

*Remember to do your civic duty and your Christian responsibility by voting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



**Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you for your generous response for children who need to know God's love and our love.  
And THANK YOU, Linda Downs!  
Return your boxes November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**November Calendar**

- Daylight Savings Time Ends.....1
- Deacons Meeting (6 pm).....2
- Election Day.....3
- Love Your Church Work Day.....7
- Building and Grounds Meeting.....10
- Veterans Day.....11
- W.M.U. Meeting.....14
- Happy Thanksgiving!.....26

Live stream on our Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBCO/#>  
FBCO YouTube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm5fCxZ6gP14gE-Ils1RDvA>  
Citylink live stream and archive  
<http://www.citylinktv.com/channel/baptist-church-of-oakville/>



**November Birthdays**

- Marge Cook.....3
- Ginger Olmsted.....4
- Savannah Jacobi.....5
- Andrew Parshall.....8
- Sarah Southards.....9
- Pat Rice.....10
- Deena Robbins.....12
- Pat Lohaus.....13
- Jordan St. Cyre.....16
- Gene Crites.....19
- Jane Boulch.....23
- Donnis Barker.....24
- Matthew Johnston.....29
- Liz Luttwitte.....30

*God Bless You on Your Birthday!*



**JOHN'S JOTS**

November is the season for giving THANKS . . . and we have so much to be thankful for--for our nation, for our Church, and for our families. I have much to be thankful for, and I thank God, and all of you.

*I am THANKFUL for our staff.* Johnny and Nancy have served over 25 years, Steve & Ronda have served over 10 years, and Rich has been with us 5 years. We are indeed blessed to have a dedicated and talented staff, serving the Lord and our Church. They have all responded with conviction and commitment to the unique demands of Covid-19 over the past 6 months. My heartfelt thanks to our staff for their faithful service.

*I am THANKFUL for our Anniversary celebration.* Our 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary marks a year that has seen both joys and sorrows. But that is true of every year. We relish the joys and endure the sorrows. And God continues to bless our Church "Family Tree", realizing that we are growing from the fertile soil of our past. Reflecting on the PAST makes us grateful. Reflecting on the FUTURE makes us hopeful. And reflecting on the PRESENT makes us thankful! God is SO GOOD!!

*I am THANKFUL for our fellowship.* We will not be able to have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner this year, but we can still celebrate *Koinonia* each Sunday morning. I appreciate everyone who comes to share faithfully in worship onsite. Of course, I am also grateful for so many who share our worship online. But I am genuinely blessed to see your faces. I am glad to be part of this family of God.

*I am THANKFUL for our Country.* I am proud to be an American, and to exercise my citizenship by voting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Much is at stake in this election. If you have not already voted—please do so this Tuesday. It is your right, your privilege, and your duty. *God bless the USA!*

*I am THANKFUL for your compassion—thru Operation Christmas Child.* OCC boxes are due Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to bring your shoeboxes. We will have a dedication for these boxes of love that Sunday morning. I appreciate all who filled and donated boxes this year.

*I am THANKFUL for the time change.* I don't know about you, but I have really missed that hour! Set your clocks BACK one hour this Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and join us for worship at the new time.



*November is a season to be THANKFUL.* I am thankful to God for each one of you—our Church family. However you get to observe and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, may it be a time to relish God's love, to remember God's blessings, and to reflect on this very unforgettable year. I pray for a *Happy Thanksgiving* for your families.

Gratefully, **Pastor John**



## ***GWEN'S Gallery***

### ***The Librarian of Boone's Hollow by Kim Vogel Sawyer***

During the Great Depression, city-dweller Addie Cowherd dreams of becoming a novelist and offering readers the escape that books had given her during her tragic childhood. When her father loses his job, she is forced to take the only employment she can find—delivering books on horseback to impoverished coal-mining families in the hills of Kentucky

But turning a new page will be nearly impossible in Boone's Hollow, where residents are steeped in superstitions and deeply suspicious of outsiders. Even local Emmett Tharp, the first in his family to graduate college, feels the sting of rejection after returning to the tiny mountain hamlet. And as the crippled economy leaves many men jobless, he fears his degree won't be worth much in a place where most men either work the coal mine or run moonshine.

As Addie also struggles to find her place, she'll unearth the truth about a decades-old rivalry. When someone sets out to sabotage the town's library program, will the culprit chase Addie away—or straight into the arms of the only person who can help her put a broken community back together?

### ***How Sweet It Is by Robin Lee Hatcher***

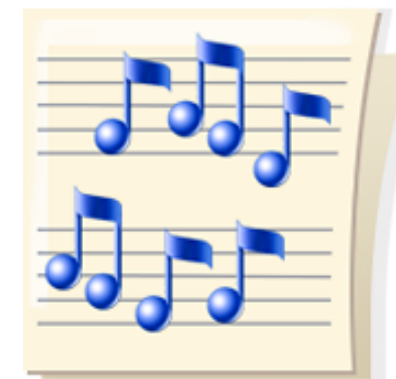
Holly Stanford is doing the best she can with the restaurant she inherited from her late uncle. But after her fiancé abandons her and the business, Holly regrets having given up her dream of becoming a pastry chef. Now a few bad financial decisions might cost her everything, including her hopes for the future.

Jed Henning has done well with his new company despite his prodigal brother's behavior. When Jed's father, the controlling member of the board of directors, temporarily suspends operations until his sons work out their differences, Jed resentfully chases his brother, Chris, to Boise. There Jed rents a basement apartment from Holly and hopes to convince Chris to get his act together before their company collapses.

Unaware that Holly is the one person who can help him get through to Chris, Jed starts the tough work of reconciliation armed with little more than a few family photographs, a stack of old letters, and a Bible that belonged to his great-grandfather, Andrew Henning. And as romance blossoms between Holly and Jed, the story of Jed's great-grandfather highlights the power of God across the generations and the legacy of a family's courageous faith.



## ***A Note from Minister of Worship John Gorse***



Greetings Everyone.

Have you seen or heard any political ads lately? Maybe 1 or 2.....THOUSAND!!!!. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the day when we get back to normal commercials about laundry detergent and new cars and hardware stores and the such. But that brings me to the very important topic of this article and that is it is most important for us all to exercise our American right to VOTE. Whether its in person on November 3 at a precinct or by a certified absentee or Mail-in ballot. Just VOTE.

I could go on and on about the importance of this election and its your duty to vote, but instead I will give you some fun facts about elections and voting in America and around the world. In 1872, President Grant ran against a dead man. His opponent Horace Greeley died during the election process. George Washington spent his entire campaign budget (50 pounds) on 160 gallons of liquor to serve to potential voters. In Australia, all legal age voters are required to vote, and if they fail to do so, are fined \$20.

The United States trails most developed nations in voter participation which is typically around 55%. In France, citizens are automatically registered to vote when they turn 18. Oregon is the first and only state in the US to use automatic voter registration. Some countries such as India, Greece, Ukraine and Columbia have a "None of the Above" option on their ballots. In the US, only Nevada offers this option.

It wasn't until the 1890's that secret ballots became commonly used in America. In 16 US states, it is illegal to take a photo with your ballot. Doing so can result in a fine or even jail time. In Saudi Arabia women finally won the right to vote in 2015. In 1893 New Zealand became the first country to allow women to vote. It was in 1920 for women to get the right to vote in the US. In ancient Sparta the government assembly would vote by shouting. The side who shouted the loudest would win the point. Aristotle called the practice "childish". In Texas people can vote with a gun license but not with a student ID. Approximately 64% of the United States voting-age population is registered to vote compared to 91% in Canada and the UK, 96% in Sweden, and nearly 99% in Japan. Countries with the highest voter turnouts: Vietnam 99.3% Rwanda 98.9% Laos 97.9 Singapore 93.6% Ethiopia 93.2% Malta 92.1% Australia 91% and Cuba 90.9%.

I hope you learned a thing or two about voting and elections and maybe even a chuckle as I know I did. This was shared from the website FACTRETRIEVER.com. We must all pray for this election and our country as well as our church and our President no matter who he might be. And as the character Detective Columbo would say."uhhhhh just one more thing" DONT FORGET TO VOTE!!!!. See you in the church services in person or online and please stay safe.

May God Continue to Bless Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

***John Gorse***

## ***Kidz Kollege***



Debbie Schnell left a phone message to say "hi" and get a Kidz Kollege update, so we'll take the cue and give you all an update. Kidz Kollege will probably not resume in 2020. Our church is continually evaluating when we can open up all of our on-site programs, and we'll certainly let you know when Kidz Kollege resumes.

Till then, we invite you to attend our Sunday morning worship service at 9 am or 10:45 am. We're encouraging safe distancing and the wearing of face masks. Also, you can tune in to watch our services online.

Stay safe,  
***Ed & Pauline Maness***  
314 846-4211

## ***Kidz Praise . . .***

A few more exciting changes are over the horizon for Kid's Praise! I can't wait to share them with you!

As for November, we will be doing some lessons on giving thanks and being thankful. We will also be learning about missions as well as doing a few mission projects.

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love through RESPECT.

***Cyndi Harmon***