



# *The* Messenger

November 2019

As we slide toward the end, not just of a year, but of another decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I think it is appropriate for us to stop and congratulate ourselves on what we have accomplished in the last 19 months together:

- Renewal/Revision of By-Laws to better suit the needs of the church as it currently works;
- Renewal/Re-formation of Diaconate;
- Reflection on Church Covenant and Renewal of Commitment to each other;
- Reflection on identity as Baptists, and as members of this particular Baptist church;
- Renovation of a significant room in our building for use for future programs.

We have almost completely filled our leadership needs for 2020 and have wonderful participation from a broader group of individuals in those positions. Some members of our Congregational Council are rolling off for a much-needed rest, and some are finding other roles which offer them different ways to use their gifts. Personally, I want to express gratitude to the current leadership, who have put quite a bit of extra time, not to mention long terms of office, into making these healthy changes possible:

Jackie Asbury (Associate Moderator), Fran Christie (Personnel), Susan Epling (Fellowship), Dwight Mays (Denominational Relations), Karen Painter (Ministry Support), Bundy Potter and Clif Potter (Worship), Amy Ray (Finance), Jim Ray (Facilities), Nancy Sale (Missions), Susan Spencer (Church Clerk and Missions), and Parks Snead (Moderator)

I hope you will express your gratitude to them as well. There are many others who have put in extra time and effort to serve this church. I know that you do so out of your love for this church, and I am grateful to be part of such a loving community. Thank you for all that you are doing and will do in the next year.

### Thanksgiving Mission Project:

\*This year, we are partnering with Interfaith Outreach Association and the Fairview Community Center to offer a Thanksgiving Market at the Community Center on Saturday, November 23rd. You can help! You can donate to the project (any amount is welcome, but \$75 covers the supplies for one family); you can help us set up and work the market on 11/23! Your donations will be accepted in our offering plates on Sundays, or you can bring them by (or mail them to) the church office before November 15!

### Poinsettias:

\*Forms are available now in the church office and the Narthex for you to order your poinsettias for Advent. Order forms need to be completed and paid for by November 22nd!

## JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS!

### SEARCHERS

Meets in the Brooks Education Wing downstairs @ 9:45 a.m.

### FORMATIONS

Meets in the Parlor @ 9:45 a.m.

THE FORUM Meets in the Brooks education Wing downstairs @ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

## SEARCHERS CLASS NOVEMBER

In November the *Searchers Class* will continue discussing a section of *Devotional Classics*, edited by Richard Foster and James Smith. The second section of "The Compassionate Life (The Social Justice Tradition)" includes writings by Elizabeth O'Connor, John Wesley, Catherine of Siena, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Come and join us!

## FORMATIONS CLASS FOR NOVEMBER

The adult *Formations Class* meets on Sunday mornings in the parlor, beginning at 9:45 a. m. We are a bible study group, using resource material published by Smyth & Helwys, from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Each quarter's lessons explores a theme based on text from the Bible. November: "After This Life", Job, Isiah, Matthew and Revelations. December: "Luke's Christmas Story". Come and join us for study and discussion. All are welcome.

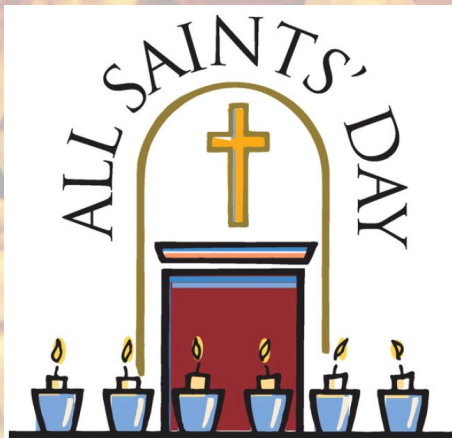
### PBC Weekly Happenings

- Sunday: Christian Education 9:45 & 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am
- Monday: McNeely Group 7:30 am
- Tuesday: Craft Group 2:00 pm
- Wednesday: Bible Study 10:30 am
- Wednesday: Open sanctuary 7:00 am—9:30 am
- Thursday: Walking Group 9:00 am  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm

# November 3rd



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### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

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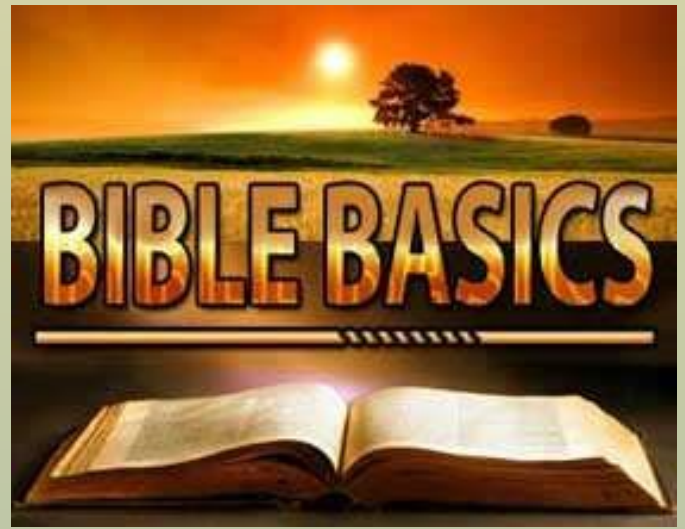
### VISION STATEMENT

We are faithful and loving servants of God who believe that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord. We are a spiritual, ecumenical congregation, called by God, bound by faith, united in fellowship, dedicated to freedom, and engaged in God's work of mission and outreach.

## New Spiritual Formation Offerings

**Bible Basics:** This is a once-monthly class, offered during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings). This class is open to all ages, and will focus on gaining Bible knowledge—learning the books of the Bible, learning how the Bible was formed, learning about the different genres of Bible books, and what each one means in terms of interpreting those books. We will play games, have Bible drills and enjoy breakfast snacks together on the following dates:

11.24    1.26    2.23    3.29    4.26    5.24



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**Open Sanctuary Quiet Hours:** Wednesday mornings from 7am-9:30am our pastor will be present in the sanctuary to offer quiet hours. Reading materials will be available, and the sanctuary will be open for anyone who would like to come and sit quietly. The sanctuary will also be open during the week when church staff is in the building (9am-2pm most days) for anyone who would like to come sit quietly and pray or read or meditate.

## Basement Renovation

Many thanks to our Basement Renovation Team: Vic Angell, Elizabeth Cook, Jeff Curcio, Margaret Daniel, Bill Fleming and Jim Ray! With great help from Nicole Zulauf (who turns out to be a master at making old stuff disappear) and donations of a beautiful pool table set from Sam and Donna Johnson and a donation of money for furniture and equipment, they are completing this first phase of our renovations. The room will be welcoming and comfortable, friendly and fun, and we are all looking forward to finding all the ways that this room will serve us well in the future. We have been given permission, by Suzanne McNeely, to consider naming the room “McNeely’s,” as a tribute to the ministry of Steve McNeely here at Peakland Baptist Church. We believe that using his name will reflect a desire to model the hospitality of the room after Steve’s gifts for welcome and building community. We are working toward an opening event at which we will bless the room and begin its use—we will give plenty of notice once we are able to choose that date. Be sure to tell the Renovation Team how much you appreciate their work on this project!

NOTE: We will be looking for people to **act as host** in our room during open hours. In the near future, we hope to have open hours between 10am and 2pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and then some afternoon and evening hours specifically focused on young people. More information will be coming about the role of host!

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### CHURCH STAFF:

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse  
Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, III  
Nicole Zulauf

Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Office Administrator

Susan Allen  
Debbie Burton  
Allan Heer

Financial Assistant  
Music Director  
Organist

## November Birthdays

1	Hannah Snead
4	Norman Moon
4	Parks Snead, III
5	Adrian Willman
9	Tom Willman
10	Mary Ann Vinson
11	Harrison Cook
12	Elizabeth Taylor
13	Gwynn Ramsey
14	Judy Adams
14	Thomas Cook
15	Diane Russell
15	Leslie Willman
17	Vicki Mays
19	Lucy Cook
20	Bill Carroll
20	Susan Crawford-Luce
23	Thelma Naff
24	Laura Read
28	Lucy Sloan

Join us on Sunday, November 10th at 11 am

## Blue Grass Mass

*Come Away from the Skies:*

*A High Lonesome Mass will be performed by Kentucky Harmony, accompanied by The Chuck Nation Band. Composed & directed by Dr. Tim Sharp*



## Fall Schedule

### November:

- 3 All Saints' Day Rev. Katrina Brooks: Guest Preacher
- 10 Blue Grass Mass Special Worship Service \*11am\* in Sanctuary
- 3-17 Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets
- 23 Thanksgiving Market at Fairview Community Center

November Missions Focus: Interfaith Outreach Association and Fairview Community Center  
Activity: Thanksgiving Market

### December:

- 1 First Sunday of Advent Under 18's meet after church to plan our Special Christmas Project
- 7 Hanging of the Greens Decoration Party 9:30am (Poinsettias will be delivered)
- 8 Open House at the Parsonage
- 14 Cookie Baking and Parent Shopping Day \*10am-2pm\* Parents can drop off children of any ages to go do any Christmas preparations they need to do (or to just go rest up!) teens 14 or over will be paid \$\$ to help!
- 15 Young People Lead in Worship
- 22 Love Feast during Worship
- 24 Christmas Eve Service

December Missions Focus: Global Missions and Jubilee Toy Drive  
Activity: Jubilee Toy Drive

*December 24-Jan. 1 Church Office Closed for holiday*