



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Thessalonians 5:12 “ Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. “  
Jeremiah 3:15 “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”



We are blessed to have two amazing pastors and their families here at FBC !!  
Pastor Jeff and Pastor Matt work tirelessly studying God’s Word and challenging us to dig deep and seek to understand the scriptures.  
We’re thankful for all the ways they lead and guide our church. They are great examples of faithfulness and service. Send them a note or email or stop by their office and let them know how much they are appreciated. Also, pray for our pastors and their families as they follow the Lord and lead us to KNOW Christ And Make HIM Known.



# FROM PASTOR JEFF

**“Beloved, this is now the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of a reminder. To remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles” - 2 Peter 3:1-2**

**We finished 1 Peter and now we have opened up 2 Peter on Sunday mornings and it has struck me how different and how similar these 2 books are in relation to each other.**

**Peter writes in his 1st letter about suffering and pain from persecution and how to live in the midst of it. He reminded us that we are to live for Christ no matter what others do to us. Pain is not an excuse to fall away, and it is not a justifiable reason to forsake the call God has given to us to follow Him in all of our relationships.**

**In his second letter, the message is first and foremost about knowing Jesus. This is not the Jesus you think you know, or the Jesus others have made Him out to be but the historical Jesus we see and read about in the Scriptures. The reason this is so important is because there will always be some people who will try to redefine Jesus to make Him more “acceptable” to the world today. Or they will reshape Him to make Him more like how they wish He was and not exactly the way He was and is.**

**This warning is for those who are on the inside of the church. So, let me take this opportunity to remind you of something very important. Do NOT ever take my word, or Pastor Matt’s word, or anyone else’s word without testing it with the Scriptures to make sure that it is true and right. I always welcome questions and discussion on what I say. Sometimes I may not have clearly communicated what I was actually trying to say, or maybe I just got it wrong. I am human. I make mistakes.**

**Peter is reminding us of that fact over and over again in this book as we go from learning to know Jesus, to recognizing false teachers, to remembering there is coming a day of judgment. This day of the Lord is coming for all. Therefore it is important we are ready and prepared for it.**

**How do we get prepared for it? Knowing Jesus Christ.**

**I would encourage you to read the whole book soon in order to have a complete and full picture of the message of Peter to us and so you are better prepared to dig deeper into it each Sunday morning.**

**Following Him,**

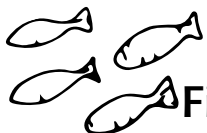
**Pastor Jeff**

Here are just a few pics from R3 Women's Conference. Everyone had a great time as we learned about how to Abide in Him! Thank you to all those who gave of their time to plan this conference.



## FISH FRY

Our annual fish fry is Sunday, October 1st at 5pm.



Fish and drinks are provided.

Please bring side dish or dessert.

Join us for a great time!



## SWEET MONDAY

October 16th @ 6pm

This will be our annual soup supper and last meeting for this year. Our Christmas shoebox project will be completed during our meeting. Come and have a sweet time of fellowship.

## CHURCH PICNIC



GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!!



# FROM PASTOR MATT

Mark 9:35 says, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

Serving God leads us to be willing to serve other people. The Youth Group has been discussing what that looks like on Wednesday nights. Jesus was the ultimate servant and left us an example to follow.

May we continue to learn to pick up our towel and serve for the glory of God.

In September, Mission Kids started back in full swing on Wednesday nights. Continue to pray for our children to understand God’s love for them. Continue to pray for Ashley for direction and the upcoming birth of her and Isaiah’s child. Continue to pray for the workers of this ministry for strength and continued compassion for the children.

The Youth Group hit the ground running with ministry activities in September. FCA kicked off with a great time of enjoying donuts, chocolate milk, and Jesus. Lighthouse started up again for the students in the community. We will continue to meet monthly throughout the school year as we continue to share the Gospel of Jesus to the students in our community. Finally, See You at the Pole took place on the last Wednesday morning of the month. It is always powerful to see and hear students voice their faith in the Lord.

In October, Mission Kids and the Youth Group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. Together we will pack the Operation Christmas Child boxes on the 25th. The Youth Group will travel to Marion at 12:30pm for Youth Encounter on the 8th for a time of fun, worship, and the Word. The Youth Group will host Lighthouse on the 20th for the 7th through 12th grade students in our community from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

In closing, I would like to thank Becky Casey for her service to the Lord, FBC Ramsey, Jeff, and myself as secretary. She has made the job side of ministry easier by reminding me of dates, activities, getting my newsletter done on time, helping me with names, and making phone calls that I was not always keen on making. Thank you again for all that you have done as secretary!

Pastor Matt

I feel blessed to have worked with two amazing Pastors who are caring, giving, and thoughtful. They both also have a great sense of humor that made work fun! Thank you church for allowing me to serve as secretary the past 3 years.

Becky Casey

## MISSION KIDS KICKOFF



The kids were so excited to play on the inflatable!



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting specific items each month of the year as we work towards completing boxes in October. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

#### October

-Be in prayer about giving money towards shipping and purchasing extra items.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The kids and youth will have a packing party on Wednesday, October 25th at 6pm.

Deacons' Meeting

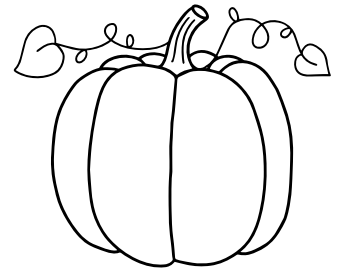
Oct. 8th @ 5pm

Office Closed

Oct. 9th for  
Columbus Day

Business Meeting

Oct. 11th @ 7pm



### October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Charlie & Linda Harris	18 Paul Temmen
1 Rick & Shelli Finley	20 Hayden Hayes
1 Ty Benhoff	22 Ed Caylor
2 Jaime Thoele	24 Karen Warner
3 Nick Rainey	25 Jill Hadley
4 Kalasandra Cook	26 Cheryl Morefield
4 Tammy McDonald	26 Ed & Jackie Smith
5 Ron Blunt	26 Gerald Sanders
7 Les & Sue Albert	26 Kim Greenwood
8 Terry Casey	29 Kevin & Tammy Schackmann
9 Bev Daniels	30 Cecelia Adams
11 Andrew Runge	30 Devin Friesland
11 Charlotte Blunt	30 Kyle Adermann
11 Samantha Strobel	30 Lenora Clark
12 Erin Moreland	30 Kianna Shouse
14 David McFarland	
17 Beril Gillman	

### OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY

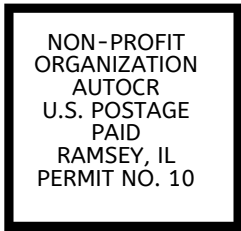
Noodles  
Ramen Noodles  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Soup  
Tomato Juice  
Chili with Beans  
Pie Filling

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OCTOBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor Appreciation Month Fish Fry 5pm	2 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am Mondays Women's Bible Study 6-8pm	3	4 All Activities 6pm	5	6	7
8 Youth Encounter Deacons' Mtg. 5pm Bible Study 6pm	9 Columbus Day Office Closed	10	11 MK/Youth 6pm Business Mtg. 7pm	12	13 Pre-K Screenings 8-3:30	14
15 Bible Study 6pm	16 Sweet Monday 6pm Soup Supper	17	18 All Activities 6pm	19	20 Lighthouse 6:30-9pm	21
22 Bible Study 6pm	23	24	25 OCC Packing Party All Activities 6pm	26	27	28
29 Cookout @ Shouses	30	31 Halloween				