal Room

Choir : Wednesdays 7:30 PM meeting in the Library

As I begin writing this article, I can’t believe it is already November. The year is getting away from us fast, and Thanksgiving and Christmas is right on us. I love this time of year and excited to see friends and family as we celebrate together.

Donna and I are those people that put Christmas decorations up the first of November. We love the season and how warm it makes our home look and feel. We have people tell us every year “Hey why are you skipping Thanksgiving?” Believe me, we are not. Thanksgiving was my Mom’s favorite holiday so we love Thanksgiving, we just celebrate it with our Christmas decorations up.

I try during the month of Thanksgiving to put even more emphasis on the things I’m thankful for. I spend more time in prayer telling God how thankful I am. I also try to let others know how thankful I am for them, and the role they play in my life.

I will close by telling you church that I am very thankful for you and the things you have done for Donna and I. We love worshipping with you, and the fellowship we have together. Pastor Todd is a blessing to work with, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve you at FBC Saks.

Be blessed,  
*David C. Gilmore*

**Family Game Night**  
**November 6**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM CLC**



**Please bring Finger foods.**  
**Drinks and paper supplies will be provided.**  
**Bring your games!**

**Student Ministry**  
**Chris Reaves**


**Student Ministry**  
Student Ministry meets each Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM in the CLC for Sunday School.  
Student Ministry meets each Wednesday Night in the CLC from 6:00 - 7:30PM.  
Student Ministry Leaders:  
Chris Reaves and Brandon Morgan  
  
Will not Meet on Wednesday, November 23

**Upcoming Mission Opportunities**


**Shoebox Dedication Sunday**  
**November 6.**



**Share Closet Christmas Event**  
**“Jackets, Jeans and Jesus”**  
**December 3**  
**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Volunteers Requested**  
**Contact Gilda**



WE GIVE *because* GOD GAVE FIRST  
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... (John 3:16)



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Monthly Church Attendance					
October	2	9	16	23	30
Worship	184	162	173	186	212
Sunday School	139	111	101	125	157