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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
MOORELAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Brothers and sisters,

The final few days of last month our family successfully moved into the parsonage. We had some extra time on our hands due to my testing positive for COVID-19 and were able to move earlier than we expected. Once moved into the parsonage, we were immediately greeted with sub-freezing temperatures, snow, and ice. Snowed in and quarantined, I thought a lot about the church body as a place of community and about our need for each other. As you well know, faith in Jesus was never designed to be a faith of isolation, whether that isolation is voluntary or not. Meeting together corporately is an essential part of life in Christ. The gathered, unified, praying, worshipping church is one of the ways that God shows off who He is to the world around us. So too is obedience to the instructions to “bear one another’s burdens”, “love one another”, “confess your sins to one another”, and the more than 40 other “one another” commands to the church listed in the New Testament. Corporate worship and community are not limited to Sunday morning services, they are a daily practice as well. But too often, we are too comfortable living apart from each other. Too often, we are too comfortable living as spiritual hermits, detached from the struggles and victories of one another. This is not a call to throw caution to the wind and totally ignore the CDC guidelines for social-distancing and quarantining, but rather a challenge to intentionally build community in the church as an act of worship. It is a call to know the believers that God has placed in your life and to be known by them. A call to do the hard work of being vulnerable and honest, so that God can minister **through** you and **to** you. I believe that as we faithfully follow Jesus together, He will bless our church beyond what we can imagine right now.

So... how are you intentionally building up the community of believers that God has brought into your life right now?

In Christ,

Brian



Celebrate Your Blessings



CELEBRATING FAMILY

The phrase "the year 2020" seems to still be resounding when it comes to planning activities. Our traditional All Church Thanksgiving Dinner is still on our calendar, Nov. 15, although it will be done a little different. We will still have the traditional meal: Turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, & hot rolls will be provided. Many are wanting to participate in providing food items so we are asking that you bring only the desserts for the meal. In effort to comply with guidelines for safety protocol, we will serve the meal. Bring your family to worship the Lord, His Provision, His Love, His Glory as we celebrate this Thanksgiving season!

Each Thanksgiving, we lend a hand to our community in meeting the need for a nice Thanksgiving dinner for those who might not have one due to circumstances in their lives. We will meet Monday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m. to bag and deliver Thanksgiving baskets in conjunction with the Mooreland Ministerial Alliance.



We will be gathering up the shoeboxes you've packed for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on **Sunday, November 1st** during the morning worship hour. Our goal is to have at least 50 shoeboxes to send to children around the globe!

"Prayer should be like breathing for Christians. No day can be boring when God is in it, and God is in all of our seemingly insignificant moments in life." (Psalm 37:23) *Denise Hughes*

"God is not bothered by our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all." *D.L. Moody*

**Men's Prayer Breakfast - November 14, 7 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

**Ladies Prayer of Thanks - November 19, 6 p.m.
@ Dena's home**

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Adopt An Angel



Adopt An Angel is community mission project that begins this month. Bev and the committee have worked tirelessly for several years to minister to children of families who are less fortunate than others. We need *you* to volunteer this year to join the team of workers (committee) as they strategize how to make this Christmas a very blessed Christmas! The committee is made up of members from each of the Churches in the Mooreland Ministerial Alliance. Due to all the craziness with Covid 19 and various shutdowns and postponements, the first Angel Committee meeting for this year has not been set at the writing of this newsletter. We will put out information as soon as we can. Angel Trees tentatively will go November 19th with angels ready for adoption. Wrap and delivery date will tentatively be December 12th.



"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Be one of the few!