

New Sermon Series – starting November 13th

I will begin a new sermon series to take us through the end of the year. The sermon series will center on I John, written by the apostle John to all Christians in Asia. This letter shows John’s obvious affection for his “little children” and concern for their spiritual welfare. This book is filled with contrasts: light and darkness (1:6-7; 2:8-11), love of the world and love of God (2:15-17), children of God and children of the devil (3:4-10), the Spirit of God and the spirit of the Antichrist (4:1-3), and love and hate (4:7-12, 16-21). Why not make I John your devotion reading for the next few months?

Pastor Ron

From Ron, Kevin, and Rob:

“Thanks so much for the cards, phone calls, kind words, and gifts—especially during the month of October! Thank you, First Family, for the gracious outpouring of love and support for the staff on Sunday, October 23rd. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve with you at First Christian Church!”

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR NOVEMBER:

- Nov. 2 - Chili Bowl, grilled cheese sandwich, & dessert
- Nov. 9 - Beef Stew, bread, & dessert
- Nov. 16 - Shepherd’s Pie, bread, & dessert
- Nov. 23 - NO MEAL / HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Nov. 30 - Soup Day, salad, bread, & dessert

REMINDER for those who signed up for:

An Intentional Love Marriage Conference with Dr. Randy L. Carlson, Marriage & Family Therapist, host of Intentional Living radio and best-selling author.

Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, Nov. 5th, 1 - 6 p.m.

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
 - 9:00 a.m., Sunday School
 - 10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery
 - 10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1st - 5th Graders *
- (* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

Tuesdays

- 7:00 p.m., Ladies Bible Study (*Connection Café*)

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



Ministry Staff

- Ron Nolen, *Pastor*
- Kevin Adkins, *Minister of Worship & Connections*
- Rob Shawhan, *Youth Minister*

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**First Christian Highlights
NOVEMBER 2011**

“Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others”



**First Family
Thanksgiving
Celebration**

Perry Fairgrounds Ag Center, Miller Venue

**Sunday, November 20th
beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

You are invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Our very own FCC Worship Team and the FCC Youth Band—and other fellow FCCers—will be there, providing special music. It’s going to be a great time and we hope to see you there!

It's GRITS Time Again!

Once again, Perry Volunteer Outreach has asked that we donate 500 (2 lb.) bags of grits to help feed those in need during the holidays. *We are known as the "grits church" since we have been involved in this project for so many years, now.* They count on us to help.



Therefore, we are asking that everyone, from children to adults, use this opportunity as a special way to help others (it is also a good tool for teaching your children about giving to others). You can donate \$2 for each bag of grits (\$4 for two bags, \$6 for three, etc.) and we are designating Sundays, November 13th, 20th, and 27th, as our days to collect the money.

To make it easy, a special envelope will be placed in the bulletin for these three Sundays for your convenience. *It is good to know that we as a church family will be doing our part to help those who truly have needs this Christmas!*

Ladies, this month's **lunch** is going to be at the *Green Derby* in Perry on Thursday, **November 17th**, at **11:30 a.m.** For more information, contact Diane South at 988-9718.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 11/6 - Phil, Ann, Kendall, Jimmy, Kelly, Ken, and Cheryl
 - 11/13 - David, Robin, Elizabeth, Harold, Dalton, Pat, Allen and Jeanne
 - 11/20 - David, Dalton, Amanda, Allan, Robin, Brenda, Lee, and Linda
 - 11/27 - Larry, Carolyn, Lynn, Margaret, Kayleigh, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara
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NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 11/2 - Lisa A.
 - 11/6 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
 - 11/9 - Melinda L.
 - 11/13 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh
 - 11/16 - Brandy
 - 11/20 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER
 - 11/23 - VOLUNTEER
 - 11/27 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl
 - 11/30 - VOLUNTEER
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CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

- 11/6 - Sh1: Pat P and Jessica J; Sh2: Mike and Mary K; Sh3: Jen & Griff C
- 11/13 - Sh1: Pat P and Jessica J; Sh2: Amanda L & Allan L; Sh3: Bryan and Twyla S
- 11/20 - Sh1: Pat P and Jessica J; Sh2: Brian A and Elizabeth C; Sh3: Robert and Belinda M
- 11/27 - Sh1: Pat P and Jessica J; Sh2: Ann V and Cheri R; Sh3: Tonya H and Virginia S

Thanks-Living

by Jennifer Pierce

This month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving—a day to give thanks for all our blessings. But I'd like to challenge you to celebrate Thanksliving instead. (No, it's not a typo!) What if we lived out our thanks instead of just praying an extra-long prayer at mealtime?

If you bought someone a nice gift for Christmas, they should give thanks with words. They would live thanks by using it, treating it carefully, and maybe even saying thank you every time they discovered a new feature they like. We can live thanks every time we are given something, either a physical gift or an abstract one like the gift of time, encouragement, or help. We can use the gift, treat it carefully, and say thank you often. Perhaps if someone saves you time, you can live thanks by using that time to help them or someone else in return. You can live thanks for someone's generosity to you by being generous to other people.

In worship, we sing lots of songs that talk about how much we appreciate all God has done for us. That's the first step—the actual Thanksgiving part. The next step is to live out your thanks. Have you ever, when singing one of those songs, thought about how you could live thanks to God for His many blessings in your life? Are you thankful for your job? Being careful to do your best would be a good way to live thanks. Are you thankful for your family? One way to live thanks is to treat them carefully by showing kindness to them.

How can you live thanks for salvation? The same way we live thanks for any gift! By using our freedom from the power of sin to live a holy life, by not misusing the gift of grace as an excuse to sin more, and by thanking God every time we realize anew how much His gift means to us.

Let's celebrate Thanksliving this year instead of Thanksgiving. The only thing is, Thanksliving can't be celebrated just one day a year—it has to be a lifestyle.