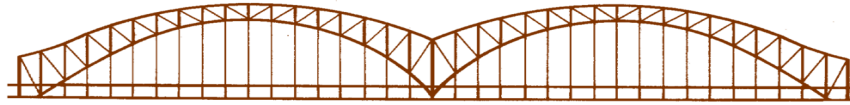




The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church, New Albany, IN



We are thankful, Oh Lord. You have provided all things for us and daily we trust in You. God has blessed our church with this wonderful family, our church family full of love and full of compassion. God gives us opportunity after opportunity to share His love with the community and with each other.

Thank you, God, for being so faithful. Thank you, God, for walking with us every day. Thank You, God, for being a God of Your word and a God who does not let His followers down. Thank You, God, for being our God at First Baptist church! *Pastor Jim*

November's Verses of the Month: 1 Chronicles 29:12-13 NASB

Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.



Giving Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.

But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to Him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?



**Church Family
Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 23
in the Fellowship Hall
following Worship Service**

*Meat, Bread and Drinks provided.
Please bring a covered dish to share.*

**Come celebrate Thanksgiving
with your Church Family!**



THANKSGIVING!
Church office will be
closed Thursday, Nov. 27.





ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS NOW

Orders for poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary for this Christmas season need to be turned in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**. To place a order, fill out an envelope with all information—the cost will be \$11.00 per poinsettia ordered. Special order envelopes will be on the Information Table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Christmas is just around the corner!



We need monetary donations for the SEJ Elementary School Christmas Activity Bags. Place your donation in

envelope and write “SEJ Project” on the outside OR you can take one of the small buckets home, fill with change, and bring back. If you want contribution credit, be sure to put your name and envelope number in the bucket. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Mitten Tree

We are collecting mittens, gloves, and hats for children ages 3 to 10 to give to S. Ellen Jones

Elementary School in December. Place your donations on the Mitten Tree located in the Sanctuary vestibule. Deadline: Dec. 7.

Coupons wanted! Do you throw away all the coupons that come in the mail or in the newspaper? Then, don't. Theresa Collins would love to have them and that's less garbage that you have to deal with. Bring to church and give them to her or Ronald.

Why did the turkey join the band?
Because it had the drumsticks.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
To prove it wasn't chicken.

What key won't open any door? A tur-key.

What do you get if you cross a turkey with a ghost? A poultry-giest.

What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving? Lucky.

Why did the turkey go to school?
To learn foul language.

What's a turkey's favorite dessert?
Peach gobbler.

What kind of music do turkeys like best?
Anything with drumsticks.

Knock Knock! Who's there? Arthur!
Arthur who? Arthur any leftover turkey?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots!

What did the turkey say to the hunter on Thanksgiving week? Quack, quack!

The family told grandma to stop telling corny Thanksgiving jokes. You know what she told them - I can't quit cold turkey!!!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? Pumpkin Pi!

What happened when the turkey got into a fight? He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store. A stock person came by as she was just about to give up finding one big enough for her family. “Do these turkeys get any bigger?” She asked the stock person. The stock person paused and thought for a minute and then said, “Ma’am, I hate to tell you this, but those turkeys are dead.”

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Service Times: 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship						1
2 Communion 	3 	4 	5 6:00p Bells 7:00p Adult Choir	6 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	7	8
9	10 	11 	12 6:00p Bells 7:00p Adult Choir	13 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	14	15
16	17 	18	19 6:00p Bells 7:00p Adult Choir	20 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	21	22
23 12:00 Thanksgiving Luncheon 30 First Sunday Of Advent	24	25	26 6:00p Bells 7:00p Adult Choir	27 Office Closed 	28	29




3 Pete Alles 5 Courtney Collins 5 Byron Hagmann 9 Iris Thomas	16 Richard Emerson 17 Nancy Clark 20 Danae Emerson 21 Ceil Brummett	3 Bill & Janet Williamson 12 Kenneth & Linda Keilman
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FBC Fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. Here's how we ended the year financially and how much we gave to other agencies.

Income: \$ 97,162
Expenses: \$106,573
 Balance: \$ **9,411**

(fiscal information continued)

S. Ellen Jones Ministry

Carryover from 2024-25	\$2,256
Deposits	\$2,103
Expenses	\$3,604
Balance to carry to 2025-26	\$ 755

Missions & Outreach Giving:

American Baptist's United Missions

(we give 1.5% of our receipts) \$1,456
America for Christ \$ 535
One Great Hour of Sharing \$ 489
Retired Ministers/Missionaries \$ 240
World Mission Offering \$ 322

Operation Christmas Shoebox

Carryover from 2024-25	\$2,270
Deposits	\$2,661
Expenses	\$3,352
Balance to carry to 2025-26	\$1,579

WHAS Crusade \$ 44

Hope Food Pantry: We give \$50 per month out of our budget (\$600). Here's the breakdown of our generous giving (not counting all the food folks bring in!):

Carryover from 2024-25	\$ 299
Deposits	\$ 511
Expenses	\$ 778
Balance to carry to 2025-26	\$ 32

Additional information: We are enrolled in the **Kroger Rewards** program. The money we receive goes into the Hope Food Pantry account. Last year, we received \$161.

Total donations to Missions & Outreach:
\$ 8,522



The church phone is now back in service! I'm still working on the voicemail part.

Thank you so much for your generous gifts for Clergy Appreciation month. We love you and so appreciate all your love and support! It's truly a blessing to serve with you. *Pastor Jim & Tammie*



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