

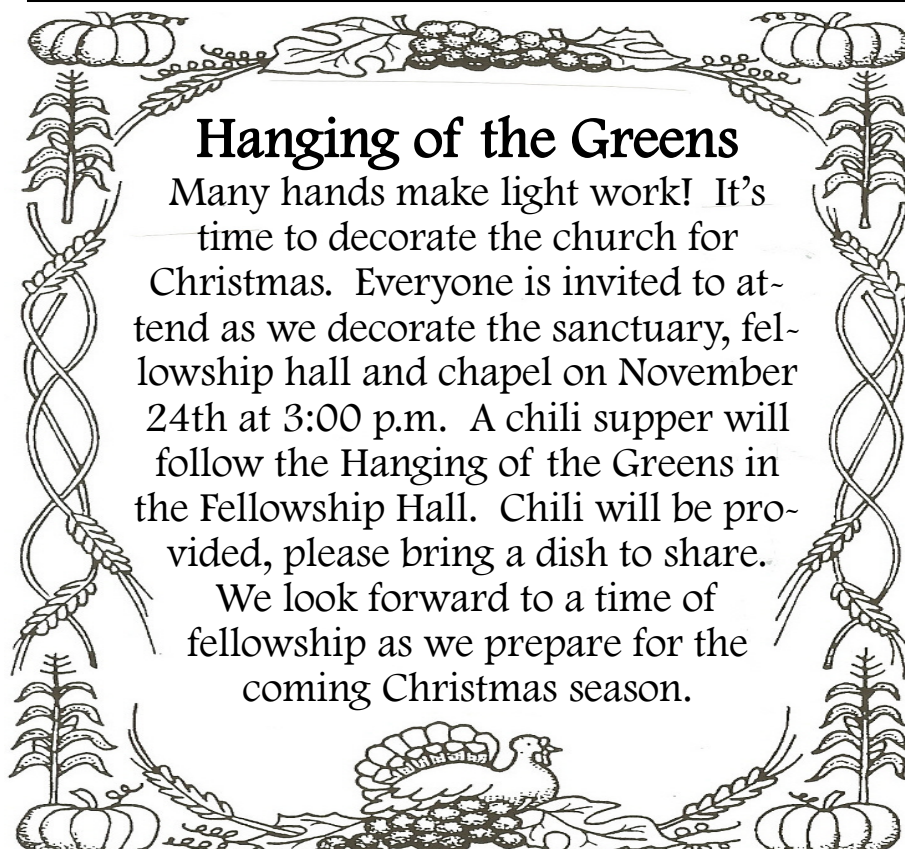
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Hanging of the Greens

Many hands make light work! It's time to decorate the church for Christmas. Everyone is invited to attend as we decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall and chapel on November 24th at 3:00 p.m. A chili supper will follow the Hanging of the Greens in the Fellowship Hall. Chili will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

We look forward to a time of fellowship as we prepare for the coming Christmas season.

Serving Schedule for November 24, 2019

Worship Leader

Anne Roberts

Children's Moment

Steve Fowler

Communion Prayer

Gail Doss

Offertory Prayer

Steve Fowler

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

Communion Preparation

Ed Lewis

Diaconate

Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks,
Jim Hillis, LuWanna Forister,
Shirley Kearbey

Serving Schedule for December 1, 2019

Worship Leader

Doris Chlastak

Children's Moment

Ed Lewis

Communion Prayer

Anne Roberts

Offertory Prayer

Ed Lewis

Van Driver

Mark Richardson/Jack Maxwell

Communion Preparation

Ed Lewis

Diaconate

Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston,
Carol Swafford, Kim Wagganer,
Linda Casey

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, November
19th at 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

We will be having soup. Please bring side dishes, crackers, bread and/or dessert to complement.



Doris and I would like to thank the members of our church family for remembering us with a Pastor's Appreciation card and remembrance for October's Pastor Appreciation Month on behalf of the congregation.

Doris and I feel blessed to serve with FCC in ministry.

God Bless,
Pastor Frank and Doris



Newly Baptized



Please welcome Ruth Hardin. She joined the church by confession of faith and baptism.

* *Christian Women's* *
* *Fellowship* *
* *Thursday, November 21* *
* *1:30 p.m. in* *
* *Church parlor* *
* *Hostess:* *
* *LuWanna Forister* *
* *Program:* *
* *Anne Roberts* *

Perfect Attendance for October 2019

Margie Champion

Bill Clanahan

Pat Fowler

Steve Fowler

Kay Gilbreath

Gleta Gorman

Ed Lewis

Jack Maxwell

Eva Kay Smith

THE FOLLOWING
GROUPS WILL NOT
MEET IN
NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER
THURSDAY WOMEN
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ELDERS WILL NOT MEET
AGAIN UNTIL FEBRUARY
2020

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ATTENDANCE REPORT	ATTENDANCE REPORT
November 3, 2019	November 10, 2019
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
Worship.....43	• Worship.....37
Children's Church.....8	♦ Children's Church.....5
TOTAL WORSHIP.....48	♦ TOTAL WORSHIP.....42
SUNDAY SCHOOL	• SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Elementary A/B.....9	♦ Elementary A/B.....10
Homebuilders.....7	• Homebuilders.....8
Men's Class.....5	• Men's Class.....6
Total.....21	♦ Total.....24



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

A little girl whose father was a disc jockey, a radio an-
nouncer, was invited to a friend's house for dinner.
When she arrived, the mother asked the little girl if she
would honor them by saying the blessing.
It delighted the little girl. She cleared her throat, looked at her wrist-
watch, and said, "This food, friends, is coming to you through the
courtesy of almighty God."
She was right, all food that we eat comes through the courtesy of
almighty God.
Thanksgiving is a special time of year. Can't you feel the great an-
ticipation building in our society as we prepare for Thanksgiving?
Unfortunately, Thanksgiving is not high on many people's priority
list.
"Just what do I have to be thankful for?" they ask. Granted, the Pil-
grims had reasons to offer thanks to God, but not in this dog-eat-
dog, selfish world. Thanksgiving? "No, pastor," they say, "please get
real."
Author David Feddes puts it this way, "For many of us, Thanksgiving
doesn't come naturally. It doesn't seem obvious why we should be
saying thank you to God. Some of us, whether we admit it or not,
are like Bart Simpson. In one episode of The Simpsons, young Bart
sits down with his family to a meal. When it's his turn to pray and
give thanks, he says something to this effect: Lord, my dad earned
the money to pay for this food, and my mom worked for hours to
cook it. What did you do? Thanks a lot for nothing."
"Bart Simpson is only a cartoon character, but he says what a lot of
us are tempted to think," says David Feddes.
That is sad.
But that's the way many people today think.
Many people have no feeling of Thanksgiving.
The roots of Thanksgiving go back to 1621 when grateful Pilgrims in
Plymouth, Massachusetts, thanked God for a modest harvest that
pulled them through a very challenging time in their journey and
quest for religious freedom.
Unlike Bart Simpson, they returned thanks to God for they knew that
without God's help they would not have survived.
Thanksgiving Day is a special day.
As a national holiday it is different from all others.
On it, we do not celebrate a great victory in battle.
We do not honor a great person.
It is a day when we thank God for the blessings we, as a nation, en-
joy. What are you thankful this thanksgiving?

See you Sunday,
Pastor Frank

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Prayer

At Home

Wilma Brown, Barbara Cecil,
Betty Jackson, Janis Martin,
Charlotte McNece, Roy Parton,
Charles Roush, Butch Shakleford,
Ramona Sutton,
Norma Stevenson,

Westwood Hills

Irma Brannum

[Names will remain on our
Prayer Concern list until the
Church Office is notified to
remove them.]



Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Wednesday, December 4th
Walmart Grocery Door

9:00 Gail Doss

10:00 LuWanna Foriester

11:00 Ed Lewis

12:00 Pat & Steve Fowler

1:00 Kathy Richardson

2:00 Jack & Linda Childress

3:00 Pastor Frank

4:00 Jan Duffy & Linda Murphy

5:00 Jack Maxwell

6:00 Bill & Carol Swafford