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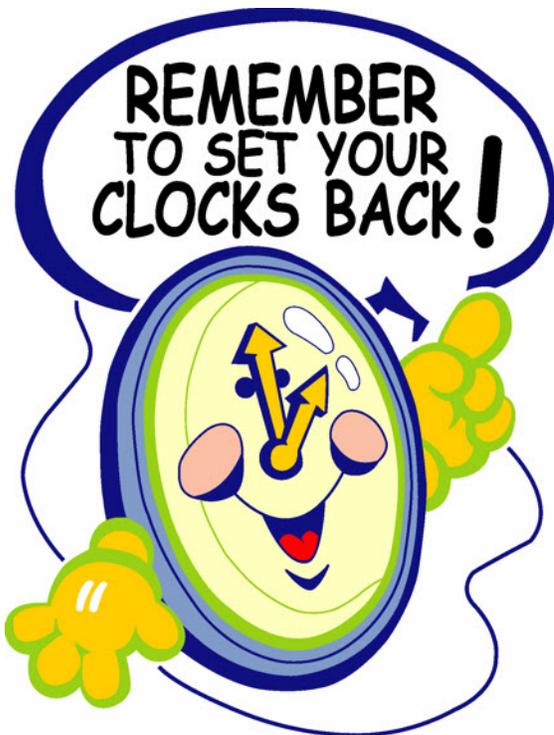
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Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed Saturday night.

28 So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. 29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

Romans 15:28-29

I've always been fascinated by chapter 15 of Romans. Paul is telling the Roman Christians how he looks forward to coming to them, and then going on from there eventually to Spain. We have no written record of whether Paul actually made it to Spain or not, but we do know that the gospel did.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells the disciples that they will be his witnesses both near and far, and we are the beneficiaries of that commission. People like Paul and his companions were early examples of global witnesses—those that took the gospel forward into the world.

The gospel is still needed in the world today, maybe now more than ever. In a world that has been linked technologically like never before, it is easier to take the gospel all around the world. Some countries are hostile to the gospel, while others are open but with few coming to share. As we consider our own role in bearing a Global Witness, how can our church in McGregor be involved in sharing the gospel?

Bro. Terry

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Join us online

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Midweek Activities	4	5	6 OCC shoe box packing party
7 Daylight Saving Time ends	8	9 Fellowship Breakfast	10 Midweek activities	11	12	13 OCC shoe box packing party
14 Thanksgiving Luncheon	15 LIFE Group	16	17 Midweek Activities	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Midweek Activities	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 Advent begins	29	30				

Connecting...Building...Transforming



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Heartis House

Verna Arp

Please continue to pray for all those on our church's prayer list.



We've Lost a Friend

Thomas "Tom" H. Wolff Sr., 74, of McGregor, passed away on the evening of October 19, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lola Wolff; son, Tommy H. Wolff Jr. and wife, Danna; daughter, Terri Lewis and husband, Jim; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Please continue to pray for Lola and her family at this extremely difficult time.



Poinsettias

It's time to order your Christmas poinsettia to honor or in memory of a loved one. They are always so beautiful as they grace our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The deadline to order is November 25. Order cards are in the foyer of the church, or you can email the church office to reserve one. The cost is \$10 each.



November 9
8:30 am
Coffee Shop Cafe



November 15
Noon
Fellowship Hall



- Martha Kirkpatrick-----11/4
Tami Vaughan-----11/5
Verna Arp-----11/7
Cathy Williams-----11/9
Sophia Mullens-----11/11
William Mullens-----11/11
David Lofland-----11/13
Joan Wright-----11/18
Connie Lindberg-----11/20
Jim Morris-----11/20
Grady Williams-----11/29



Thank you, my Lord, for the grace you are giving for me every day of my life. I understand that I don't deserve what I receive from you, that you give me all the things in advance. I am weak and fail so often, but your grace is endless, and I understand that without your help I can do nothing alone. Your grace makes me feel so grateful and loving not only for you, Lord, but for the all your people I meet in my life. It gives joy to all the situations of my life. Lord, you are the only source of the grace, so teach me to live according to your will. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Following is an email the church office received from Vanco, the church's online giving source. If you use the GivePlus mobile app to make your contributions to the church, please pay special attention to the email. As always, thanks to each of you for your continued support.



Vanco is getting in touch today, as we have in the past, to let you know we are planning to email your members who use the GivePlus Mobile app to make their gifts.

As we've mentioned earlier, our new free Vanco Mobile app is live now, and churches and members must upgrade to our new app by January 31, 2022.

Churches that have made the move to Vanco Mobile enjoy a better user experience including...

- Easy giving options, including giving to special funds.
- A church member directory and chat function.
- Managing online groups such as Bible studies and prayer ministries.

To inform your members about all the great features and updates in Vanco Mobile, we will email your members using GivePlus Mobile with details about the Vanco Mobile app.

Our message is simply to notify your members that GivePlus Mobile will not be supported or functional after January 31, 2022, as your church moves to the improved Vanco Mobile app. Only church members who use the GivePlus Mobile app will be contacted.

Points to note:

- Members will not be able to make gifts using the GivePlus Mobile app after January 31, 2022.
- Vanco Mobile is free and includes many significant upgrades for users.
- Members' log-in credentials in Vanco Mobile are the same as they are in GivePlus Mobile.

Thank you,

The Vanco Team



Thanksgiving cooks, put on those aprons and get out your favorite recipes so you can bring your best dessert and/or side dish to the church's Thanksgiving luncheon. Won't it be wonderful to gather again to express thankfulness for all that God has blessed us with! The church will provide the meat and the drinks.

We'll gather right after worship on Sunday, November 14, in the fellowship hall. Invite family and friends to join us as you know there will be plenty of wonderfully delicious food to go around.

OCC Packing Parties Scheduled

The OCC packing parties are set for Saturday, November 6th and Saturday, November 13th, 10 am in the annex, bring your own drinks, cookies provided. We are doing pretty good on items, but still collecting if you feel led to bring something else to pack. College Ave. Baptist isn't doing the collection of OCC boxes anymore, Fellowship Bible Church on Speegleville Rd is where they will be taken this year. As in years past it would greatly help to move all the boxes to my vehicle and possibly another vehicle on Nov. 14 after the Thanksgiving luncheon. National Collection week is Nov 15-22.



The Tom Wolff family wishes to thank the FBC family for their tremendous outpouring of love and support during our time of grief. The prayers, food, flowers, visits, cards and calls are appreciated and comforting. Tom loved FBC. His passing is only a temporary separation. We will all be together again someday. May God richly bless each of you.

The Wolff Family

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 NIV

GLOBAL



witness

Sundays @FBC McGregor 10:45 AM

Pastor's Sermon Series November 7-21

How amazing is it for us in McGregor to be a part of God's global restoration work? Through prayer, giving, and going, we can be a part of God's global witness effort right here in our own little church!

Pastor's Advent/Christmas Sermon Series

There's a line in the classic hymn "O Holy Night," where the songwriter writes: "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'till he appeared and the soul felt its worth."

This year for Advent we will be looking at a few passages that Paul wrote in response to Jesus' coming to earth—what it means for us for our souls to know their worth. That our Heavenly Father, in his infinite love, has poured out on us the hope, peace, joy, and love that this world so desperately longs for, and how we too can help others know their worth before God.

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Advent/Christmas @ FBC McGregor
Nov. 28: Sharing Hope
Dec. 5: Finding Peace
Dec. 12: Bringing Joy
Dec. 19: Offering Love
Dec. 24: Candles and Carols (PM)
Dec. 26: Bearing Light

Join us each Sunday @ 10:45 AM as we reflect on
Jesus' coming into our world.



Fluffy Apple-Cheddar Biscuits

goodhousekeeping.com

3 c. all-purpose flour
3 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. plus 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 c. peeled, finely chopped Granny Smith apple
3/4 c. shredded extra-sharp Cheddar cheese
10 tbsp. butter, frozen and coarsely grated
2 green onions, thinly sliced
1/2 tsp. black pepper
3/4 c. whole milk
1 large egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 400°. Line large cookie sheet with parchment paper.

In large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in apple, Cheddar, butter, green onions, and black pepper. Make well in center of mixture. Add milk and egg; slowly stir together until combined but still shaggy.

Transfer dough to lightly floured surface; gently knead until dough just comes together. Gently pat into 1"-thick square. With floured chef's knife, cut dough into 16 squares. Arrange on prepared sheet, spacing 1" apart. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until bottoms are deep golden brown. Serve warm. Biscuits can be baked, cooled completely and stored in airtight container at room temperature up to 2 days. Just before serving, reheat in 425° oven 8 minutes or until hot.

Grandma Carol's Pumpkin Roll

allrecipes.com

3 eggs, beaten
1 cup white sugar
2/3 cup pumpkin puree
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons butter
1 (16 ounce) package confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans
2 teaspoons confectioners' sugar for dusting, or as needed

Preheat oven to 400°. Butter a 12x17-inch jelly roll pan and line with parchment paper; butter the parchment paper. Generously dust a kitchen towel with confectioners' sugar.

Beat eggs, white sugar, and pumpkin together in a bowl until creamy.

Sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg together in a separate bowl; gradually stir into egg mixture. Stir to combine. Spread batter evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake in the preheated oven for exactly 10 minutes.

Immediately turn cake onto the prepared kitchen towel. Starting at a long end, roll up pumpkin cake and towel. Let rolled cake rest for 10 minutes.

Beat cream cheese, butter, 16-ounce package confectioners' sugar, and vanilla extract together in a bowl until smooth; fold in pecans.

Unroll cake; spread with the filling. Roll up cake (without towel). Cut off any jagged ends. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Cut cake in half if desired; sprinkle with confectioners' sugar before serving.



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