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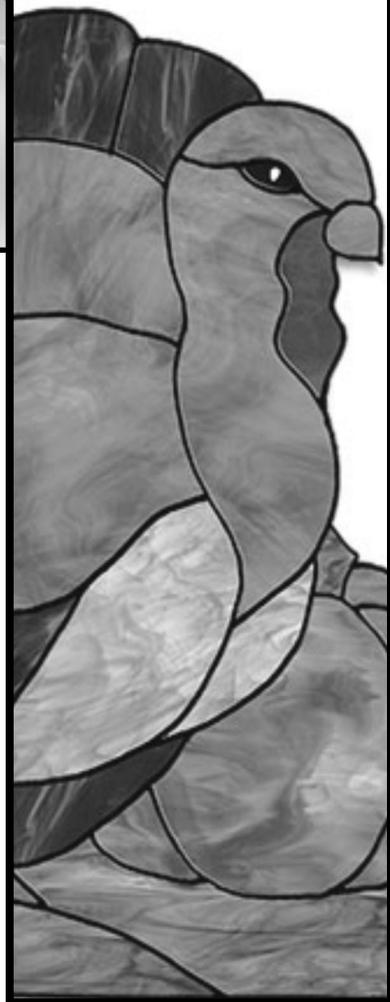
We have so much to be thankful for as we head into Thanksgiving season here in Central Texas. Yes, it has been a strange year with all kinds of stresses and challenges, but here we are. We are still here. It is easy to allow our imaginations run amok with all the ***possible negative things that could happen*** in the future. We can stew in a bowl of regret over things that we missed or long for due to the way this year has unfolded. But the past and the future are only ***in our heads***, and they are probably exaggerated too! That is why it is so important each day to just stop and take inventory of all the blessings that we do have right here and right now. Gratitude needs to be rooted in the present reality and then it becomes real.

Gratitude is not an accident. It is a choice. Giving thanks is a verb that requires our active participation. It is obedience. *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

As you gather with your church family (either in person or virtually), and as you gather with your family in these weeks to come, let me encourage you to spend your hours - your precious limited hours - giving thanks for one another and for all of the benefits that God has showered over our lives. Life is too short to spend it complaining and worrying.

In His Service,

Tim
Director



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 1st

Daylight Savings Time
Clocks "fall" back 1 hour

November 2nd

Baptist Women's World
Day of Prayer

November 10th, 4:00PM

Board Meeting
WRBA

November 13th-15th

RA Campout/Missions
Mania
Latham Springs

November 16th-17th

Texas Baptists Annual
Meeting
Waco Convention Center

November 17th-19th

National Preaching
Conference
FBC Waco

November 16th-23rd

Operation Christmas Child
Collection Week

November 26th-27th

Thanksgiving
WRBA Office Closed



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO
TO BED ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST!



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER



Life!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

*Standing together, unified
amidst our beautiful diversity!*



Visit <https://www.tbmtx.org/events/missions-mania/>
for more info and/or to register.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please continue to pray
for WRBA churches
seeking a Pastor:**

Bosqueville BC, Emmanuel BC,
Calvary BC, Old Time BC,
Robinson FBC, Shiloh BC,
Western Heights BC

Church Spotlight: First Baptist Church of Riesel

Family oriented, with many growing, young families, First Baptist Church Riesel has been a staple in the community for 126 years! ***"If you are looking for a warm and welcoming place for you and your kids to grow in your faith, FBC Riesel is where you need to be", says newly appointed pastor, Clint Salmon.***

Pastor Salmon and his wife, Ashley, had felt the Lord pulling them to the Waco area for several years, and when FBC Riesel came on the radar, they believed it was meant to be. Pastor Salmon says that ***"After learning more about the church and community, we felt that this was where God was leading us to serve and plant roots."***

He is looking forward to tying his love for family, friends, the outdoors, playing disc-golf, reading and learning new things with the congregation by growing in faith together and building new relationships with people. They plan to do this through their ministries. One in particular, their largest ministry, is FBC Riesel's Wednesday evening activities. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., a communal meal is shared together and then a breakout of age appropriate groups starts directly thereafter.

Children's Director, Carrabie Vice, and Youth Minister, Brandon Cope, are excellent in engaging the children and youth, respectively. According to Pastor Salmon, ***"Carrabie is awesome at creating a fun environment for kids and Brandon gives the youth an opportunity to worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth."*** *In the last several weeks, the children's ministry has grown dramatically by adding a kids' service, which allows them to worship and learn about God in ways they can grasp.*

Along with Wednesday night activities, FBC Riesel has an outreach ministry overseen by a group of fellow church members, and since the pandemic began have been working harder than ever to make sure widows and shut-ins have a meal each day. Pastor Salmon thinks that their passion to care for others is inspiring!

FBC Riesel asks for prayer to bring the right person to them for their Music Director opening, but also to move beyond the typical routine of just "coming to church" and instead foster the spirit of missional mindedness within the church.



Pastor Clint Salmon and Family



Children during Worship



Visit <https://www.texasbaptists.org/events/annual-meeting> for more information and/or to register.

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CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 17-19th

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