

# First Facts

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## Senior Adult News

### THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

*Come fellowship together and give thanks for God's blessings.*



**Thursday, November 17th**

**Time: Noon**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

**Please bring a vegetable & dessert.  
Meat, drinks, and bread provided.**

For more information  
contact Vicki or Randal at 908-3129

*"Therefore I will give thanks to You among the nations,  
O LORD, And I will sing praises to Your name."  
Psalm 18:49 NASB*

## Knowing God & Making Him Known



### Shepherd's Notes

Well glory, God is good! I was reminded of this truth as I read Andrew Murray's devotional thoughts this week:

*"In all the life and work of the Christian everything depends on the consciousness, through faith, of the living Christ's abiding presence with His servants. Though Christ*

*was taken away from us physically we never have to grieve that fact. His Holy Spirit, given to us at salvation, is His very presence night and day with the humblest child of God."*

Praise God for His Holy Spirit who converts, seals, helps, fills, and guides us every day!

Thank you so much for the Pastor Appreciation gift that you gave to me and Constance. We love you all and look forward to great days ahead as His Spirit empowers us for the task ahead.

Please continue to pray for God to send us His person in His time to lead our music ministry. It is a vital and integral part of our worship and we want to know God's will in this important step. Pray also for our deacons as we select and set aside more men to help serve the body.

God bless you; I love you all.

*Bro. Dale*

Pastor Dale Ellenburg



## Stephen Wilson shares with Students



Ms. Angie assisting Stephen in a demonstration.

Have you ever compared your sin to slime or thought about how the consequences of sin make a huge mess?

Stephen Wilson shared with the Children's and Student Ministries on October 26th using science to share his faith.

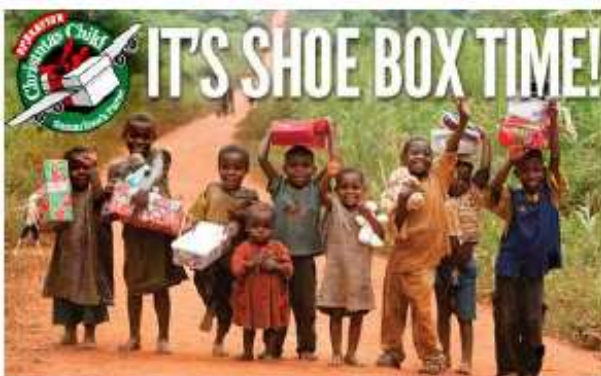
God has given Stephen a gift to reach out to children and adults through science.



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Seeing how chemicals can change an inflated balloon into an object small enough to go into a cup and then back into a regular sized balloon again gets most people's attention, but it is the message that Stephen shares from God's Word that impacts lives.

### Operation Christmas Child



Bring Shoeboxes back by November 13th

### Sunday School Time Change

Beginning on Sunday,  
Nov. 6th Sunday School  
will begin at 9:15 a.m.

If you do not have a Sunday  
School class, please let one  
of the greeters know so  
that they can assist you  
in locating a class.

Or contact the church office  
at 453-4647 for more information.

**Thank You Church Family  
for all your hard work for  
our Fall Festival “Trunk & Treat”**



**Your ministry to the community is a blessing!**



# Celebration Choir Schedule

## November Schedule

- Regular Wednesday Rehearsal on Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30
- Lunch/Rehearsal on Sunday, Nov. 13
- "Wednesday" on Tuesday on Nov. 22
- 4:30 p.m. - Sunday Rehearsal on Nov. 27

Please be in prayer for our choir & Brother Bill Wilkinson as they prepare their hearts and voices to praise the LORD in the upcoming Christmas musical, *"There is a Bethlehem"*

## December Schedule

- Regular Wednesday Rehearsal on Dec. 7 & 14
- 4:30 p.m. - Sunday Rehearsal on Dec. 4
- 6:00 p.m. - Dress Rehearsal on Dec. 17
- Christmas Musical - December 18

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 13 - Special Called Meeting regarding deacon election
- Nov. 20 - Deacon Election
- Nov. 20 - Special Called Meeting to present 2012 Church Budget
- Nov. 22 - "Wednesday on Tuesday" - services moved to Tuesday night the week of Thanksgiving

## Hotel/Motel Ministry

Please remember our hotel/motel ministry in prayer. Each Sunday morning at 8am & 9am, Alan McCarter shares God's Word with those visiting our area at the Capri Motel and Park Grove Inn. Becky Young leads the time of worship as she praises the LORD in song. God has given them a ministry to share His love with those vacationing in our area. Pray for strength, wisdom, and insight as they are obedient to serve where God has called them.



November Awana Dates to Remember:

### Nov. 9th Theme Night

Bring item for the Shoeboxes! We will be packing these!

### Nov. 16th Theme Night

Around the world night! We will be discussing missionaries around the world.

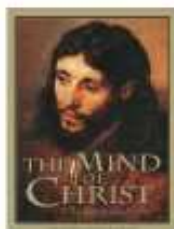
### November 23rd No Awana!

Thanksgiving Holidays

### November 30th Theme Night

P.J. night! Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and we will have hot chocolate and read a book!

\*Remember: Participation in Theme Nights earns you points!! 😊



## Ladies Bible Study

New study starting  
**November 13th**  
at 5:00 p.m. in the Library

God created us to be like Jesus! This study will challenge you to think the thoughts of Christ - to have the mind of Christ. God is in the process of bringing many of His children into glory. The glory we are to have is the glory of being like God's perfect Son, Jesus Christ.

In this 13-week workbook study you will:

- Study how through the aspect of your personality you can experience freedom in Christ
- Learn virtues of godly wisdom
- Study the fruit of the Spirit through developing discernment
- Learn how to become a reflection of Christ through a study of the Beatitudes

If you are ready to be challenged as well as encouraged then this study is for you. The Mind of Christ will exhort you to stand on the promise of Phil 2:5 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Workbook cost \$15  
Call 453-4647 for scholarship information

## Sevier County Food Ministries

890 Old Knoxville Highway—PO Box 6042  
Sevierville TN 37864 - Phone 865.428.5182

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to express to you how much your support of SC Food Ministries is appreciated. The number of families in our area struggling to make ends meet is steadily rising, and we are so thankful for each and every donation that has been given to help us keep up with the increased demand for food.

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, we are looking to friends of our ministry for assistance in providing roasting chickens for our neighbors at Thanksgiving. We expect to serve approximately 1,600 families during Thanksgiving week this year, and any donation—whether it be actual chickens or turkeys, or funds to purchase such—would be greatly welcomed!

We have been truly blessed this year by being able to keep up with the rising demand for food, and also by being able to expand our facilities to better serve our community. Thank you again for your part in helping us continue to provide support and encouragement to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

Lydia Godfrey  
Administrative Assistant

## Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries

PO Box 5968  
Sevierville TN 37864 - Phone 865.908.3153

Fall is here, according to the calendar, but winter is soon coming with snow on Mount LeConte on October 1st. I know most of us may be experimenting for the first time this season with our central air conditioning heat source...or maybe you lit your fireplace or wood stove to check it out for the year. Most take heating for granted, when we adjust our thermostat or throw on another log.

A single mother with two small children called. Her landlord said that she would have to buy the heaters for her small rented RV trailer even though it was rented with amenities. Unfortunately, her situation is more common than you think in our community. We buy heaters many times in cold weather, because a heat source fails or is inadequate for the environment. The landlords many times know the need but will not address the problem, because it is money out of their pocket. The alternative is for the tenant to move but most can't afford the expense and deposits required to relocate.

This is just a minor issue that SMARM faces on a regular basis. The challenge of finding full-time work is a factor we all have been hearing or perhaps know someone who is experiencing the issue. The simple answer is to get a job and work, but many times that is not the complete answer to their problems. I mentioned earlier the single mother who is worrying as to how to keep her children and herself warm. The psychological guilt condition of the single mother thinking I've created a serious condition for my children...maybe thinking she failed as a wife...and now, I'm a failure to my children. Is it any wonder why many of these single parents give up and fall prey to depression, or possibly alcohol or drugs?

As the holiday season approaches, please consider how you may provide help and encourage others to join with you to meet the extra requests that will be placed in our paths.

Thank you for providing the financial resources and prayers to assist SMARM to encourage these struggling adults and innocent children.

In His Service,

Dick Wellons  
Director

## New Baby

Congratulations to Joey & Katy Buck  
on the birth of their daughter

**Elizabeth Ann**

born on October 17th.

Elizabeth's big brother,  
Hayden is four years old.

## Congratulations

### Employment Anniversaries

Louise Large    December 18th    ● 24 years  
Angie Shaffer    December 20    ● 1 year

## Thank You Received

Bro. Dale & Church Family,

How do we even begin to thank you for your love to us. We are so blessed to be given the privilege to be a part of God's family that meets at FBCPF.

We want to thank you for your prayers, financial support, ability to tell people about what God is doing in Kenya as well as so many other ways that we can't even list them here. Know that we love each of you and pray for you as well! We are so blessed to have each of you in our lives!

Don & Paula Nichols, T.H.E.M. Ministries

## Recent Comments from Visitors

- Frank & Bonnie Blackmon, Mississippi - Another great service. We always enjoy worshipping with you. Thanks for being friendly.
- Michael & Amy Smith, Oklahoma - Thank you for your friendly welcome & God honoring service!

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[www.fbcpf.org](http://www.fbcpf.org)

## Tithes & Offerings Report

### Amount Received for Budget

October 2	\$10,753.00
October 9	\$ 9,775.95
October 16	\$ 9,675.48
October 23	\$ 7,553.00
October 30	\$ 8,569.16

**BUDGET TOTAL** \$46,326.59

Designated Receipts \$3,273.80

**Average received per week for budget** \$9,265.32



## DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- Faith Pearcey in the loss of her mother - Vera Youngstrom
- Mike & Melissa Chambers in the loss of their granddaughter - Piper Chambers (age 20 months) Parents are Chad & Ginny Chambers
- Charlotte Maples, Bennie Jenkins, & Betty Robertson in the loss of their aunt - Lona Bull

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

From: Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries, Don & Paula Nichols, Sevier County Food Ministries.

*Cards and letters that are received in the church office are placed on the bulletin board outside the worship center.*

## FIRST FACT INFORMATION

Deadline for items for the First Facts Newsletter is the last Thursday of each month. Holidays or special events may change the deadline date.

The Newsletter can be picked up at each exit of the church or viewed online at [www.fbcpf.org](http://www.fbcpf.org)