



# First Baptist Church of Tellico Village

## WEEKLY UPDATE

November 13-19, 2023

### A Word from Pastor Dave

My wife and I have now been with you at FBCTV for four months. In some ways, it seems like a short time, but in other ways, it seems that I cannot even remember my “past life” as professor/pastor in southern California. We are settled into our new life in East Tennessee and my new role at our church.

The sermon on Sunday will be about thanksgiving and gratitude. My hope is that it will prepare our hearts for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day season. I thought a good introduction to this sermon and the Thanksgiving Day season would be to take a moment and express some gratitude. So, let me get us started in the giving of thanks...with some being more serious and others being more fun.

- I do not want to assume my gratitude for the person of Jesus and the good news of the gospel. Instead, I want to begin with this most important reality in my life. This is a gamechanger for all of us. Where would we be if we did not have the good news of Jesus?
- I also do not want to assume the gratitude I have for my wife, Joni. I am a very blessed man to have such a partner in my life. I have witnessed her grow in the Lord more than anyone else I know. Her love has been constant every step of God’s journey for us.
- I am thankful for the Bible, which guides me every step of the way in life.
- I am thankful for the very professional and caring guidance of the Pastoral Search Team, which opened the door for me to come to FBCTV.
- I am thankful that God led us to the amazing people of FBCTV, who faithfully serve in so many ways. I learn more each day.
- I am thankful for the gifts and abilities of the pastors and staff of FBCTV.
- I am thankful that I can once again hunt and fish and that my freezer is already filling up with little bushy tail creatures.
- I am thankful to live in a place where my redneck self can continue to emerge.
- I am thankful for the few BAMA fans that are in our midst...may their tribe increase!
- I am thankful for the many of you who have taken the time to express your gratitude to me and to encourage me.

I now pass the baton to you. Spend some time making a list of things you are thankful for and share your gratitude with others. It could become contagious. And I am certain that God will use it to strengthen and encourage those around you.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir  
and Orchestra  
presents

The  
Joy  
of  
CHRISTMAS

**ALL tickets have been given out.** If you have taken tickets and will not be using them, please return them to the church office. We have a waiting list of people who are hoping to attend.

## **Decorating the Church for The Hanging of the Green**

WE NEED LOTS of people to help decorate the church. We will meet next Monday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m.

## **International Mission Offering “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering”**

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual offering collected by believers around the world to support international missions. The offering was officially named in 1918 by the Woman’s Missionary Union in honor of Lottie Moon, a missionary to China who urged churches to start it and give sacrificially.

This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of the gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175-year history of reaching the nations with the gospel, and it is vital to reaching the vision of a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation that know and worship our Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:9).

We encourage you to give generously, even sacrificially, to the work of our Southern Baptist International Missionaries. At First Baptist Church of Tellico Village, we will be receiving this offering during the month of November and December. You can give using the regular envelopes - please write the amount on the “For Missions” line. Thank you for supporting International Missions through the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.



**Please mark this on your calendars! We will have only ONE service on November 26 at 10:30 AM.**

## **Community Tree Lighting**

**Tuesday December 5 at 6:00 p.m.** in “Downtown Tellico Village” (next to the Tellico Village Welcome Center across from the church). The Tellico Village Brass will be playing that night. We will have wassail (hot cider) and hot chocolate. Come join us that night!

## **Christmas Food Boxes for Steekee School Families**

We have committed to providing **17 Families** from Steekee School with a Christmas Food Box. You can pick up an empty box and a food list at the Church Office or in the Narthex after worship on **November 26th**. No perishables or homemade goodies, please. Boxes need to be delivered to the church by **Sunday, December 17th**. Thank You for your help in meeting this need.

## Angel Tree - Pick an Angel in the Narthex Beginning November 26

One of the great joys of Christmas is giving gifts to others. Each year we are provided with the names of children from Steekee School to purchase gifts for. You will find our Angel Tree in the Narthex. There are lots of Angels on the tree. Each angel has a child's name and a gift to be purchased for that child. Select an angel, purchase the gift, and wrap the gift using the **angel as the gift tag**. The wrapped gift must be returned by **December 17th**.

## Male and Female: Understanding and Enjoying the Difference

We will take a break next week for Thanksgiving and resume the session on November 29. Pastor Dave will be teaching Session #5, Timothy 2-3, "What Gender Looks Like in the Church." The study will meet Wednesday afternoon from 4-5:15 p.m. in **Room 300**. A recording of each session will be posted on our website ([www.fbctv.org](http://www.fbctv.org)) at the end of each week.

## For Newcomers

If you are new to FBCTV, the Talleys would like to invite you to lunch at their home. The next luncheon will be on January 21, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited. Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

## Bible Study Classes on Campus – November 19, 2023

### 9:00 AM

Charlie Campbell - Co-ed Class	Fellowship Hall	Jeremiah
Nancy Christensen - Ladies Class	Classroom 200	Momentum
Wanda Henderson - Children	Children's Room	Birth to 8 years old

### 10:15 AM

Open Arms - Co-ed	Classroom 100	Sermon Passage
Roman's XII Christians - Co-ed	Classroom 300	Spiritual Warfare
Wanda Henderson - Children	Children's Room	Birth to 8 years old

## Wednesday Bible Study for Ladies

10:00 AM	Sanctuary	Advent Study
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## Bible Study Home Groups

Bob and Joyce Wold                      Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.                      100 Okema Pl. (Coyatee)  
Contact information – (224) 239-7291 or [robertandjoycewold@gmail.com](mailto:robertandjoycewold@gmail.com)

Kem and Carol Lindsay                      Monday, 6:30 p.m.                      200 Vinita Pl. (Tanasi)  
Contact information – (704) 913-6543 or [kem.lindsay57@gmail.com](mailto:kem.lindsay57@gmail.com)

Dave and Nancy Slaughter                      Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Nancy Christensen (Host Home)                      218 Higoliya Trl. (Kahite)  
Contact information – (423) 884-3923 or [dslaughter1159@outlook.com](mailto:dslaughter1159@outlook.com)

Ron and Pat Randle                      Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.                      134 Naduli Trl. (Kahite)  
Contact information – (970) 215-0598 or [rrandle400@gmail.com](mailto:rrandle400@gmail.com)

## A Call to Pray

Sunday Morning Prayer Group	Classroom 300	8:30-8:50 a.m.
Monday Prayer Group	Library	10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Prayer Group	Larkins' Home	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday Men's Prayer Group	Classroom 600	10:00 a.m.
Friday Women's Prayer Group	Classroom 600	10:00 a.m.



*Wednesday*  
**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

**NO Wednesday Night Meal and Prayer Meeting  
Next Week, November 22**



*Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary,  
Charles and Carol Stoeffler!*

### Church Calendar

November 17, 11:30 a.m. Golden Girls Lunch  
 November 17, 7:00 p.m. TWT Benefit Concert at Community Church – LCCB to play  
 November 18, 9:00 a.m. Christmas Music Rehearsal Choir Only  
 November 20, 9:30 a.m. Hanging of the Green Decorating  
 November 22, No Wednesday Dinner  
 November 22, Church Office closed at noon and closed November 23  
 November 26, Angel Tree Begins  
 November 26, "We Begin the Celebration of the Advent of Christ" **10:30 a.m. service ONLY – Please mark this on your calendars!**  
 November 29, Ed Michaelson, 500K project, will speak after dinner  
 December 2, 9:00 a.m. Choir and Orchestra w/Media Team  
 December 3, Advent #2 The Light and Warmth of a Stable  
 December 3 & 4 7:00 p.m. The Joy of Christmas program  
 December 5, 6:00 p.m. Community Christmas Tree Lighting

### Statistical Blessings

#### November 12, 2023

Bible Study	243
Worship	(9:00 a.m.) 122
	(10:30 a.m.) 201
Budget Receipts	\$29,384.16
Missions	\$2,805.00

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Friday: Closed

**Closed early at noon on November 22 and Closed November 23 for Thanksgiving**

## **Contact Information**

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Pastor Dave	Call Church Office
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