

Strawberry Baptist Association

Spirit



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Happy Thanksgiving! I wish everybody a safe and Happy Thanksgiving; time spent enjoying the food, family, fun, fellowship & even football. We remember the story in our history books of the first Thanksgiving where the Indians shared their food with the Pilgrims and they all gathered around the table giving thanks to God for His many blessings. Thanksgiving is a time for giving thanks, for praising God for His many blessings. God has blessed us in so many ways; spiritually, financially, materially & physically. The chorus to the Hymn goes, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God has done!"

The prophet Habakkuk prophesied during the "last days" of Judah, that Jerusalem and the Temple would fall to the Babylonians. God's judgment upon a sinful & unrepentant nation is swift and sure. But, God is good. In spite of, and in the midst of, all the bad things going on in the world, Habakkuk writes, "the Just shall live by Faith" (2:4). How can we be thankful when the world is crazy around us?

Habakkuk says in chapter 3:17-19: Be thankful when circumstances change, God never changes. In chapter 3, verse 17, he says, "Though the figs, the fruit, the fields, and the flocks all fail." Things Change. In the Old Testament, Israel experienced the Exodus, the Exile, and in the New Testament the Jews experienced the Romans, and the destruction of the Temple. Things change for us also, whether it's loss of our health, our home, our job, or our family. Bad things happen in life. But GOD DOES NOT CHANGE - Mal 3:6 "I Am the Lord, I do not Change." Heb 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." James 1:17 "The Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." Remember; be thankful for what you have. Do not complain about what you don't have! Praise God for who He is - He is God, No other! Be thankful when going through suffering, you are saved by grace. In chapter 3, verse 18 "Yet, I will rejoice, I will joy in God of my salvation." Yet - In spite of the pains, problems and predicaments, we all have some kind of problems. We sing the chorus, "He has made me glad," why? Because when the trumpet sounds at the rapture, "I'm outta' here." We are saved by grace from Hell & saved for Heaven. All the suffering and sorrows, tears and trials are short when compared to eternity. So, be thankful what God has done for us through the cross and the empty tomb. Praise God for what He has done. Thank the Lord He saved my soul!

Be thankful when going through trials, we triumph through Christ. We've won! We've won! In chapter 3, verse 19 "The Lord is my Strength" (and my Salvation Psalm 27:1). "He will make my feet like deer's feet," to run away from temptation, or rise above the problems of this world. Regardless of the trials and tribulations in this world, we have victory in Jesus, and peace with God. Because the tomb is still empty, we triumph through Christ's death, He defeated sin, suffering, and death. "Because He lives, we can face tomorrow." I read the back of the book and we win. We've won! Praise God for what He is going to do. We are saved, sealed, and secure.

Do you really believe God is still on His throne, He's still in control of this world, and the tomb is still empty, no matter the circumstances or situation? Thank Him! Do you believe God can forgive any sin, cleanse any stain, solve any situation, and save any sinner? Thank Him! We've won! We've won! Live like it. Have a Great Thanksgiving! "Give thanks with a grateful heart ..."

Financial Report - Jan - Dec 2025

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Expenses	Budget	Budget	Income
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$62,364.30	\$62,414.68	\$62,719.96	\$51,462.86	\$50,251.68	\$41,401.97	\$41,421.82	\$41,521.61	\$42,788.89	\$40,509.80	\$40,509.80	\$40,509.80	\$0.00
General Fund													
Undesignated Receipts	\$770.73	\$1,066.92	\$1,650.30	\$1,108.73	\$1,116.26	\$913.54	\$902.17	\$1,984.41	\$1,764.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,277.74
Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$770.73	\$1,066.92	\$1,650.30	\$1,108.73	\$1,116.26	\$913.54	\$902.17	\$1,984.41	\$1,764.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,277.74
Balance (Ckbook Bal + Receipts)	\$63,135.03	\$63,481.60	\$64,370.26	\$52,571.59	\$51,367.94	\$42,315.51	\$42,323.99	\$43,506.02	\$44,553.57	\$40,509.80	\$40,509.80	\$40,509.80	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>(\$720.35)</u>	<u>(\$761.64)</u>	<u>(\$12,907.40)</u>	<u>(\$2,319.91)</u>	<u>(\$9,965.97)</u>	<u>(\$893.69)</u>	<u>(\$802.38)</u>	<u>(\$717.13)</u>	<u>(\$4,043.77)</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<u>(\$33,132.24)</u>
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CD's	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82	\$42,146.82
BGAV Foundation	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92	\$43,637.92
Total - All Accounts	\$148,199.42	\$148,504.70	\$137,247.60	\$136,036.42	\$127,186.71	\$127,206.56	\$127,306.35	\$128,573.63	\$126,294.54	\$126,294.54	\$126,294.54	\$126,294.54	\$126,294.54
							YTD					%	
Ministries													
Centerfest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0%	
Missions Grants	0	0	12,000.00	0	9,000.00	0	0	2,000.00	23,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	230%	
Local Church Ministry & Outreach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000.00	5,000.00	0%	
Quilting Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	0%	
Subtotal	0	0	12,000.00	0	9,000.00	0	0	2,000.00	23,000.00	\$15,200.00	\$15,200.00	151%	
Personnel													
Clerk's Expense Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	
Secretary's Salary	215.11	215.11	163.1	263.13	215.11	119.06	215.11	119.06	304.75	1,829.54	5,000.00	37%	
Secretary's Social Security	56.83	64.78	64.78	56.82	72.74	64.78	48.87	64.78	48.87	543.25	0	N/A	
Treasurer's Mileage Reimbursement	0	0	63.7	0	0	63.7	0	0	63.7	191.1	250	76%	
Subtotal	271.94	279.89	291.58	319.95	287.85	247.54	263.98	183.84	417.32	2,563.89	\$5,250.00	49%	
Associational Office													
Office Supplies	22.6	55.83	189.9	71.04	202.13	220.16	112.41	112.77	189.93	1,176.77	1,700.00	69%	
Website	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200.00	0%	
Computer Maintenance	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	250	250	100%	
SBA Office Rent	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	2,700.00	3,600.00	75%	
SBA Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200.00	0%	
SBA Renters Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,016.00	1,016.00	0	0	N/A	
Telephone & Internet	125.81	125.92	125.92	125.92	125.99	125.99	125.99	120.52	120.52	1,122.58	1,600.00	70%	
Subtotal	448.41	481.75	615.82	746.96	628.12	646.15	538.4	533.29	1,626.45	6,265.35	\$9,550.00	66%	
Other													
Associational Annuals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	
Annual Meeting	0	0	0	1,253.00	0	0	0	0	0	1,253.00	1,500.00	84%	
Eagle Eyrrie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50	100	50%	
Subtotal	0	0	0	1,253.00	50	0	0	0	0	1,303.00	\$1,600.00	81%	
Total Disbursements	\$720.35	\$761.64	\$12,907.40	\$2,319.91	\$9,965.97	\$893.69	\$802.38	\$717.13	\$4,043.77	\$33,132.24	\$31,600.00	105%	

Church News

Pecks Baptist Church has called, and voted in by unanimous vote, a new Youth Director, Jason Cordes. We are excited to have Jason and his family, join our church. Please pray for him and our youth ministry. We will be having a Veterans Day program on Sat., November 8. This is open to all Veterans and their families. The service will begin at 12:00pm, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We ask people to please RSVP to have a better idea on how much food to order. They can RSVP via text or phone call to either Pastor Brandon Palmer at (804)-221-2119, or Dan Daniels at (540)-520-8067. We had our annual Trunk or Treat on October 25, it was a great time had by all. We will be having a special Thanksgiving service on Wed., November 26, at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Trinity Baptist Church participated in Faith and Blue Weekend 2025 this year by presenting plaques of Appreciation, bibles, and doughnuts to the Virginia State Police area 41 office, Bedford Police Department, and the Bedford County Sheriff's office. October is "make a difference month" as we have been looking at Being the church not just doing Church. Six members were randomly selected to receive \$50.00 to use to minister to someone not already affiliated with our church then report to the church on the 26th as to what they did. Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, Nov 2 at 5:30-8:00.

Timber Ridge Baptist - In recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month, we honored Pastor Phil and our Youth Minister, Pastor Nathan with a taco dinner, cake, as well as cards and gifts of appreciation. We are so very thankful for them both. They love our church body, serve faithfully, and they love Jesus. We are excited about two new members who recently came to know the Lord and were baptized. We have also had several new families who have been visiting with us. God is good! We enjoyed Trunk-r-Treat with a hot dog supper with our AWANA Clubbers. We gave away lots of candy, gospel tracts and flyers about our church ministries. The AWANA program continues to grow and we saw many new faces during our recent "Bring a Friend Night." The Youth are gearing up and preparing to attend "Reverb", a Word of Life an all-night outreach event. Children's Church continues working its way through the books of the Old Testament. Pastor Phil is beginning a new series about "The Armor of God" during our Sunday morning 11:00 worship time. We are continuing to fill shoeboxes for the "Operation Christmas Child" ministry for children around the world. The ladies have prepared meals and taken in baskets to those who have been ill and unable to attend services with us. They truly are the hands and feet of Jesus. Our men continue to meet on the third Saturday of each month for a delicious breakfast, prayer time, sharing and encouragement in the Word. We are continuing with our building remodel.

Thaxton Baptist is having a youth event called Catacombs on November 14 at 5 PM to 9 PM. It is a free pizza party and game night open to all youth grades 6-12. There is a registration that must be filled out by parents. On November 16 after our morning service we will have an Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party. We take all the donations given throughout the year and work together as a church to pack and pray over each box.

Bedford Baptist - Pastor Michael reported that the first week of LifeWise at Liberty Middle School was very successful with about 70 students. The November deadline for Shoe Box collection is getting close, and we have ladies in our church busy making dolls of all kinds. Our goal for this year is 250. We moved our Dinner Theatre style morning worship to November 30th which is followed by our Chili Cook Off in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Hein is working with Liberty High students through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We serve breakfast to about 25 or 30 high school students and about 4 to 6 of the school's staff each Thursday morning at 7:00 am. We are calling this "Breakfast & Bibles". We have breakfast, play a little, and then about 30 minutes of Bible Study. Afterwards, they go to school and if necessary, we will provide transportation. We are in the planning stages of having our 1st "Drive Thru Nativity" on December 13 - 14 from 5 until 7 pm.

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November

- 2 Daylight Savings Ends
- 4 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 9-11 SBCV Annual Homecoming, First Baptist Roanoke VA
- 10-12 BGAV Annual Meeting, Highlands Fellowship Abingdon, VA
- 27 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Begin week of Prayer for International Missions

December

- 1-7 Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 4 SBCV Valley Region Christmas Banquet - Roanoke
- 11 SBCV Central-West & Southside Region Christmas Banquet - Lynchburg
- 25 Christmas Day