

# Arbor News

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## From the Pulpit to the Pew...



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As November approaches we are always reminded of all that we have to be thankful for and especially to give God thanks for all of His blessings on us. Here's just a brief look at the History of Thanksgiving,

1. The first American Thanksgiving didn't occur in 1621 when a group of Pilgrims shared a feast with a group of friendly Indians. The first recorded thanksgiving took place in Virginia more than 11 years earlier, and it wasn't a feast. The winter of 1610 at Jamestown had reduced a group of 409 settlers to 60. The survivors prayed for help, without knowing when or how it might come. When help arrived, in the form of a ship filled with food and supplies from England, a prayer meeting was held to give thanks to God. (Today in the Word, July, 1990)

2. To All Ye Pilgrims: Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the

dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings. (William Bradford, the governor of Plymouth Colony)

### 3. The First National Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; Whereas, both the houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness!" Now therefore, I do

recommend next, to be devoted by the people of the states to the service of that great and glorious being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be, that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country. (George Washington, 1779)

Of course, Thanksgiving actually began and continues throughout the Bible. We see it in the Law of the Peace Offering, Leviticus 7:11-12 says, "This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to the Lord: If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving." And the Bible concludes with a call to Thanksgiving as we see the scene in Heaven around the Throne of our Lord in Revelation 7:12, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Chasidi and I are extremely Thankful to God for you Fishing Creek Arbor.

God Bless,

David

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Christmas Play Practice	3	4 10:00 Senior Adult Bible Study 11:30 Young at Heart Brunch at Cagneys 6:00 Pickleball	5 5:30 Wed Night Meal Pinto Beans 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	6	7 Ladies Friday Night Fresh Doors open at 5 Meal starts at 5:30 Service starts at 7	8 Festival of Tables
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Christmas Play Practice	10	11 10:00 Senior Adult Bible Study 6:00 Pickleball	12 5:30 Wed Night Meal Pizza 6:45 Shoebox Packing	13	14	15
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service Christmas Play Practice	17	18 10:00 Senior Adult Bible Study 6:00 Pickleball	19 5:30 Wed Night Meal Spasgna & Salad 6:45 Adult/Youth/Kids Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service	24	25 10:00 Senior Adult Bible Study 6:00 Pickleball	26 No Wednesday Services	27  Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
30 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service  <i>Youth Sunday</i>						



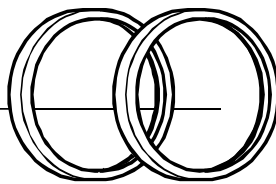
# November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Johnny Blevins Tonya Smith
2 Maria Bailey	3 Doris Sebastian	4	5	6	7	8 Charlotte Dixon Bradley Meade
9 Nora Winger	10	11	12 Harlee Thompson	13 Madison Knox	14 Vance Shew	15
16	17	18 Teresa Absher MJ Richardson	19 Andrew Curry Taytum Gragg	20 Ann Bumgarner	21	22 Davy Foster
23	24 Seth Call Carolyn Smithey	25 Vicki Combs Dennis Shew	26 Norma Anderson Peggy Byers Ava Souther	27 Kim Parker	28 Chris Blackburn Tina Phillips Vickie Shew	29 Keith Neel
30 Jessie Souther						

## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*



### November 12

Mark & Donna Adams

### November 16

Steven & Shannon Lowe  
Sam & Chandler Souther

### November 25

Tony & Lori Trivette

### November 23

Corbin & Sydney Reavis



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please inform Shannon Lowe so we can update our records.

## YOUTH UPDATES

### Verse of the month:

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. **2 Corinthians 5:10**

### Updates

- Don't forget that you have free access to thousands of bible study videos through RightNow Media! If you haven't already, set your account up today! (If you have any questions, see Rev Trev)
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** Check out our new page on our website for more details ([www.fishingcreekabor.org/service-opportunities](http://www.fishingcreekabor.org/service-opportunities))



Our ARBOR YOUTH class on a Wednesday Night!

## Thoughts for November

### Upcoming Events

- **Fight the New Drug Presentation for Middle & High School Students** - Wed. Nov. 5th @ 7pm at Wilkes Community College
- **Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Trip** - evening of December 13th in Boone, NC
- **Christmas Play** - Sun. Dec. 14th @ 6pm (Practices will be after church each Sunday leading up to the play)

The holidays are upon us! Later this month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and then a month later Christmas will be here! For our Christmas play this year, we are doing our own version of Charlie Brown's Christmas special. If you have ever seen the short film from 1965, then you know that the theme of the movie is about the true meaning of Christmas. Charlie Brown was wrestling with the fact that Christmas had become so commercialized...so consumeristic. And man, is that true today.

In our culture, it is so easy to get swept up with the way our world celebrates the holidays and focus on the wrong things. We can get focused on feeling like we have to have the perfect house and perfect decorations to impress our guests. We can get focused on what gifts we are giving or getting. We can get focused on what everyone thinks about our dish we made for the Thanksgiving meal. But when we focus on the wrong things, it will rob us of the joy of what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about. It is an opportunity to spend time with family, cherish the gifts God has given us, and especially focus on the best gift of all - our God coming down to dwell among us and to ultimately die for us so that our sins can be forgiven. If we celebrate Christmas but forget to worship our Savior, we've missed the point of Christmas.

Don't lose sight of the true meaning of this holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Rev Trev



# Trunk or Treating 2025





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Welcome to the Arbor News. The Arbor News is published monthly and will be left on the table in the vestibule at Fishing Creek Arbor Baptist Church. The Arbor News will be published the last Sunday of the month. Don't miss an issue. You may also find the Arbor News on the church web page and app each month along with the church bulletin and teaching schedules each week.

Please pray for the newsletter and pray that it will be a blessing to someone. Your help and suggestions are needed in order to make the newsletter a success. To comment on the newsletter or to make suggestions about what you'd like to see in future issues contact Shannon Lowe at 336/984-4155 or email to [secretary@fishingcreekarbor.org](mailto:secretary@fishingcreekarbor.org).

*Your Place to Call Home*

We encourage you to forward this newsletter on to family and friends.

*We're on the web!*

<http://www.fishingcreekarbor.org>

**December Newsletter Deadline: November 20th**

### Mission Project

For the month of November we will be collecting monetary donations for the Hope Ministries Toy Store. If you would like to make a donation, you can write a check to FCABC with "Toy Store" in the memo line and place in the offering containers or give to Shannon Lowe. Thank you for supporting our monthly mission project.



Saturday, December 6th

Fishing Creek Arbor will have a float in this years Christmas Parade



**Ladies Friday Night Fresh**

**Friday, November 7th, 2025**

**More details to come!**

**FESTIVAL OF TABLES**



**Saturday, November 8th**

**Doors open at 5:00, meal starts at 5:30**