



The Beacon



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

November 2020

Sunday School Resumes November 8th!

We are excited to be meeting once again in small groups! Since the building project has been completed, we have relocated some of the Sunday School classrooms. All of the adult classes are now located in what used to be the Fellowship Hall building. All of the children classes are now located in the very back Education Hallway. The youth class is now located upstairs.

We are offering one class for adults in which masks are required. This class will meet in the Family Life Center.

For the time being, Sunday School will be from 10:15am until 10:45am. Our Family Worship Services will still be at 9am and 11am with the 11am service being live streamed into the Family Life Center for our masks required service.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Place your filled shoeboxes in The Entrance Hall by Nov. 11th and the Baptist Women will prepare for shipping on Missions Night. Come join the fun!

Order Your RMBC T-Shirts Today!

Taking orders through Sunday, November 15th.

Colors available: Gray w/ navy lettering and Navy w/ gray lettering. Red Mountain Baptist Church on the front left chest/RMBC logo on the back.

Youth -- Sm - XL - \$8

Adult -- Sm - XL - \$10/ 2XL - \$11/ 3XL-\$12/ 4XL - \$13/ 5XL - \$14



Please pay Ashley Crabtree or Tracie Humphries. Checks payable to Red Mountain Baptist Church ('T-shirts' on the memo line) There is a sign up sheet in the Entrance Hall.



Thanksgiving Covered Dish Meal Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 - 6:30pm



Bring your favorite meat, vegetables, desert, etc, and gather 'round with your church family as we celebrate God's goodness on our church and in our lives.



**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

As I write this article, the Presidential Election is less than two weeks away. It seems that the closer we get to the election the crazier and more hostile our society gets. People are stressed out. People are concerned about the future. People want their way. People are being mean and hateful just because someone else may disagree with them about an issue or their political ideas. The really sad part of all of this is that people are looking to the government to fix all of the problems, which will not happen.

As Christians, we should be living different in the world around us. We do not look to the government to fix our problems. We look to Jesus! Jesus is the answer, and He supplies what we need. Second Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." Everything that we need in life we find in Jesus. This is why it is so vitally important that we spend time with Him in prayer and reading His Word. As we spend more and more time with Jesus, we realize He supplies what we need. There is no need to be concerned about the future because He is in control. There is no need to get stressed out because He will take care of us. There is no need to be hateful or mean towards people because they disagree with us because we should be sharing the love of Christ with them. What this world needs is Jesus! What we need is to focus more on Him.

I do not know who will win the election, but I do know this, Jesus is in control! I pray that each of us grow closer to Him each day, and we share Him with the world around us each day.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

Baptist Women News

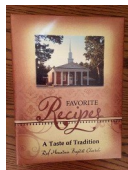
• Looking for a wedding gift, a Christmas gift, or 'just for me' gift? You can purchase **RADA Cutlery** products by clicking this link radafundraising.com/?rfsn=4130704.b62946 or use the catalog and order form in the church foyer. These products are proudly made in the USA. Each purchase helps support our mission projects.

• If you are participating in our **Secret Sister Program**, there is a basket in the church foyer to place cards and gifts to your secret sister. Be sure to check the basket weekly.

• **Samaritan's Purse** - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Please drop off your Shoeboxes in the Entrance Hall no later than Wednesday, Nov 11.

• **Women of Joy Conference**, April 30 - May 2, 2021, Myrtle Beach, SC. \$25 deposit is due Nov. 1, 2020 and balance due March 14, 2021. Please make checks out to RMBC and give to Ashley Crabtree. The cost includes room and conference. Rates per person: \$229/4 per room; \$259/3 per room; \$309/2 per room. More information and a sign up sheet are on the Baptist Women's table in the foyer. Or you can see Ashley Crabtree or Kim Pearson.

• **RMBC Cookbooks** - We still have a few cookbooks remaining. On-Sale for \$7.00 or 2 for \$12! Great gift for any occasion. Please see or call Carol Carden or email:



tcardenc@centurylink.net

These are hard cover, three ring binder cookbooks with lots of recipes, tips, hints, and measurements. Plus room to add your own recipes.



'We Over Me'
by Whitney Capps

Tuesday, Nov 10th ~ 6:45p
Meeting in the Family Life Center
(Please wear a mask.)



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ◆ Wanda Ellis and Bobby Coates and their families in the death of their brother, Michael Coates
- ◆ Ruby Parrish and Dorinda Laughinghouse and their family in the death of Ruby's sister and Dorinda's aunt, Louise Howerton
- ◆ Paul Hall and his family in the death of his uncle, Ray Hall

Congratulations to...



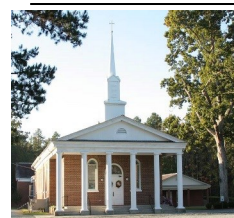
Jake and Ciera Jackson
on their wedding
October 17, 2020

**Courtney Watson
and Casey Martin**
on their wedding, Oct. 10th, 2020

Brittany & Zack MacDonald on the birth of their daughter, Jesse JoLea MacDonald, born October 15th. We also want to congratulate big brother Mac and grandparents; Greta Parker and Phillip Ellis.



Monday, Nov. 16th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)
'No More Excuses'
by Tony Evans



**Building
Fund
Update**

Our Goal	\$ 1,002,000
Collected as of Oct 24, 2020	\$ 605,967
Balance	\$ 396,033

NOVEMBER 2020

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Deacons Mtg 4p	2	3 	4 Emma Rae Riggs	5 Karma Karangelan Courtney Martin	6	7
8 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Sunday School Starts Back 10:15a Business Meeting 5:30p	9 Dalton Humphries	10 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	11  Missions Night 7p Riley Hudson	12 Fruitcake Trip 7a Steven McFarland	13	14 J.D. Coates
15 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a	16 Men of Iron 7p	17	18 Missions Night 7p	19 Josh Craven	20	21 Bobby Coates
22 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a Carly Grinstead	23 Diane Poole Nell Smith	24 Thanksgiving Covered Dish 6:30p	25 Nancy Shuler	26  Delora Roberts	27 Heather Young	28 Michael Hall Ashley Lewis
29 Family Worship Service 9a & 11a	30 Dennis Dunn	Memory Verse “His divine power has given to us all things that <i>pertain</i> to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.” 2 Peter 1:3				



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Thanksgiving Traditions

By Kay Camenisch

What do you think of when you think of Thanksgiving? A table laden with turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie? A break from work or school? Family gathered from far and near? Football? Sales the day after?

Many traditions make Thanksgiving special and memorable. However, we might also think of our history. In 1621, Governor Bradford declared a day to offer thanks for good crops and invited an Indian tribe to join the settlers for a three-day feast and games.

The second recorded American Thanksgiving, in 1623, actually began as a time of prayer and fasting. The settlers set aside a day to pray and fast because they desperately needed rain. While they were praying, a gentle rain began to fall. Prayer time turned into an impromptu time of giving thanks. (Do you know of anyone who thinks of prayer and fasting in connection with Thanksgiving? After all, it is part of our history of the holiday.)

Although various colonies celebrated harvest festivals, it was not until 1777 that all 13 colonies celebrated at the same time. In 1789, George Washington was the first president to declare a Day of Thanksgiving. However, it did not continue to be an annual celebration.

Finally, in 1863 Abraham Lincoln gave a proclamation, declaring a Day of Thanksgiving. He thought it might help to unite a divided nation. Since then, Thanksgiving has been proclaimed a holiday by every president. (Did anyone think of bringing unity in connection with Thanksgiving?)

About a month ago, I read a couple of articles that got me to thinking about this particular holiday. They were both about depression. Yes, depression—as unlikely as that seems.

One article suggested that one way to combat depression is to write in a notebook every morning, listing five things you're grateful for—just five things, every morning. Evidently, practicing gratefulness helps change the mindset from a disheartened viewpoint to having a positive, hopeful outlook on life. Another article suggested that throughout the day, if you feel down, to stop and think of three things that you are grateful for. It's difficult to stay down or depressed while feeling grateful. As you focus on the

positive—the things you're thankful for—it drives out the doldrums.

I often get so busy just keeping up with life that I forget to be grateful. After reading those articles, I decided it was a good thing that we celebrate Thanksgiving so we will be reminded to be grateful.

But then I wondered if we get so busy with our traditions that we sometimes forget to give thanks on Thanksgiving. When I asked what you think of when you think of Thanksgiving, did anyone even think of giving thanks?

No other holiday spells out what it is all about—"Thanks-giving"—but we hear it as a noun, a name, a holiday—not an action. What would happen if we responded to the verb in the holiday? What if we celebrated by giving thanks?

Even in the worst circumstances, there are things to be grateful for. When we take our eyes off the problems and focus on the positive, it lifts our spirits and makes the difficulty easier to bear. When we go a step further and voice appreciation to those around us for blessing us, it encourages them and makes their lives easier—and brighter.

I've even seen relationships restored when words of appreciation were spoken. I don't know whether the holiday brought unity between the North and South in Lincoln's day, but gratefulness can bring unity between individuals, in families, and in groups—wherever people interact.

When I think of Thanksgiving, I first think of family because that is when we have our family reunion. And I'm all for turkey, dressing, gravy, pies, and all the bounty. Parades, football, and slashed store prices add to the fun. I love celebrating Thanksgiving. However, except for fond memories and extra pounds, those things are soon past. Conversely, if we celebrate Thanksgiving with an attitude of gratitude, it could make a positive difference that would have lasting effect—in lives of others as well as ourselves. In George Washington's words, Thanksgiving was to be "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." What would it take to keep that tradition alive?

May you and those you love be blessed as you celebrate Thanks-giving this year!

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