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Words of Encouragement...

- > *A worthy wife is a crown for her husband...*(Proverbs 12:4)
- > *Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.* (Proverbs 19:14)
- > *A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.* (Proverbs 31:10)

Debby and I will be celebrating our 25th anniversary on Dec. 28, 2016.

I realize that you are receiving this newsletter in early November, but the next newsletter won't go out until January. So, rather than waiting until after our anniversary to extol the virtues of my dear and precious wife, I want to do it before then, in anticipation of that wonderful "mile-marker" – and so that all will know I remember the day Debby and I were married. ☺

Debby has always been a treasure and a blessing from the Lord in my life (Proverbs 18:22). I first noticed Debby at a "Welcome Back Party" hosted by the Communication & Drama Department at Howard Payne University. Debby was a drama major and I was a new professor in that department.

The party took place in the old Coggin Theater. I was standing among the theater seats talking with some of the students and faculty, when I looked up to the stage area and noticed the loveliest young woman standing beneath a bright stage light. The light beaming on her from above was as if God was putting a spotlight on her – and guess who noticed? Me. I quickly made my way up on the stage to introduce myself to her. I still remember what she was wearing.

Seven months later we were engaged. Nine months after that, we were married. Debby was the most beautiful bride. (Sorry ladies. It's a fact. I still have the pictures and a video.) Her mom made her wedding dress; and I still carry a piece of her wedding dress material in my wallet.

If I only had one word to describe Debby, it would be "gentle." She has a gentle spirit and a kind heart. She is meek, considerate, and soft-spoken. She is very insightful concerning people, situations and Scripture. She loves the Lord. She loves me. And she loves our children. Both her husband and her children bless her (Proverbs 31:28).

There is no surprise that Debby is of virtuous and noble character. She was raised by parents who love God and taught her early to love the Lord. Her family has a rich legacy of faith. And, Debby learned through the example her mother modeled for her as to how a godly wife thinks and acts. I am forever indebted to Debby's parents for how they raised her in the love of Christ.

One thing that has surprised me, though, is how fast 25 years have gone by. It seems like only yesterday I watched this beautiful woman walk down the aisle and take my arm. Where have the years gone? They've gone by too fast.

Sweetheart, thank you for loving me. Thank you for your abiding friendship. Thank you for your faithful support and encouragement. Thank you for your gentle nature and kind heart. I love you so very much. It has been my honor and joy to be your husband. "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" (Proverbs 31:29)

In honor of my beautiful wife, Debby. **Pepper**

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- November 2nd: Deacons' Meeting
- November 3rd: Clothes Closet OPEN
- November 6th: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch, Girls' Night In, Fall Back to Standard Time at 2:00 am
- November 8th: Advanced Group Potluck Luncheon, Election Day
- November 9th: Business Meeting
- November 13th: CMT Meeting
- November 16th: Thanksgiving Meal and Praise Service
- November 23: Church Office Closes at noon, No Fellowship Meal and no evening services
- November 24th & 25th: Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 27th: No Children's Church
- November 30th: Maintenance Committee Meeting, Hanging of the Green
- December 1st: Clothes Closet OPEN
- December 4th-11th: Week of Prayer for International Missions
- December 4th: Christmas Music Service, Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch, Girls' Night In
- December 7th: Business Meeting, Deacons' Meeting
- December 9th: Genesis Class Christmas Party
- December 10th: Christmas in the Park/Parade/Live Nativity
- December 13th: Advanced Group Potluck Luncheon
- December 14th: Christmas Meal, Kids' "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party
- December 21st: No Fellowship Meal or evening services, Yuletide Fellowship
- December 23rd: Church Office Closed
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25th: Christmas Day, No Sunday School, No Children's Church, The Lord's Supper, No evening services
- December 26th: Church Office Closed
- December 28th: No Fellowship Meal and no evening services
- December 30th: Church Office Closed
- December 31st: New Year's Eve

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH, DECEMBER 23RD, 26TH & 30TH



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 5th. Central Standard Time starts at 2:00 am, Sunday, November 6th.



We wish you
a Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year!



at 6:00 pm, Saturday, Dec. 24th
in the Sanctuary!

SENIOR PASTOR:	Dr. Pepper Dill
ASSOCIATE PASTOR/YOUTH MINISTER:	Zach Tharp
MINISTER OF WORSHIP:	Corey Ash
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR:	Joy Mitchell
OFFICE MANAGER:	Cindy Boyle
OFFICE ASSISTANT/WEB MASTER:	Marsha Zabecki



You are invited to our Thanksgiving Celebration, Wednesday, November 16th!

Thanksgiving Meal at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Thanksgiving Praise Service at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary-Nursery will be provided.
Turkey, dressing, cranberries, and mashed potatoes & gravy will be provided by the church.
There will be a sign up sheet on the Ministry Table in the church foyer for you to sign up to bring side dishes, desserts, rolls, etc. There will be no Bible Study, Youth Activities, or Children's Activities this evening.

MUSIC NOTES



Hello, Church Family!

I can't believe how quickly the time flies! Before we know it, we'll be heading into Thanksgiving, and, it's soon to be 2017. Wow! Where has 2016 gone?

As we look toward the holiday season and Christmastime, it is always such a great time of blessing and of reassurance. "For God so loved the world that He gave..." And, He's still giving...and giving! We are so blessed! God's Word tells us to "continually give thanks"! We are to be a thankful and loving people! I sometimes get so focused on those things that aren't just like I want them to be that I forget to tell God thank you for the many good blessings that I experience and see around me. It's so easy for all of us to let that happen.

As we prepare music for Christmas as well as for our regular morning services, I never cease to be struck by the amazing peculiarity of God's plan for redemption. He's just so creative and unpredictable! But, this we know. He loves us. I know that anyone who would lay down a child for me loves me with a love that I truly cannot even begin to imagine. We hope that each time we sing about His love that it will truly be ministry through music to those who are needing a song of encouragement in their lives.

We're always seeking others who would like to give of the gift of music in ministry. We're always in need of some new voices, and I'm convinced that God is moving some of you to join us in singing. Don't put it off. You're missing a blessing each week! And, like me, you'll turn around some day and time will have flown away and so much of what makes us "busy" will seem like such a true waste of good time!

Have a blessed and productive week! You all bless me and my family so much! I love worshiping with you each week. It's always a highlight of my week to get to worship with our church family!

Soli Deo Gloria, Bro. Corey

YOUTH NEWS

Church Family, This year has flown by! I can't believe we are already headed towards the holiday season. I love November and December for many reasons. The focus on thankfulness and intentionally fixing our thoughts on a coming King that would step down out of heaven and come to live among His people. I know some tend to skip right past Thanksgiving on their way to Christmas, but I love the Thanksgiving season. Kimbra, Isla Hope, and I have so much to be thankful for every year. We are thankful for a church family that has so loved us and supported us for the last four and a half years. We are thankful for all the young men and women in the youth group who have allowed us to be a part of their lives, sharing in their achievements, cheering their accomplishments, grieving with them through tough times, and always walking close to them as they continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Thank you for always supporting our family and allowing us into your lives. You have blessed us more than you will ever know.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV)

May God's Grace Abound, **Zach**


MISSIONS

November
Salvation Army Bell Ringers
Holiday Food Drive for
Bangs Food Pantry

December
Star Christmas Tree Project
Christmas for families in need
December 4th-11th: Week of Prayer for International Missions

 Clothes Closet OPEN! Thursday, November 3rd & December 1st from 10:00am to 3:00pm.
Bangs Food Pantry OPEN! First and Third Thursdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm. 

THINK GLOBALLY!  **ACT LOCALLY!**

Our Medical Closet!  We have a wide variety of equipment to loan out including wheel chairs, walkers, beds, bed rails, and shower chairs. 

CHILDREN'S NEWS

What is Christmas all about?
It's about the cross
It's about my sin
It's about how Jesus came to be born once
So that we could be born again
It's about the stone
That was rolled away
So that you and I could have real life someday
It's about the cross.
(It's about the Cross by Go Fish)


Are you part of the inn crowd or the stable few?

I am so excited to announce that Kialynn Dodson will be our new Children's Director Assistant. Kialynn has grown up in this church and has served the Lord in many areas including Women's, Nursery, Youth, and Children's Ministry. She is a faithful servant and has a heart for children, our church and our community! It is a blessing to have her as a part of our ministry staff!

I love this time a year! It is packed full of wonderful opportunities to teach our children to LOVE GOD and to LOVE PEOPLE! Don't let busyness or stress be a distraction to what God can do in and through our lives this season! I pray that you and your family will

SAVE THE DATES!

- Nov. 16th: Thanksgiving Praise Service - Join us in the Sanctuary for a special service of thanksgiving.
- Nov. 20th: Children's Choir Special - Thankful

 *Join us for caroling in the park!*

- Dec. 10th: Parade at 6:00 pm - Live Nativity & Christmas in the Park following the Parade. Refreshments will be served
- Dec. 4th: Adult & Children's Christmas Special
- Dec. 11th: Children's Choir Special
- Dec. 14 Christmas Meal/ Happy Birthday Jesus Party



experience Thankfulness, Peace, Giving, Loving, Holy Worship and Sharing the Good News this season! **Don't miss the Manger!**

Thank you for ALL the blessings, kind words and prayers for Minister Appreciation Month! It is such a blessing and JOY to serve the Lord with you! You truly are Mighty Warriors who love God with all your heart! Thank you for all you do to encourage me, our Children's workers, our children and the families of Bangs FBC!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!
JOY 😊

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

AUGUST 2016 MINUTES

- July 2016 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- There was no old or new business

SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES

- August 2016 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted, letters of transfer and new members were approved.
- The Annual Church Profile was approved.
- Miscellaneous items were discussed.

AUGUST 2016 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions: \$29,581.96
Weekly Average: \$ 7,395.49
Weekly Requirement: \$ 8,313.75
Fund Balance: \$ 14,980.31

BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$122,769.78 (8/31/16)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$ 58,989.82 (8/31/16)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$ 8,267.73 (8/31/16)

SEPTEMBER 2016 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions: \$29,606.27
Weekly Average: \$ 7,401.57
Weekly Requirement: \$ 8,313.75
Fund Balance: \$11,622.59

BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$124,900.47 (9/30/16)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$ 61,089.82 (9/30/16)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$ 8,268.41 (9/30/16)

* Includes funds for the roof projects