

TODAY: NOVEMBER 29

- ◆ 8:30a—Elder & Deacon Prayer Time
- ◆ 8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 11:00a —Sunday School Classes (all ages)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Wed. Dec. 2—6:30pm AWANA "color night"
 - Dec. 5—9:00a New Members Class
- If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact our church office at 208.888.1109. Thank you.



[other activities listed on the back of bulletin]

SAVE THE DATE!

Dec. 20—9:00a Christmas Brunch
 — 10:00a Christmas Carols
 (Note This is a date change.)

Dec. 24—5:00p Christmas Eve Service

Jan. 24— Annual Business Meeting



December 2020 Graduate
 Kaila Ho / BSU

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

November 29:

Nursery:

- SS: Marietta / Connie

Sound Techs: Jonathon/Alex/Brent
 (AM & PM)

Safety Team: (AM) (PM)

AWANA

Christmas Project:

We are collecting new pillows for the Boise Rescue Mission—Please bring your pillows to the church no later than Dec. 16th.

Romans 1:1-7

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

NASB

MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

November 29, 2020

9:30 AM Service

Song Leader: Benjy

Welcome: Randy

- #113 Join All the Glorious Names 1, 2, 3, 5
- #374 My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness all
- #356 I Know Whom I Have Believed all
- #354 The Church's One Foundation all

Special Music: Joy, Emily, Tony

Medley

*O Come O come Emmanuel,
 Come thou Long expected Jesus,
 Love has Come A light in the darkness,
 All is well.*

Scripture Reading: Danny

Message: *The Obedience that Comes from Faith*

Text: Romans 1:1-32 Pastor Randy

- #341 Never Cease To Praise all

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Scott

Song Leader: Brent

Message: *Paul's Heart for the Ephesian Church*

Text: Ephesians 3:14-21 Pastor Dave

Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our **Continuing in Faithfulness** Building Campaign over the next three years. For more information please call the church office



MISSION FOCUS

November



Dave Lunsford

Director Baptist Network NW

- Thank you for your support in prayer and giving.
- At the end of May I produced my first ever home recorded sermon at the request of Eastgate Bible Fellowship—it took three tries but I was pleased with the results. That message, which is a retrospective on how God answered prayer during Sue's illness and death, is available on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/42377047>
- Since May I have visited 9 churches and spoken in most of them—happy to report that our churches have adapted to the COVID safety protocols and are continuing to do the Lord's work in a challenging time.
- I completed class #9 in my Doctor of Ministry program—now in class #10, the final class in a long journey.
- Took part in a seminar/workshop on church planting at ABWE headquarters—we plan to make sure church planting continues to be a vital part of our ministry.
- We were able to have Sue's memorial service on August 1st.
- Thank you for your prayers for me as I adjust to life without Sue.

cleanings for our Seasons

What are you thankful for this year?

"I am thankful every day for the Bible, but particularly this year and this Thanksgiving week, I have a renewed and profound appreciation for the gift of the **Word of God.**



Have you ever studied Luke 24, the story of two of Jesus' followers on the road to Emmaus? On that seven-mile walk, Jesus explained what the **Bible** is all about: himself. *'And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.'* (Luke 24:25-27, ESV)

Although it contains stories like the road to Emmaus, the **Bible** is not a collection of religious short stories. It is one story from cover to cover with God's explanatory notes. It is the most amazing, radical, fear-dispelling, hope-giving story you could ever want to read. It is a story that is incredibly honest and tremendously hopeful at the same time.

The plot of **Scripture** will make you understand things you have never understood before and see things you would have been blind to. This story addresses your deepest questions and most terrifying fears. It has a shocking beginning, a horrible dilemma, an unexpected solution, and a glorious ending. It is the story of stories, the one narrative that every human being needs to hear and understand.

The story of the **Bible** is a death-and-life story. The stink of death and the fragrance of life are on every page. It can make you weep and celebrate. It can produce more sadness and deeper joy than you thought you could ever experience.

Do you read the **Scriptures** as a story? Are you captivated by its plot? Are you hooked on every word spoken by the main character, Christ? Are you in awe of its Author?

The **Bible** is the story of Christ coming to earth to defeat sin and death and to restore a perfect, eternal relationship to the creatures he made in his likeness.

Now that's a reason to be thankful this **Thanksgiving!**

- Paul Tripp

-Submitted by Pastor Dave