



## The Living Branch Newsletter Logan Elm Baptist Church



November, 2020

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NJKV

The apostle Paul was a good example of one who practiced what he preached. He urged his fellow believers to give thanks and to be thankful. (In addition to the verse above, see Eph. 5:20, Phil. 4:6, Col. 2:6-7, 3:15 & 17, 4:2)

- He expressed his gratitude to every church to whom he wrote (except the churches of Galatia):

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all” (Romans 1:8)

“I thank my God **always** concerning you” (1 Corinthians 1:4)

“I also, ... **do not cease** to give thanks for you” (Ephesians 1:15)

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, **always** in every prayer of mine” (Phil. 1:3)

“We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying **always** for you” (Col. 1:3)

“We give thanks to God **always** for you all” (1 Thess. 1:2)

“We are bound to thank God **always** for you, brethren, as it is fitting” (2 Thess. 1:13)

- He also expressed thanks for his co-workers:

“I thank God, ...as **without ceasing** I remember you in my prayers night and day” (2 Tim. 1:3)

“I thank my God, making mention of you **always** in my prayers” (Philemon 1:4)

- And he expressed his gratefulness for the One who had chosen and enabled him to serve others:

“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” (1 Timothy 1:12)

The apostle was indeed a man who modeled what he taught. Therefore, he could confidently say, “Imitate me”. (1 Corinthians 11:1) I, too, want to live with such overflowing gratitude that others could safely follow my example. With that in mind, I want to express my gratitude for:

- Your faithful attendance and service to the body of Christ at Logan Elm.
- Your faithful prayers for those who can't attend at this time due to health concerns.
- Your **not** attending church activities when you are not well, when your children are not well, or when you feel you may have been exposed to others who have tested positive for the coronavirus.
- Your conscientious efforts to help sanitize our church facilities when you attend activities.
- Your faithful giving, which has exceeded our church budget for the year (through ten months), during a serious U. S. economic slump due to the pandemic.
- Your generosity in giving an additional \$2586 toward our \$2100 goal for the Ray Roberts State Missions Offering to make His name known among the people of the Buckeye State!
- The **very** generous gift certificate to the Whitestone Country Inn in Tennessee you gave Becky and me for Pastor Appreciation month. It reflects a **lot** of appreciation.
- The One who is the **most generous Giver** of all. (Romans 8:32; 2 Corinthians 9:15)

To Him be glory, honor and praise!  
Pastor Dave

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## Pastoral Transition Process (PTP)

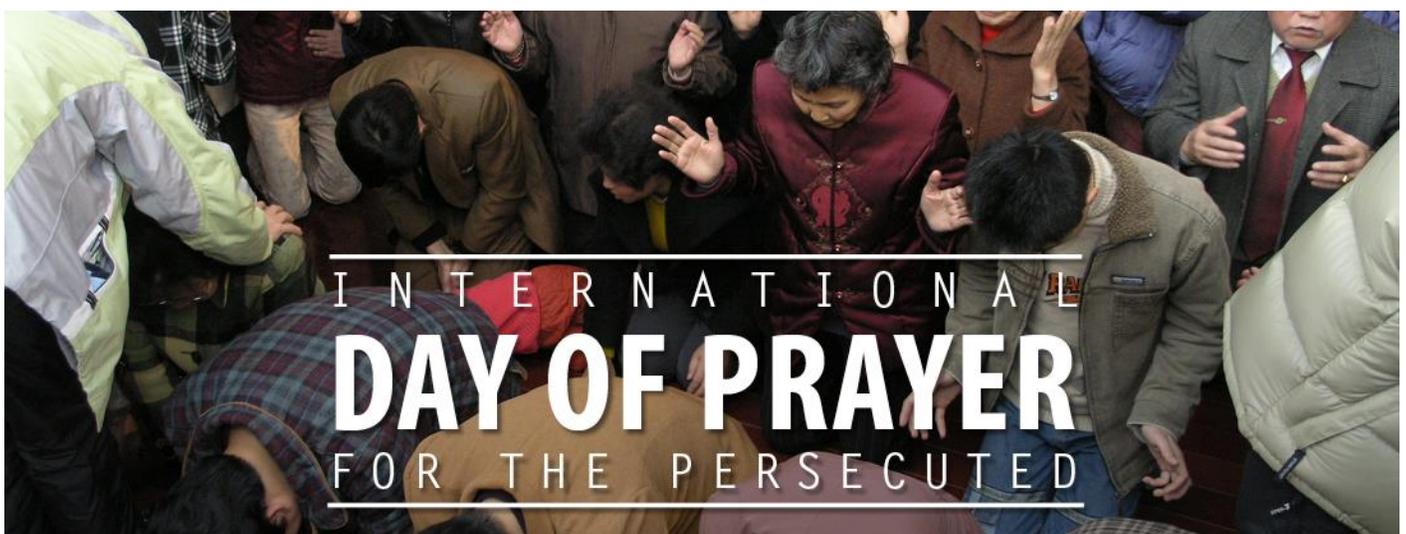
Please continue to pray for:

- the elders as we develop the process of screening prospective pastors.
- the man and his family that the Lord is preparing to serve with our church family.
- God's clear direction, the Spirit's discernment, and patience as we seek His will.



[Sunday activities: prayer meeting, Room 202, 8:00-8:30AM; Bible study for all ages, 8:45-9:45AM; Morning service, 10:00; evening service, 5:45. Wednesday activities, 6:45PM]

- Nov. 1 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, 10AM service; Focused prayer time for the Presidential election, 5:45PM
- Nov. 3 National election
- Nov. 10, 24 Elders meeting (7:00AM) & Staff meeting (9:00AM)
- Nov. 14 Setup for Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- Nov. 15 OCC Packing Party in the evening
- Nov. 21 Men's Breakfast and study, 7:30AM
- Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 29 Lord's Supper in the AM service; no evening service
- NOTE: There will be no church Thanksgiving meal this year. (Imagine sad emoji here)



This Sunday, Nov.1, 2020 the gathered church will observe a special service of prayer for the coming national election. As we have all heard many times in the past few weeks, this is the most important election in our lifetime. I believe this is a true statement. I consider this election to be a referendum on our constitutional form of government. Our nation is poised at a major fork in the road and the future of this government, our current way of life and the future for our children and grandchildren, depends on the next step we take. It is also a crucial juncture for the future of the innocent unborn, or lack of future.

I believe we have not experienced such an important vote in the last 160 years and the outcome will have monumental ramifications just as in the vote of 1860. I hope there is not one person in our congregation who despises his or her privilege and duty to vote.

As we come together to pray on Sunday evening, I would ask us all to be praying for:

- 1) The quick and true counting of votes and the results from each state.
- 2) The safety of all law enforcement personnel.
- 3) The safety and integrity of all poll workers.
- 4) The support of all citizens regardless of the winners.
- 5) The recognition of God's sovereignty over all people and nations.

Please make every effort to come together with the family of LEBC to pray for our country this coming Sunday evening.

# FAITH VOTES

PRAY ★ ENGAGE ★ VOTE

## VOTE FOR BIBLICAL VALUES November 3<sup>rd</sup>

This isn't just a Presidential election year. All 435 seats are up for election in the House of Representatives, while 35 of the Senate seats are on the line.

Government is one of three institutions that God gave us in order to protect the weak from the strong.

It's God-ordained. The family, the church and government are the three-legged stool of any strong civil society. We have a responsibility as Christians to try to create the best leadership for our children and our families.

Your vote is important!



### Operation Christmas Child

On Saturday, November 14, for the OCC Shoebox packing party on Sunday Nov.15, everyone, young and old are invited to come and help at 10:00 AM.

The set-up and the packing party are always a fun time. We hope to fill 100 boxes.

The youth will be assembling the boxes and bringing the goodies up to the fellowship hall on Wednesday Nov 11 so it will be a busy time.

We hope to have everyone involved. Thank you for your prayers and your help with this annual ministry outreach.

Pam Atkinson

And now for updates from your Trustee Chairman,

Note, I am getting right to the point because I know you're in a hurry. (And I'm out of time as the deadline rapidly approaches.)

There has been a brief hiatus in the Fellowship Hall facelift primarily due to some outside work which needs to be completed before cold weather closes the door of opportunity. The outside work has to do with the completion of painting the north side foundation wall (now 75% completed by my calculations.) Then too, the north exit doors at the lower level were beginning to rust and so were prepped and painted.

Classroom 109, All the wood affected by the moisture and ensuing mold has been removed. This project is in line to be completed when the work in fellowship hall is done.

The restrooms in building #1 are undergoing some changes. Ladies first, new seats - you know where, improved lighting, a motion sensing light switch (set to turn off in about 12 minutes) and modification of the section next to the sink for easier trash can access. The Men's room improvements planned for early 2021.

All classrooms should now have 2-way radios which will serve in place of a P.A. system. Currently they are located in areas convenient to electrical outlets because of the chargers. I hope to have them all located by the classroom doorways which will require some adaptation to an existing outlet. Suggestions appreciated. Radios have 16 channel capability, however only two are used presently. Classrooms are set to channel 1. Security staff radios are set to channel 3. If assistance is needed in a classroom, that request is made by switching to channel 3. Please contact me if you need instruction on radio operation.

Teachers, Leaders, I have been researching & testing ways to rejuvenate the whiteboards before springing for new ones. One caveat is to not use abrasives or certain solvents. Once the thin layer of writing surface is worn through, whether from normal use or from the wrong kind of cleaning agent, the boards will need some sort of maintenance. Also, please be sure the marker being used is Expo, or Crayola and not a permanent marker. In spite of all this, I plan to replace the boards as time allows.

"We" have decided to promote another work day to focus on cleaning chores outside of the routine ones. Most of it pertains to dusting. Stay tuned.

Reminder # ? Before you go to bed Saturday night, (Oct. 31), be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

May our Lord Bless you and keep you safe,

Bill Snyder, Trustee Chairman, etc.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

*You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You. Psalm 118:28*

*At our house we have done numerous things over the years to share our gratefulness. The one I especially like is our Thankfulness Tablecloth! We took an old tablecloth and starting writing things we were thankful for, along with our name and the date. The younger children also draw on it. We are going to start a new one this year.*

*We have a bounty of blessings and I pray this month is full of Praises and Grateful Hearts.*

*We had a wonderful lunch together last month. It was good to be with each other. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and singing (with Jeannie's help). We are not sure what this month holds for us, but we will let you know.*

## Let's Pray

*Sometimes I feel like a child bursting upon God with my wants, needs and wishes, spewing out everything that is on my mind and heart. But wait...I am a child, a child of the King who saved me by faith in His crucified Son.*

*(John 1:10-12)*

*He is Abba, Father! (Romans 8:15)*

*He knows my daily needs and He cares about all of it. The condition of my heart is His concern. As I pray, I mature and my relationship with my Father grows.*

*God wants us to bring our needs to Him, and as we lift these to Him, in faith, we can live in that dependence on Him.*

*He is my Shepherd. Psalm 23:1-6*

*He has provided in the past. Psalm 68:7-10*

*All life depends on Him. Psalm 104:24-30*

*He is with me wherever I go. Psalm 139:7-12*

*As for me, since I am poor and needy, let the Lord keep me in His thoughts. You are my Helper and my Savior. O my God, do not delay. Ps. 40:17*

*Please remember to pray for the election, our country and our President.*

*In Christ,*

*Becky, Kim & Denise*

*2 Cor. 13:14*



## **Birthdays**

***Cameron Cavanaugh-Nov. 3***

***Margie Bell-Nov.4***

***Jacob Heidish-Nov. 4***

***Hank Steinhausser-Nov. 6***

***Pete Morgan-Nov. 8***

***Caleb Heidish-Nov. 10***

***John Clifton-Nov. 14***

***Kim Imler-Nov. 14***

***Levi Cavanaugh-Nov. 17***

***Steven Herron-Nov. 22***

***Herman Shuttleworth-Nov. 22***

***Christopher Anders-Nov. 23***

***Scott Stewart-Nov. 24***

***Beth Kuhlwein-Nov. 25***

***Timothy Wilson-Nov.29***

***Matt Harber-Nov. 30***

## **Anniversary**

***Matthew & Krista Forte-Nov. 8***

