

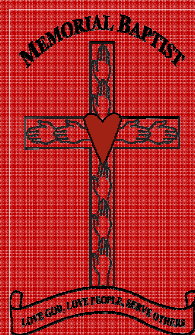
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# The Heartbeat Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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# Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his  
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
**5 P.M.**

## I LOVE FALL!

I love Fall! I love the cooler morning temperatures and the warm afternoons. I love Friday Night Football in October and November. I love everything pumpkin and the beginning of soup season. I love college football on a sunny Fall day. I love Halloween candy and pumpkin decorations. I love apple doughnuts and apple cider. I love hayrides, bonfires, and leaves. I love October baseball and the official start to basketball season. Not much I don't like about Fall.

I know some in the church don't like to do much around the Halloween season, but it does occur in the Fall and therefore I am all for it. Halloween has become one of my favorite times of the year because of my neighbors. We used to not do much in our neighborhood but in recent years it has become a celebration in our neighborhood. A time to meet neighbors and families and experience community. We will be outside from about 6-9 on Halloween night enjoying the evening.



Many years ago, our church decided to start doing our trunk or treat celebrations or fall festivals on a night before the actual Halloween date. Churches started those ministries to give families an alternative to Halloween that was more family and church friendly. They are a great opportunity to have members of the community at our church to get to know us and be a positive part of the community. While there is nothing wrong with that, we also wanted to give our members an opportunity to be home on Halloween. It is the only day of the year where you can count on people showing up at your doorstep. An opportunity to meet and get to know your actual neighbors. An opportunity to be intentional about building relationships with those who live around you with the hope that the relationship can grow. The hope that maybe that relationship will lead to opportunities to serve them and invite those people to be part of our church family.

One of my neighbors does a big production on Halloween. Hundreds & hundreds of people show up to experience the show. It is quite an event! It allows us to meet and talk with lots of people and to show God's love through a typical non-church holiday. We love it and I want to encourage you to look for opportunities to serve your neighbors as well. While most are just looking for some candy on Halloween, I want you to think outside the box this year. How can you do more to serve your neighbors?

Maybe a quick conversation that ends with a "Is there a way I can pray for you?" Maybe sitting outside so you can meet the entire family, not just the costumed children that knock on your door. Maybe having an extra treat (gift card, bigger treat pack, something special) for your neighbors closest to your house. Maybe have games to earn candy or face painting or something that takes a few minutes so you can have some meaningful conversations with your neighbors.

Whatever creative ideas you come up with, I hope you follow through with it. We are encouraged in Scripture to be in community with one another. A lot of people are not involved in a Biblical community of believers. This Halloween lets look for ways to turn a typically pagan holiday into one where God is exalted and glorified because we chose to be intention in our efforts to grow our community. Paul said in 1 Corinthians chapter 9 that he had, "Become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

I hope you have a Happy Halloween & that God is glorified because of your efforts!

Running with Him,

Lee



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	2	3	4 Toby Mac Concert
5 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b> Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. Deacon Mtg., 12:15 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	6	7 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> GYF Lunch Trip, 11:30 A.M.	8 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	9	10	11
12 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	13	14 KBC Annual Mtg., Somerset	15 Bible Study, 10 A.M. KY Blood Drive Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	16 Bunco, 6 P.M.	17	18 Ladies Book Club, 10 A.M.
19 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. Thanksgiving Dinner, 5 P.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	20	21	22 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service & Facebook, 10:50 A.M. SNL, 4:30 P.M. Youth, 6 P.M.	27	28	29 Bible Study, 10 A.M. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M.	30 GYF Derby Dinner Playhouse Trip	<b>Office Closed 23rd &amp; 24th</b>	

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## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study 10 A.M.  
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6-7:30 P.M.  
 Awana (ages 3 - 8th grade) 6-7:30 P.M.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice 8:30 A.M.  
 Children & Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:40 A.M.  
 Adult Bible Study 9:40-10:40 A.M.  
 Sunday Worship 10:50 A.M.—12 NOON

## BIRTHDAY

3 John Reed  
 9 David Starkey  
 15 Scott Quire  
 25 Betty Mason  
 26 Victoria Wallace  
 27 Linda Chilton

## CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

The Christian Book Club will start on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10 A.M. We will be reading Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. You can contact Dianna Moore or Deb Colston.

## MISSIONS

We are collecting paper towels, tissues & baby wipes for Second Street School. We will also be collecting gently used shirts, pants, socks ( no holes, tears, or stains) and new underwear to support the School Resource Office. This will be an ongoing collection. If you have any questions, contact Dianna Moore.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for sharing dinner with us on Sunday. We enjoy showing off our cars and meeting such nice people like the members of Memorial Baptist Church. Keeping all of you in our prayers during these stressful times.  
Joe & Beverly Thornberry

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

Third Thursday, November 16 in the Youth Area. They will have light snacks from 6-6:30 P.M. and Bunco starts at 6:30 A.M. If you are interested, go to the Cinderellas Closet Central KY.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday November, 23 & Friday, November 24  
For the Thanksgiving Holiday

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SNL (Sunday Night Live)

Sunday Nights in Kid's Cove from 4:30- 5 P.M.

### YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

Sunday Nights at 6 P.M. at the Meadows' House.

### TOBY MAC CONCERT

Toby Mac, MercyMe, & Zach Williams Concert on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at KFC Yum Center in Louisville, KY. See Lee Meadows about tickets.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIMES ENDS

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Remember to set your clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

### DEACON MEETING

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Deacons will meet in Graham's Bible study room.

### GYF LUNCH / MEETING

Tuesday, November 7 We will have lunch at Red Lobster, 1848 Alysheba Way in Lexington. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 A.M.

### 186TH KBC ANNUAL MEETING

November 14, 2023 at First Baptist Church, 128 N. Main Street, Somerset, KY. For more information or to download the KBC Annual Meeting App, go to <https://www.kybaptist.org/annual/meeting/>

For the Record

	Sunday Sept. 24	Sunday Oct. 1	Sunday Oct. 8	Sunday Oct. 15	Sunday Oct. 22	Totals
Bible Study	51	38	42	40	43	
Worship Service	63	47	63	55	51	
Facebook	60-6	64-3	84-9	140-5	120-3	
Budget Offerings	6,173.00	2,291.00	2,381.00	6,626.00	4,513.00	21,984.00
Lord OT Harvest	1,050.00	650.00	300.00	1,185.00	1,100.00	4,285.00
Designated Gifts	486.43	439.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	1,000.43
Online Giving	1,012.00	786.56	0.00	720.00	380.00	2,898.56
Total Gifts	8,721.43	4,166.56	2,681.00	8,531.00	6,068.00	30,167.99



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## Future Events

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We are collecting items for Thanksgiving boxes. We will need boxed instant potatoes, mac & cheese, stuffing, & desserts, canned corn, green beans, peas, fruit, & cranberry sauce. We will collect items as well as money to purchase food during November. Please put items the box in the Narthex. Money to purchase items for the boxes can be put in the offering plate marked "Thanksgiving boxes." Items and money need to be at the church by Sunday, November 19.