# Pastor's Corner

It's November and time for Thanksgiving. What would happen if we each one focused upon giving God sincere thanks each day of the month and not repeating the same thing every day? Do you think we would begin to develop a greater habit of gratitude as opposed to ingratitude?

One event in my life that had a great impact with regard to thanksgiving happened several years ago when Connie and I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to England. The group we were with went to East Sheen, in Richmond upon Thames area. While in the United Kingdom, the country was celebrating "The Harvest Festival". The church where we were serving had decorated the auditorium and were using the front altar as a place where church members brought their tangible gifts and spent some time thanking God for His manifold blessings. By the time we left, the entire front of the platform was filled not only with can goods, but also fresh vegetables and other fall items. What impressed me was how the members of the church came to the altar to give to God their offering, not out of obligation, but as a gift of thanksgiving to Him for all He has done for them. May we use our altar to come before the Lord and give thanks? In Psalms 9:1, David said, "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."

Bro Randy

During the month of November, we will be accepting donations for the Baytown Boys Shelter Christmas Wish List. Items may be brought by the church office or placed in the stocking in the sanctuary foyer. A list of the requested items is on the table beside the stocking. All items collected will be delivered to the San Jacinto Baptist Association office December 5, 2021.

# Christmas Nativities 2021

As part of our church Christmas celebration this year, we would like to have a beautiful display of nativities in our foyer during the month of December. Please contact Linda Overton (281.610.6240) or the church office (713.472.0450) if you have nativities you would like to share. You may bring them to the church November 21 - 28. We will have them displayed beginning Sunday, December  $5^{th}$ . The Christmas season is a great time to invite someone to join you at church. Thank you for your participation.

### **Guidelines for Christmas Nativities 2021:**

- Bring nativities during the week of November 21 28.
- 2. We will try to be extremely careful, but accidents do happen. Please do not bring very valuable or very sentimental items.
- 3. Bring them carefully wrapped. Wrappings will be shared under the tables so they can be easily found later.
- 4. You may bring more than 1 nativities if you like. The fuller the tables are, the more beautiful they will be.
- 5. Prominently attach your name to your nativity's wrapping. You may also include a brief, one line statement about your item(s) that adds meaning for those viewing the display.
- 6. Please pick up your nativity after the service on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Items not picked up that day will be carefully wrapped and placed in the church library.

# NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>Q1</b> Steve Phelps, Mary Mitchell - birthdays	9 to 11:45 AM – Food Pantry	6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study Snooks Nolen, Lisa Villanueva, Anthony Amaya - birthdays	W. D. Alfred – birthday	<b>05</b> Josh Purvis, Ashley Brackeen - birthdays	06  Fernando Gonzalez - birthday
8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service	<b>Q8</b> Paula Thorp –  birthday	09	6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study Janet Poage - birthday	<b>11</b> Arash Keyhani - birthday	12	13  Roman Chavez - birthday
8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service Kathy Pond, Brian Hance- birthdays	15	<b>16</b> 9 to 11:45 AM – Food Pantry	17 6 PM Prayer Service and Bible Study Melinda Keyhani - birthday	18	19 Shorty Harrison - birthday	<b>20</b> Paula Crandall - birthday
8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service Debbie Brooks - birthday	<b>22</b> Gary Gray - birthday	23	24 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	THANKSGIVING - SABC OFFICE CLOSED  Ben Glatter - birthday	26 SABC OFFICE CLOSED	27
8:45 AM Celebration Ensemble Rehearsal; 10 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Worship Service Brenda Steyer - birthday	29	30 9 to 11:45 AM – Food Pantry				

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

(\*includes Worship Service and Nursery)

CLASS	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24
Adult	34	26	30	25	32
Youth	1	0	1	1	3
Children	4	3	5	3	5
Preschool	6	4	6	5	6
SS Total Attendance	45	33	42	34	46
Worship Attendance*	60	38	47	54	56

#### BUDGET REPORT

	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24
Budget Receipts	\$3,889.50	\$9,564.00	\$1,721.00	\$5,271.00	\$4,145.00
Budget Requirements	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00	\$4,682.00
Budget Receipts YTD	\$148,367.64	\$157,931.64	\$159,652.64	\$164,923.64	\$169,069.14
Budget Requirements YTD	\$182,598.00	\$187,280.00	\$191,962.00	\$196,644.00	\$201,326.00
Missions	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$40.00

Food Pantry Report for September, 2021							
Money Received	Money Disbursed	Families Served	Volunteer Hours	# of Lives committed to Christ	# New applicants	# of bags distributed	
\$582.00	\$173.56	17	55	2	11	16	

# THANK YOU

Dear Church Family:

My wife and I would like to extend our appreciation for all the calls, cards, and prayers through our recent illness. Your love and support means a lot to us both.

Felix Marrero

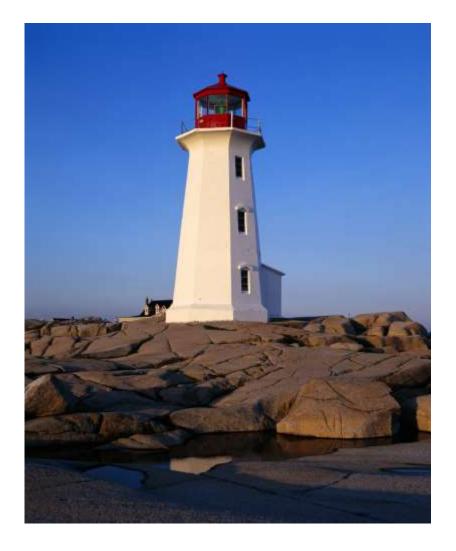
# MEMORIAM

(remembering the families of our SABC members)

Karen Dancey – 6/8/1946 – 10/4/2021

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November, 2021 Volume XLII Issue # 11 "A burning lighthouse for a coming Savior" is the SABC motto. Since 1953 this church has brought the light of that Savior, Jesus Christ, to hundreds of people in Pasadena and Deer Park. Jesus Christ is still the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still the head of the Church, and we are supremely honored to be His people, His army, His servants. We thank Him for His faithfulness in the past and look forward to His mighty works in and through us in the future.