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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER**

- Upward Basketball Evaluation November 7
- Blood Drive November 9
- Upward Basketball Evaluation November 10
- Guest Speaker in Services November 13
- Building Team Presentation November 13
- Women's Trip to Moody Gardena November 19
- Church Vote (Morning Services) November 20
- Thanksgiving Banquet November 20
- Baby Dedication November 20
- No Wed. Night Activities November 23
- Church Office Closed November 24
- Church Office Closed November 25
- Deacons Banquet November 29

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER**

- Christmas Parade December 2
- Christmas on Green/Christmas Musical December 11
- Children's Christmas Party December 18
- No Activities December 21

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**BUDGET RECEIPTS**

Weekly Requirements.....	\$14,606.81
Budget Receipts for .....October 2.....	\$16,747.00
Budget Receipts for .....October 9.....	\$19,580.73
Budget Receipts for .....October 16.....	\$13,077.75
Budget Receipts for .....October 23.....	\$17,230.39
Budget Receipts for .....October 30.....	\$10,427.85

TAG (To All Generations) To Date ....\$661,877.54

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**November, 2011:  
An Historic Month of Decision  
For First Baptist Church**

- Building Team Presentation Nov. 13 at 3:00 pm
- Church Vote Nov. 20 at 8:30 & 11:00 am concerning Building Recommendation
- Ground Breaking Nov. 20 at 4:00 pm
- Thanksgiving Dinner & Celebration Nov. 20 at 6:00 pm

After months of arduous planning, study, investigation, and discussion, the Building Team of First Baptist Church is proud to present to the church its recommendation for the construction of our facilities on our MLK property. The team is recommending a Construction Manager at Risk method of construction that would guarantee to the church a "not to exceed price" for construction.

The team will make its presentation to the church in a special called business meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 3:00 pm in the FLC. We chose this setting to give optimum time for presentation, questions, and discussion. As is our tradition, we will spend the week of Nov. 13-20 in prayer, seeking God's clear leadership in this matter. On Sunday, Nov. 20 during both worship services, the church will vote its pleasure concerning the building plan and construction cost. (In September, 2010, the church authorized the financing for this project.)

Assuming a strong affirmative vote to move forward, our church will conduct a ceremonial Ground Breaking event on our property that same Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm. (If the church tables or turns down the recommendation, we will postpone our groundbreaking.) After the groundbreaking, we will return to our downtown property for our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, which will have an extra air of celebration for all that God has done.

This relocation vote is an historic decision in the future of our church. **Make every effort to be a part of all these events.** Make sure that you would give ample time this month for spiritual preparation for this important decision.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**



On November 20 at 6pm we will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner. You may purchase your tickets in the FLC lobby. Adults \$5.00, Children 12 and under \$2.00, Family Max \$20.00. If you have joined FBC since last Thanksgiving you are our honored guest and your meal will be free.

**Ministerial Staff**

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Pastor
- John Bickham.....746-2573  
Music
- Jason Fuller.....988-0268  
Students
- Todd Beasley.....670-1581  
Spiritual Development

## First Impressions

### Building Vote and Groundbreaking – November 20

Sunday, November 20 will be an historic day in the history and future of First Baptist Church of Orange. Our church will take the next step toward the total relocation of our facilities and ministries. Please be present for the presentation and discussion of our Building Team's recommendation on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13. Assuming a positive vote on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have our formal groundbreaking ceremony for our new construction on MLK Drive at 4:00 pm. With the signing of a construction contract and the closing of our interim financing loan, our contractor will begin to coordinate the schedule and procure materials, and we will actually begin construction around January 1. A vision that was birthed almost 10 years ago will become reality. May God be Praise!

### To All Generations

November 1 begins the third year of our Capital Stewardship Campaign, **To All Generations**. This campaign has raised almost \$700,000 toward our committed goal of \$1.1 million. As you can tell by quick figuring, we are a little behind as we begin this final 12-month push. Now is the time to bear down to give like never before. To commit to build is also a commitment to give. Our operating budget giving has dramatically changed for the better, so let's do the same for this key element in our relocation.

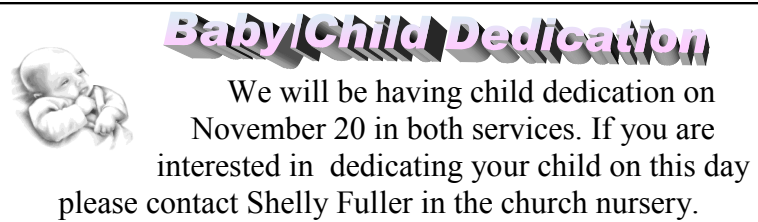
Continue to pray for our Building Team, Capital Finance Team, Groundbreaking Team, and all of the work groups as they lead our church through this exciting time. Pray for our contractor and sub-contractors as they labor for us and God's Kingdom. Pray that our church will step up to this time of challenge and commitment.

### Congratulations


Congratulations to John and Trina Bickham for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service to First Baptist Church. Words cannot express our gratitude to God for the Bickham family and their ministry to us. Be sure to tell John and Trina a big THANK YOU!

### Patience

Recently, I read three different sayings about Patience:  
 "I want Patience...AND I WANT IT NOW!"  
 "Patience has its limits...take it too far and it becomes cowardice."  
 "Patience comes to those who wait on it!"  
 The first statement talks about impatience. The second talks about being too patient. The third talks about real patience. I know we are all anxious about our building project (and about many other things in our lives). We cannot be impatient. We cannot be too patient so as to become cowardly. Genuine patience is the fruit of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. When our focus is on Him, patience will be just as we need it—Right on Time. And, our building (and all the other things in life) will be right on time!




**Baby/Child Dedication**  
 We will be having child dedication on November 20 in both services. If you are interested in dedicating your child on this day please contact Shelly Fuller in the church nursery.




**Women's Day of Fun**  
**November 19, 2011**  
**Leave church at 9:00 am**  
**\$6.00 plus money for two meals**  
 Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for a day of fun in Galveston and then end the day viewing the Festival of Lights at Moody Gardens. You may sign up in the FLC lobby or by calling the church office. Deadline for signing up is November 14th.

**Ladies Pajama Party**  
**December 1, 2011**  
**6:30 pm 8:30 pm**  
**Alice Martin's Home**  
 Ladies wear your pajama's and join us for a night of fun and fellowship. We are asking everyone to bring a new baby sleeper outfit that will be donated to the Hope Center. Check bulletin for more information.




**No Senior Adult Luncheon for the month of November. Make sure you buy your tickets for the Thanksgiving Banquet that will be on Sunday night November 20.**



**Wednesday**  
**November 9, 2011**  
**4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday Night Menu for the Month of November**




**November 9 - Enchiladas**  
**November 16 - Hamburgers**  
**November 20 - Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**November 30 - Chicken Fricassee**

**MISSION OFFICE**  
**List of Items Needed for Food**  
**Pantry in the Month of November**





Spaghetti & Sauce	Macaroni & Cheese
Saltine Crackers	Oatmeal
Peanut Butter	Cookies
Canned Meats	Bars of Soap
Canned Soup	Dishwashing Liquid
Canned Peas	Small Detergent
Sugar	Toilet Paper

Don't forget that your empty coke cans can help out the Mission's Office to purchase food. Please place cans in trash can in the FLC lobby.




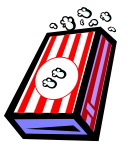

**Upward Basketball**  
 It is time to start registering your child for Upward Basketball. The cost per child is \$78.00; Deadline for registration is November 10. Basketball shorts are included in the registration cost.  
 Everyone must attend one basketball evaluation. They will take place at FBC as follows:  
**Kindergarten through 6th Grade Boys/Girls**  
**Monday, November 7, between 5:30p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, November 10, between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**  
 League Schedule:  
 Practices begin the week of Monday, January 2, 2012.  
 First Game— Saturday, January 14, 2012  
 Awards Celebration—Saturday, March 3, 2012  
**If you would like to coach a team or volunteer to help in other areas such as devotions, evaluations, etc., please call the church office.**




*We would like to thank our church family for recognizing our 10th anniversary. We have loved serving alongside each of you; it has truly been an honor to do so. Many of you are not aware that when we came here we came very broken after the loss of our daughter. Your love and acceptance of our family has allowed us to heal and for that we could never thank you enough. We love you all so much! And if He delays his coming, we look forward to seeing where God will bring us as a church family in the years ahead.*  
**John & Trina Bickham**

**Coming Soon – Online Giving**  
 In a few weeks you will be able to make payments online thru our web-site. The online site will be set up to accept payments by ACH (your checking account) or by debit or credit cards. You will be able to pay your tithe, TAG pledge, or make payments for trips, camps, and other events sponsored by our church. Once the site is set up we will send out information with all the details you will need to know to take advantage of this option.

**Orange Christmas Parade Open House**  
**December 2, 2011**  
 We need volunteers to help serve Hot Chocolate, Pop Corn and greet on December 2 for the Orange Christmas parade. If you can help please contact Jason Fuller or the church office at 886-7461.

**Men's Monday Night Bible Study Locations**  
**6:30PM**  
 November 14 - Don Ball - 1720 Camelot Dr., Orange  
 November 21 - Canceled  
 November 28 - Allan Ladd - 4709 Frost Place  
**Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, food and Bible study.**



**Operation Christmas Child Collection Sunday Morning**  
**Deadline - November 20, 2010**  
*You have the option now to make your donation online by using a credit or debit card and then print out the EZ gift label included in your e-mail receipt. The barcode on the label will enable you to track each shoe box gift. When shoe boxes begin shipping overseas, you will receive an e-mail telling you the destination of your gift, along with information about Operation Christmas Child in that country.* [https://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/EZ\\_Give\\_Donations/FOLLOW\\_YOUR\\_BOX](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/EZ_Give_Donations/FOLLOW_YOUR_BOX). We have envelopes available for those who choose not to donate online and empty shoe boxes available in the church office. Please contact Mary Gonzalez for more information.

### GIFT IDEAS

- TOYS**  
 small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES**  
 pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- HYGIENE ITEMS**  
 toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
- OTHER**  
 Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)
- A PERSONAL NOTE**  
 In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)
- DO NOT INCLUDE:**  
 Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

SUNDAY MORNING	
8:30 am	Celebration Worship
9:45 am	Connection Groups
11:00 am	First Journey Worship
11:00 am	TREK 252
6:30 pm	Connection Groups (Youth)
MONDAY EVENING	
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
TUESDAY MORNING	
6:30 am	Prayer Time With the Pastor
WEDNESDAY EVENING	
5:15 - 6:30 pm	Meal
<b>(Adults \$4.00, Children - \$2.00, Family - \$15.00)</b>	
6:00- 6:30 pm	Prayer Time
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Foothold
9:00 pm	Crave - College