

# the TIDINGS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRFIELD

November 2018



## The New City Catechism

Question 44: What is baptism?

Answer: Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Week of Nov. 4

Question 45: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

Answer: No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Scripture: Luke 3:16

Week of Nov. 11

Question 46: What is the Lord's Supper?

Answer: Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Week of Nov. 18

Question 47: Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

Answer: No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18

Week of Nov. 25



Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the Douglas Street hallway.

Please return your box to the church by Wednesday, November 14.

FBC will pay the postage.



### **Church Wide Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Sunday, November 18**  
following the morning worship service.

Please bring two sides:  
Salad, Vegetable  
or Dessert



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### **Our Food Pantry Needs Plastic Bags.**

Please donate your used  
plastic bags in the box  
provided at the  
Douglas Street entrance.



### **Clothes Line Volunteers Needed**

Wednesday, Nov. 14  
Thursday, Nov. 15

Sign up sheet  
on the bulletin board.

### **2018 - 2019 Travelogue**

All programs begin at 7:15 p.m. here at FBC.

Season Tickets are \$30

November 15

*Scenes from an Italian Journey*

January 17

*Exotic Asia*

February 14

*How to Travel the World for Free*

March 14

*Promised Land: Adventures in the Middle East*

April 11

*Venture to Alaska*

Sponsored by Rotary International  
and Wayne County Farm Bureau.

Season tickets are available at  
McDowell, Kenshalo & Jesop and at the  
Wayne County Farm Bureau in Fairfield.

Dear Church Family,

It is a great mercy and privilege  
to be called by God  
and affirmed by this body of believers  
to be your pastor.

I am so very thankful

for the many expressions of your love  
and support for pastor appreciation month.

The cards and the offering  
that was collected  
were a tremendous blessing to us.

I would also like to thank Catherine  
for planning and preparing,  
along with others,  
a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

Affectionately Yours in Christ,

Bennie

## Five Biblical Truths About Thanksgiving

1. **Thanksgiving Is Trinitarian** - The typical pattern of thanksgiving in the New Testament is that God the Father is the object of thanksgiving, God the Son is the person through whom thanksgiving flows, and God the Holy Spirit is the source of thanksgiving. The very presence of thanksgiving points to the Holy Spirit as the source of thanksgiving because without the work of the Spirit it is impossible to please God (Romans 8:5-8).

2. **Thanksgiving Replaces Sin** - When Paul commands believers to stop sinning, he also commands believers to put thanksgiving in its place. The key to unlocking a heart of gratitude and overcoming bitterness and ugliness and disrespect and violence is a strong belief in God, the Creator and Sustainer and Provider and Hope-giver. If we do not believe we are deeply indebted to God for all we have or hope to have, then the very spring of gratitude has gone dry.

3. **Thanksgiving Sanctifies Creation** - How should Christians think about God's good creation? Paul says that it should be received with a heart full of thanksgiving: "Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. For it is made holy by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:4).

4. **Thanksgiving for the Gospel** - We should aim to have our thanksgiving rise in proportion to the value of the object for which we give thanks. Therefore, we should be most grateful for God's work for us in Christ because it unites us to our highest joy - God himself. Paul writes, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4).

5. **Thanksgiving in All Circumstances** - One surprising aspect of thanksgiving is that it's for all circumstances, not just one big meal a year. Paul writes, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Giving thanks in all circumstances is especially difficult while undergoing suffering. How can we be thankful when there's something that hurts so much? We can give thanks in the midst of suffering because it is meant to enlarge our faith, not as punishment (2 Corinthians 4:17-18), and because it is redemptive, not random.

Our suffering is not punishment for our sin - because Christ has borne our punishment in our place (Romans 3:25). The demands of justice have been met. And our suffering is not random - because God is sovereign over it, and through it God is conforming us in the image of his Son (Romans 8:28-29).

Excerpts from [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns  
and spiritual songs, with thankfulness  
in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name  
of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father  
through him.

*Colossians 3:16-17*

### September Offering

Budget Receipts	\$23,779
Online Giving - Budget Receipts	\$7,559
Total Budget Receipts	\$31,338
Mission Illinois Offering	\$500
Building Fund	\$817

### September Average Attendance

Sunday School	150
Sunday Morning Worship	151
Sunday Evening Worship	61
Wednesday Night	38

The Church Office will be closed:



There will be no evening service on  
Sunday, November 18.

There will be no Wednesday Night Discipleship  
Classes on November 21.



Monday,  
November 12



Wednesday, November 21  
Thursday, November 22

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## Worship & Bible Study Times

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Night Prayer & Praise Service 6:00 p.m.

Catechism Study Tuesday 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Discipleship 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Night Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m.

