

# The NEWSLETTER

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## *The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away . . . Job 1:21*

*“Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”*

In response to the fierceness of satan’s rapid fourfold assault (Job 13-19), including the sudden loss of his 10 children, Job made this statement, **“Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: The Lord gave (this is easy to say), and the Lord hath taken away (this is harder to say); blessed be the name of the Lord** (it takes real faith to say that) Job 1:21. Recognizing God’s sovereign rights on his life, Job praised the Lord. It is remarkable to note that Job followed *adversity* with *adoration*, and *woe* with *worship*!

Some recent events in the life of the Klass family have caused me to ponder the profound truth found in this verse. The primary one being; Wyatt Benjamin’s birth on August 28th (our 4th grandchild) and Mom Hudberg’s passing on October 5th (Cathy’s mother). The Lord gave, and the Lord took away. What a paradox—but such is the circle of life, birth on one end and death on the other. But in all of life’s tragedies and triumphs, we still worship the Lord!

Our God possesses many incredible attributes. Among many He is:

- \* *eternal*
- \* *immutable* (unchanging)
- \* *gracious*
- \* *merciful*
- \* *loving*
- \* *faithful*
- \* *sovereign*
- \* *perfectly righteous*  
(He never makes a mistake)

What comforting assurance these last two attributes are, especially in those times when we really don’t understand God’s ways. This includes the up’s and down’s of life that many in Friendship’s membership have recently experienced:

- times of health and seasons of sickness
- the excitement of new life and the sorrow of death
- seasons of abundance and times of want
- the joy of happy days and the disheartenment of sad days
- days of ease and days of adversity
- etc

Through them all, we possess the full assurance that God is sovereign (in control of all things) and perfectly righteous (He always does the right thing)! The words of the 3rd verse of the song “In Christ Alone” express it well, “from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.”

As we enter into this thanksgiving season, let’s attempt to model Job’s response, even when we don’t understand God’s ways, “. . . Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

“In everything give thanks . . .”  
(1 Thess 5:18),

Pastor & Cathy

### **THANK-YOU CARDS**

Has someone been a particular blessing to you this year? Say “thank you” with one of the FBC Thanksgiving Cards located at the Visitor Center. Write a short note of gratitude and return the blessing.

### **PASTOR APPRECIATION THANK-YOU**

While preparing for my message this morning from 1 Timothy 5 about “Taking care of your pastor”, I was reminded again about the over-abounding love and care that Friendship exhibits to us. Not only in the month of October, but throughout the year.

Every gift, note, word and act are deeply appreciated!

Honored and privileged to be your under-shepherd,

*Pastor and Cathy*



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BABIES!

Congratulations to Sierra & Carl Michel and grandparents Lana and Larry Chambers. Colby Greyson was born October 8th at 5:53 am and weighed in at 8 lbs 2oz and 20 inches long. Congratulations also to Rachel & Bryan Andersen. Karly Jo was born on October 19th (one day before her big brother's birthday!) weighing 8 lbs 9oz and 20.5 inches long. These babies are true blessings from the Lord!

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY | NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

On Friday, November 10th, at 5:30 p.m., Friendship will be hosting a spaghetti dinner for 100 local and out-of-town Special Olympians who are competing in the State Basketball tournament. We are providing all the food and will need folks who are willing to help with cooking, food donations, set up, and clean up. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Myrna Summers or Diane Liggett. A sign-up sheet for food donations will soon be available.

## HONORING OUR VETS | NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Veterans' Day is Saturday, November 11th, and we will be recognizing and honoring our vets on Sunday, Nov. 12th, in the morning service. One way we'll recognize these important people is through a slideshow of FBC vets developed by Chris Rolan. To include a veteran you would like to honor, simply email a photo to Chris (crolan@bresnan.net) no later than Thursday, November 9th. Let's show some love to those who've sacrificed a lot on our behalf.

## BIBLESTICK DONATIONS | THRU NOV 12<sup>TH</sup>

We will gather donations through November 12th for this outstanding program to help our nation's heroes and their families. A Military BibleStick provides a service member with the entire Audio Drama New Testament along with specifically selected Psalms chosen to calm, heal, inspire, and encourage those enduring the hardships of military service. Each also includes a response card offering free audio drama bibles to their loved ones at home.

## SHOEBOX STUFFING | NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

Our Sunday School classes will be providing shoebox Christmas gifts to children on the Blackfeet Reservation through our missionaries, Larrie & Carol Bunyan. The kids will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m., just before the Chili feed, on Sunday, November 19th to pack the shoeboxes. Kids can shop with their parents to buy items to put in the boxes and bring it to church that day. We will also provide many items. If you have any questions, please contact Myrna Summers or the church office.

## PRAISE SERVICE & CHILI DINNER | NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

What's the opposite of turkey and dressing? Chili, of course! On Sunday, November 19th, at 6:00 p.m., we will have our annual Praise Service & Chili Dinner. Families are asked to bring a pot of their favorite chili recipe or soup, and either bread or dessert.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEED

Friendship Baptist Church has a solid Children's Ministry with a fantastic group of committed teachers and workers. Our Children's Church is in need of additional couples or ladies who would be willing to teach once a month. No expertise is required and the curriculum is provided for you. The only requirements are a love of kids, a bit of patience, and a little creativity. If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Cathy Klass.

## TRACTS & TREATS UPDATE

This outreach ministry was a great success! Thank you Judy Rosenbaum and Heather Pegram for your time and loving hearts and all who donated candy. They handed out 200 bags of treats that included not only candy, but Halloween tracts proclaiming the Good News and Answers in Genesis truth cards. Please pray for these little ones and their parents, that they will come to know the truth through this material.

## MISSIONS Special Giving Projects

Thank you to all who give through Faith Promise giving to our Missionaries. In addition, donations were given to the following special projects:

- ❖ Arabic Christian Ministries, Arab American Friendship Center..... \$250
- ❖ John Cooley building fund ..... \$400
- ❖ Manna World Wide, Gary Phillips, laptop computer..... \$400
- ❖ The Sehesteds in Romania, a Building Project..... \$250
- ❖ Baptist Bible College, fieldhouse.. \$1000
- ❖ BBFI, Reunion Recreation Fund ... \$250
- ❖ iMap, missionary laptop need ..... \$250
- ❖ Memorial Gift, Kathy Brown ..... \$250
- ❖ Lighthouse Baptist Church, conference expenses ..... \$250
- ❖ Keefer ministries, bus shelter project ..... \$250
- ❖ Gift to Matt Moeller ..... \$250
- ❖ Christian Hendrick, shipping costs to the Congo ..... \$500
- ❖ BB College, fieldhouse roof..... \$500
- ❖ Kidz4Mkz (Missionary Kids)..... \$150
- ❖ Dave Rohr to Latvia ..... \$700
- ❖ Rock of Ages Prison Ministries..... \$250
- ❖ Manna, Gary Phillips, vehicle ..... \$250



## CALENDAR & STATS OCTOBER

Average Sunday Morning  
Attendance: 107  
General Fund to date: .....\$144,911  
Budgeted:.....\$127,301  
Faith Promise Missions (after 23 weeks)  
To date: .....\$33,620  
Budgeted: .....\$35,213  
Total Missions giving (love offerings, special projects, etc.): .....\$1,911

## NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Nov 10 Special Olympians Dinner  
Nov 11 Veterans Day  
Nov 12 Honor Veterans Day  
Nov 19 Children Shoebox Stuffing  
Nov 19 Chili & Praise Service  
Nov 22 No AWANA or Wed Prayer or Teen Service  
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Sandy Rolan (11/2)

## HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- **PRAYER REQUESTS** should be emailed or called in to Julie Bury by Thursday of each week for our church-wide prayer list. Contact Julie at jbury02011@hotmail.com or 495-9878.
- If you've had a **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE**, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

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