

## VISIBLE RESULTS

### Bible Study Average Attendance for October 2012

Preschool	27
Children	40
Students	43
Adults	<u>152</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>

### MEN SHARPENING MEN

Wednesday mornings at 6:30  
Huddle House in Dublin  
See you there!

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS WORKDAY

Saturday, November 3  
and  
Saturday, November 10  
8:30 am

All help will be greatly appreciated!



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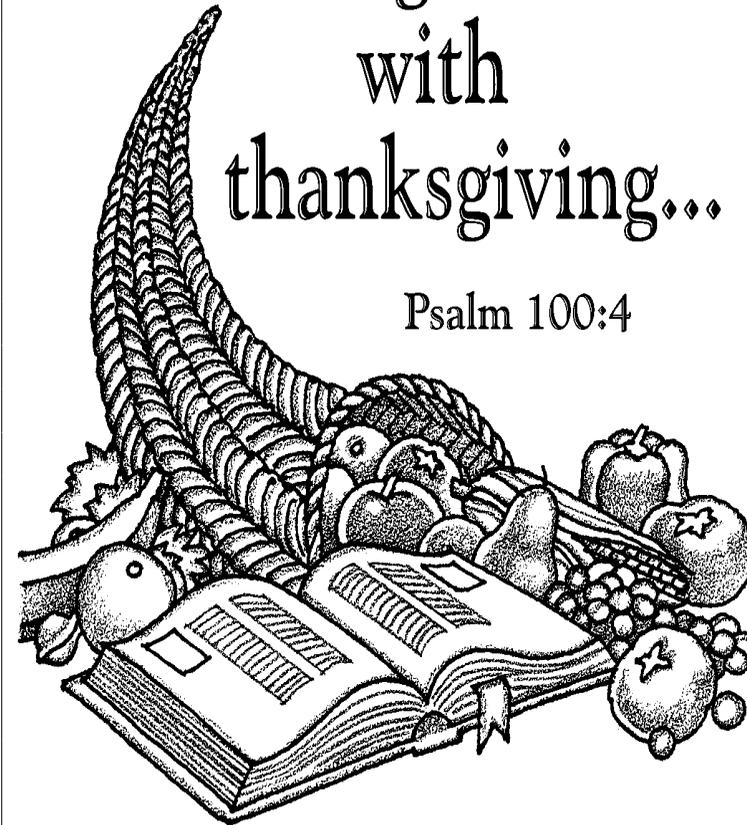
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# The Dudley Messenger

November 2012

Enter  
his gates  
with  
thanksgiving...

Psalm 100:4



Happy Thanksgiving

## PRAY AND VOTE ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

If you have not already voted,  
we encourage you to do so.

This election is one of the most  
critical elections in our history.  
As many as 4 Supreme Court  
Justices will be appointed.

Issues such as abortion, same  
sex marriage, euthanasia, and  
other issues will be affected by  
this court for years to come.

We need to pray like  
2 Chronicles 7:14!

*If My people,  
who are called by My name,  
shall humble themselves and pray,  
and seek My face and turn from  
their wicked ways, then will I  
hear from heaven, and will forgive  
their sin and will heal their land.*



Imagine Greater...Believe Greater...Serve Greater...Give Greater!

# Pastor's Pen

Greetings from the Pastor!

Change is in the air! It is cool outside and the leaves are falling. There is talk of frost and pecans are falling. Change is necessary and change can be good!

We are also experiencing some change at DBC! We just birthed our first church. The Church at the Park is in full swing. Several of our families have followed God's lead to begin the new work. This has left some holes in our organization. As we freely gave people to start this new work, God will now raise up new workers and leaders to take their place. It has also caused a drop in our offerings. This gives opportunity for some people to look at the principle of giving. Would you consider making a commitment to give to the ministry of Dudley Baptist Church. A good time to start is right now! We could have 4 good offerings in November and be right back on target!

Soon we will be moving into the Holiday season! It is a great time of the year. We have so much to be thankful for. We have been the recipients of tremendous blessings. Because of this, I want us to take a day and give back. Matthew 25: <sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? <sup>39</sup>Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

On Tuesday, November 20th, we are having a day to give to those in need. We have secured the Downtown Dublin Market. The Laurens Baptist Association will give out vouchers to their most needed families. We plan to feed 500 people that day in the name of Jesus Christ! We need your help to greet and serve. Please let me or Clint know if you can help.

It is time to get ready for Festival of Lights! We will have a workday this Saturday, November 3rd at 8:30 am.

Pray with me! I want to see us back on track with our giving. My goal for the first Sunday of November: \$32,000! Ask the Lord to give 4 people to be saved also and 4 families to join the church!

Thank you for the many expressions of appreciation. You are an awesome group of people. Your encouragement is a breath of fresh air. Thank you!

Pastor Billy

## DBC STUDENT MINISTRY

Thank you so much for all of the cards, gifts, and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month. The success of our student ministry is a result of leaders who are committed to Christ and the spiritual lives of students. This is evidenced by an outcome of our last Student Team Meeting. After much conversation and evaluation of the state of student ministry, all of us recognize the opportunity for us to continue growing. One leader made a call for us to spend the next four Mondays fasting & praying specifically for seven areas of our ministry. Just another example of extraordinary volunteer leaders committed to the spiritual lives of students.

November will not only be a month of Thanksgiving but a month of serving. First, students will use November's Group Link (November 7<sup>th</sup>) to support Christmas in the Appalachia by packing backpacks for children in the Appalachia region. Second, November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> will be days of service for this year's Festival of Lights. Last, we are planning to serve 500 meals to those in need. We will stage this event at the Farmer's Market in downtown Dublin on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Billy & I believe we have been extraordinarily blessed as a body of believers. Now is the time for us to shift our focus from “gaining & getting” to “giving.” This ministry opportunity is intended for the whole church body to be involved. More details to come!

### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Festival of Lights Workday
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Group Link
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Lights Workday
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Serving Thanksgiving Meal
Dec. 7-9	Fall/Winter Retreat

## Soaring Eagles News

### SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO BARTOW

We are going to see the Schoolhouse Players in *“The Christmas Bus”*, on Saturday, November 16. We will leave the church at 5:00, stop for supper, and then on to Bartow. Cost: \$10 per ticket. We must order tickets, so please sign up in the main hallway.

### DEACON VISITATION

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 pm

### DEACONS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 7, 8:15 pm

### SOUP KITCHEN AND FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, November 17, 4:00 - 6:00

We need the following items for the Soup Kitchen: sandwiches, chips, and desserts.

We also need the following items for the Food Pantry: grits, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and pasta.

If you would like to volunteer to help with our Soup Kitchen or would like more information, see Craig West.

### FYI

We will not have services at DBC on Wednesday, November 21st. This is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER AT DBC

God can do ANYTHING. There is literally nothing God can't do. He knows everything and He sees everything, and He is powerful enough to make anything happen.

Even though God is completely self-sufficient, He chooses to work with us. From the beginning, God looked for ways to work with the people He had created to accomplish His plan. God worked with Noah to build the ark that saved both people and animals. God worked with Moses to bring the Israelites out of slavery. And when Jesus stepped on this planet, He worked with His friends and disciples to share the message of God's love with the world.

Just like God doesn't work alone, God doesn't want us to work alone. God wants us to work with others, seek help from others, and be ready to offer help to others. This month's memory verse helps kids understand: "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do," (Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV). When we don't cooperate with others, we will always be limited in what we can accomplish.

A one-man band can play a simple tune, but with more than one musician we can have a true jam session and build a beat together. Because cooperation is working together to do more than you can do alone.

In Week One, our Bible story demonstrates how the Israelites cooperated to build the tabernacle (Exodus 28:1, 3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25, 34; 39:42-43). All the skilled workers and artisans had to work together to build this first "church location" for God in the middle of the desert.

In Week Two, Our Bible story shows how cooperation helped Joshua win the battle over the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13). Moses, Aaron, and Hur were not the victors of the battle. Joshua was. But the three men cooperated with God and each other to help Joshua succeed.

In Week Three, our Bible story tells of Nehemiah, a man who wasn't afraid to ask for help with the impossible task of building the wall (Nehemiah 1:1-6, 2-4; 6:1-16).

In Week Four, our Bible story shows how cooperation led to Jesus healing a paralyzed man (Luke 5:17-26). Because the friends cooperated with Jesus and each other, the man walked out of that house.

We aren't made to only work with other people. We are also made to cooperate with God. And it's when we learn how to work with God and others that, in His strength, we can do incredible things.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Operation Shoe boxes are due

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> - No AWANA (Thanksgiving Break)

## Operation Christmas Child

It is Shoe Box Time! It is that time of year when we as a church have an opportunity to impact the lives of children worldwide for Christ. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Every year shoe boxes are packed with candy, school supplies, toys and hygiene items. These boxes are distributed to children around the world and the gospel is presented to them where appropriate.

When packing the shoe boxes, the most important thing you can do is to pray for the child who will be receiving the shoe box. You may consider writing a letter to the children who will receive your shoe boxes. If they are able, they may write back to you.

### How to pack a shoe box:

- Use an empty shoe box or plastic container
- Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and choose the appropriate age group on the box label (Brochures with box labels are located in the main hallway)
- Fill your box with gifts (school supplies, toys, hygiene items, etc.)
- Please include a \$7 donation to cover the shipping cost of the shoe box.
- Bring your shoe box to Dudley by November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our goal is 700 shoe boxes and our deadline is November 11<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to touching the lives of hundreds of children worldwide for Christ.

Thank you so much for your help in reaching our goal!

## CHILDREN'S PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Church Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers as we seek God's perfect will for the position of Children's Pastor. The team has been meeting regularly and wanted to provide an update to the church body. We have established a three step process that includes:

1. Prayer and Preparation
2. Evaluation and Interview
3. Selection and Presentation

The team is currently accepting resumes for the position through mid-November. We covet your prayers during this process. Please pray for keen spiritual discernment, unity and oneness of the body, God's clear direction and timing and a hedge of spiritual protection around the team. We look forward to providing updates as we proceed in this process.

For His Glory,

Children's Pastor Search Team

**Proverbs 16:3** *"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans shall be established."*

## QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE



Sunday, November 18  
6:00 pm

### 2013 BUDGET NEWS

Copies of our 2013 Proposed Budget are available in the foyer. Please get one copy per family. **Budget Discussion** will be Sunday, November 11th at 4:30 pm and **Budget Vote** (without discussion) will be at the Quarterly Church Conference, November 18th.