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**November 2015**  
**Happy Thanksgiving**  
**This is your copy of The Witness**  
**We wish God's Blessings on**



## THE WITNESS

The Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Central Square

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"Our mission as a church is to share and respond to God's love for each person by welcoming all. Together, we can return God's love by becoming witnesses and followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout our daily lives. We allow these things to help us become new people in Christ."

Lynn Bort, Moderator

Megan Biddle, Pastor

Linda Heer, Church Clerk

Cindy Cuny, Church Secretary

Victor Vrooman, Organist

Cindy Cuny, Witness Editor

News and Upcoming Events about our Community of Faith

Notices Concerning Our Affiliated Denomination – The American Baptist Churches in the USA

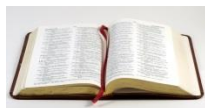
Information to Help Live a More Fulfilled Life

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these members and friends in your prayer: Adam Backman, Melody Clark, Ken House, Barry Mugglin, Stewart Smith, Phyllis Smith, Springer Family, Helen Webb, Cheryl Backman, our missionaries, our nation, and our denominational and local church leaders.

## VERSE OF THE MONTH



“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear, Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

Matthew 6:25NRSV

## PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Lord, how arrogant of me to think that I can hide myself from you! You know me and everything about me. Forgive me for attempting to escape your supervision. Please continue to awaken in me a deeper knowledge and understanding of you. Thank you for accepting me as I am. Amen.

## MEETING NIGHTS

Constitution November 11th 6:00  
Review

Deacon's November 10th 6:30

## WITNESS ARTICLES

All witness articles for the December witness are due by November 20th. All boards should submit an article and any members who would like to put an article in. If you need help with a topic just ask.

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**



Cindy Cuny 14  
Merrill House 24

## **THANK YOU**



I would like to say thank you to the person that left the cactus for me in the kitchen. I will try not to let mom kill it.

Jacob Biddle

## **AFTER CHURCH SNACKS FOR NOVEMBER**



In November it is the Trustees who are responsible for the snack after church. Then in December it will be the Christian Ed Board's responsibility.

## **CRAFTER'S NEEDED**



Looking for crafters for a craft show on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. Call 668-2138 and leave a message with your name and phone number so we can get back to you. Tables are \$25 if you bring your own its \$20. Please mail checks in by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Make them payable to First Baptist Church.

## **NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



We will be having a Thanksgiving service on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm here at the church. Invite your neighbors and friends.

## **THE HANGING OF THE GREENS**



November 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent. It is hard to believe another year has flown by. I love it when everyone participates in worship. Like last year, I am asking for readers and decorations. Everyone is welcome to participate, It will be a morning of welcoming the Christmas Spirit and the season of Advent. Please let me know if you are willing to participate.

Pastor Meg

## **AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHURCH**



I Love this church or I wouldn't care what or how things go on.

We are fortunate enough to have a new full time pastor -so- let's do everything we can to help make her ministry successful and our church grow and be a good statement in our community –and- world.

I realize we've been without a full time pastor for some time, as great as Pastor John's ministry was for us. I know a few people did a great job of stepping up and keeping everything going and a special thanks to them.

However, now we have a pastor and we must go back to taking our hopes, desires, questions and gripes to the Executive Committee –or- through the board meeting and the chairman take them to this meeting with Pastor Meg and/or Lynn Bort, our moderator, who has and is doing an excellent job of leadership. Or– speak to a member of the Pastoral Relations committee to speak of (share) your joys and disappointments. In these two ways we will be moving forwards and doing the job God would like us to do.

Another help, I feel, is putting “news” and happenings in our church paper “The Witness” Cindy has tried very hard to get this done– why can't each board and/or committee put a little something in to tell all of us here and away what the heck is going on in this busy place. (or let everyone know this is a busy place)

No more complaining or questioning to the wrong people at the wrong place– go to wherever you can complement those who are doing such good works or find answers to your questions –and– help God's work grow.

-And- to do this everyone must be involved in some way (not hard to find a place that fits your gifts)

This old woman has been active in this church since early 60's. This age group has stayed very active, and still are in the best way we can, however, it is time for the younger folks to step up and allow us to step down without guilt. We're here for guidance

and advice, if desired. We'll try not to say “we did it this way,” BUT– some of those ways are still useful to keep First Baptist on the go.

Let's find the way to work together and get it done in the best way by leading, helping, and sharing– doing our part to make everything as successful as possible

Okay, I've spoken my piece– now I'll try to be quiet unless it's in a way that's truly helpful.

This is our church, our God, our friends and family. Let's make it a growing, happy place to spend time at worship and activities that add to all of this.

Delores Olin

## **THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE THIS**



**From Mrs. Olin**

## **NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> ANOTHER DINNER**



**PORK LOIN**  
**From 4-7**

## **CRAFT SHOW**



### **CRAFT SHOW Saturday, December 5, 2015 9-4**

We will have bagels, cream cheese, and coffee for the crafters at breakfast. Will need help in the kitchen, starting 8 am.

Also needed: soups, hot dogs/rolls, cheese, bread (will also sell grill cheese sandwiches), baked goods.

And help to make and sell lunches!

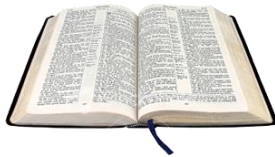
At least 6 ladies needed! Please see Randi if you can help with this!

letter or two each year to someone who helped make me who I am today. Some things just need to be said, and none of us know how much time on this side of eternity we get. I find that there are far too many people who wish they would have said something when the funeral takes place. Live without regrets.

See you in church!

Pastor Meg

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**



I can hardly believe it is time for the cold weather and holidays once again. As life gets crazy in the next few weeks, don't forget to take time for yourself. Some of us are fantastic at taking care of other people, but forget to care for ourselves. I am just as guilty as everyone else, normally. In the last few months I have made going to the gym a part of my routine. It is time for me, and I admit that I feel better. Not everyone is able to go to the gym, but read a book, knit, work a crossword puzzle. Do it for you.

As we prepare for the season, we are going to talk a lot about being thankful. I encourage for you to begin now to think about who and what you are thankful for. Have you thanked God for that blessing lately? If your answer is no, then please do. I would encourage you to tell the people who make it to your list. It really does make a difference in a person's life. I have made a habit of writing a