



The *Spirit* of Strawberry Baptist Association

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Remember Our Lord in your Celebrations!

November is here! It seems that already people are prepping for Christmas! I'd like to encourage you in several directions with reference to the rush of holidays and seasons. The main idea I'd like to remind you of, is that found in three different places in the New Testament. The phrase *'whatever you do'* (1 Cor. 10:31; Colossians 3:17; 3 John 5) is used to remind us that we all do things a little different – it may be what we eat, how we serve, what and how we celebrate, but that there is a fundamental foundation for believers. That foundation is to make sure that we celebrate so that God is glorified, and we are showing gratitude to Him. It is not really about whether my neighbors (or church members) are celebrating when and how I think is appropriate. It is much more important to consider whether I am grateful to God, and He is being glorified in my actions. It is amazing how the discipline to focus on myself often precludes the time or energy to get irritated at how others are behaving. So, next time Wal-Mart annoys you with early sales – ask how you are showing glory to God.

In particular I'd like to make several suggestions that I believe honor God and glorify Him before the world. Make time to be verbally grateful. As a nation, we often make a big deal over thanksgiving, but Christians have much for which to be thankful – and the world should know it! Especially in today's political climate, are you known to be a grateful recipient of God's benevolence? With the world focused on a day of thanksgiving we should be known as a thankful people - at all times. And as Christmas, or the incarnation, approaches make don't let worship be an add-on to family and culture time. It is our God who is the hope of our families, our communities, and our nation. So let it be a time of extra worship, whether as a family or church. Make sure that we are grateful to God everyday; and make sure our celebrations don't become excuses to neglect the very one we are celebrating. I have often heard Christians lamenting that the world is taking *'Christ' out of 'Christmas'*. And so I have to ask, how are you going to make sure that Christ is extra noticeable in your celebrations this year?

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3rd Quarter 2024 Financial Report

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	YTD	Budget	Budget %
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$71,845.54	\$72,914.73	\$73,334.08	\$73,301.33	\$69,791.40	\$64,917.25	\$64,737.93	\$64,457.06	\$64,940.24	Income		
General Fund												
Undesignated Receipts	\$1,838.05	\$1,128.10	\$736.49	\$1,314.11	\$1,465.69	\$737.26	\$1,649.64	\$969.39	\$2,260.63	\$25,290.59		
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00		
Total Receipts	\$1,838.05	\$1,128.10	\$736.49	\$1,314.11	\$1,465.69	\$737.26	\$1,649.64	\$1,369.39	\$2,260.63	\$25,690.59		
Balance (Checkbook Bal + Receipts)	\$73,683.59	\$74,042.83	\$74,070.57	\$74,615.44	\$84,448.32	\$65,654.51	\$66,387.57	\$65,826.45	\$67,200.87			
Total Expenses	-\$768.86	-\$708.75	-\$769.24	-\$4,824.04	-\$19,531.07	-\$916.58	-\$1,930.51	-\$886.21	-\$2,738.99	-\$33,074.25		
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$72,914.73	\$73,334.08	\$73,301.33	\$69,791.40	\$64,917.25	\$64,737.93	\$64,457.06	\$64,940.24	\$64,461.88	(\$7,383.66)		
<i>CD's</i>	\$53,814.77	\$53,814.77	\$53,824.85	\$53,734.11	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$39,845.65		
<i>BGAV Foundation</i>	\$35,805.57	\$35,805.57	\$37,187.15	\$37,187.15	\$37,187.15	\$37,516.17	\$31,405.06	\$31,405.06	\$39,845.65			
<i>Total - All Accounts</i>	\$162,535.07	\$162,954.42	\$164,313.33	\$160,712.66	\$142,104.40	\$142,254.10	\$135,862.12	\$136,345.30	\$144,307.53	YTD		
Ministries												
CenterFest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0%
Missions Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	800.00	21,800.00	10,000.00	21.8%
Local Church Ministry & Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
Quilting Camp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0%
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	800.00	21,800.00	\$15,200.00	143%
Personnel												
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Secretary's Salary	243.95	251.90	251.90	275.91	351.92	267.82	251.90	227.88	247.93	2,371.11	5,000.00	47%
Secretary's Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Treasurer's Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	60.97	0.00	0.00	60.97	0.00	0.00	60.97	182.91	250.00	73%
Subtotal	243.95	251.90	312.87	275.91	351.92	328.79	251.90	227.88	308.90	2,554.02	\$5,250.00	49%
Associational Office												
Office Supplies	99.41	31.33	30.85	169.11	154.04	162.68	253.50	29.39	217.61	1,147.92	1,700.00	68%
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.50	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,153.50	1,200.00	96%
Computer Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0%
SBA Office Rent	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	2,700.00	3,600.00	75%
SBA Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0%
SBA Renters Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	987.00	987.00	0.00	N/A
Telephone & Internet	125.50	125.52	125.52	125.52	125.11	125.11	125.11	125.48	125.48	1,128.35	1,600.00	71%
Subtotal	524.91	456.85	456.37	1,148.13	1,179.15	587.79	678.61	454.87	1,630.09	7,116.77	\$9,550.00	75%
Other												
Associational Annuals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	1,500.00	93%
Eagle Eyrie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.46	0.00	203.46	100.00	203%
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.46	0.00	1,603.46	\$1,600.00	100%
Total Disbursements	\$768.86	\$708.75	\$769.24	\$4,824.04	\$19,531.07	\$916.58	\$1,930.51	\$886.21	\$2,738.99	\$33,074.25	\$31,600.00	105%

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Church Clerks

*Don't Forget your ACP'S! You can complete them online at www.sbcworkspace.com, or fill out your paper copy by hand, then mail them to Lifeway, or drop them off at the SBA Office. **ACP's are due by March 31st.**

*Missions – Check out our 3rd Quarter Financial Report. We have given away **\$21,800** for Missions, assisting 11 Missionaries & 7 SBA Churches to be **On-Mission for Him.**

Bedford

*We will honor our **Veterans** on Military Appreciation Sunday on Nov 10th. We appreciate all who have served and those who are still serving our Country.

*Our **Mission Team** will provide a shuttle service for the GFWC's Annual Craft Show at Liberty Middle School. The bus will take shoppers to and from the parking lot to the school.

***Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication Sunday** is Nov 17th. Our goal is 225 boxes. We hope to exceed that goal.

*If you are thinking about joining us on the trip to the **ARK** in March, do so by Dec 1st. It looks like we will get the number needed to make this trip happen. Details included in this publication.

Flint Hill

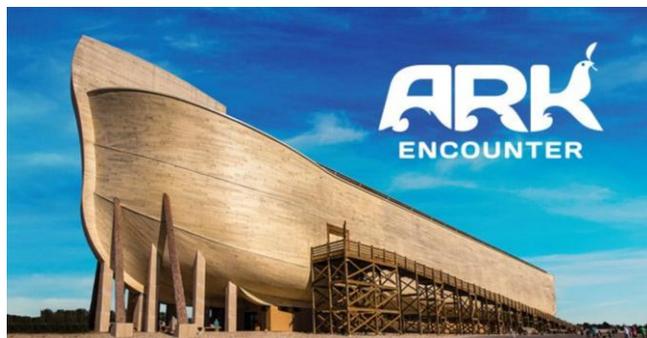
*Pastor Brian has resigned from Flint Hill, his last Sunday was Oct 13th. **Thank You, Brian & Katie**, for serving as pastor at Flint Hill.

*We have called former Transitional Pastor Vernon DeLong to come and serve as our Interim Pastor.

*We are packing and collecting Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our Goal is 50 shoeboxes.

SBCV Annual Homecoming
The Lord is with You
ANNUAL HOMECOMING
Advancing Mission Together
 November 10th - 12th
 London Bridge Baptist Church
 Virginia Beach, VA

BGAV Annual Meeting
Free Indeed
 November 11th - 13th
 First Baptist Church
 Alexandria, VA



BBC Trip to the Ark! March 27, 28 & 29, 2025

Trip Details include:

- Round Trip Motor Coach Transportation
- Baggage Handling
- 2-Night Lodging
- Admission to Creation Museum
- 2 Dinners (*Golden Corral & \$20.00 Cracker Barrel gift card*)
- Admission to Ark Encounter
- 2 Continental Breakfasts, Tour starts Breakfast
- Buffet Lunch at Ark Encounter

Room Prices per person.

- 4 people in room \$459
- 3 people in room \$499
- 2 people in room \$529 (*\$1,058.00 for husband & wife*)
- 1 person in room \$599

We are ready to take Deposits. **Deposits are \$100.00.** Make checks payable to **BBC – Re: 2025 Ark Trip.** We selected this trip package because food was included.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 18th - 25th



Make sure your *Shoe-Boxes* are packed and back to the Church by the 3rd Sunday, Nov 17th, so you can **Pray over them** before taking them to a Collection Site.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer December 1st – 8th

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Thanks- Giving

As we gather together for Thanksgiving, let us remember what we are truly Thankful for. *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.”*

November

- 5 Pastor’s Conference @ *Timber Ridge*
- 10–12 SBCV Homecoming @ *London Bridge Baptist, Virginia Beach*
- 11–23 BGAV Annual Meeting @ *First Baptist Church, Alexandria*