

fbc Faith News

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!



November 2018 | Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church

Mark Your Calendar

11.2-4
Women's Thrive Conf.
11.4
Daylight Saving Time Ends-2am
11.3
No Women's Min Think Tank
11.5
Finance Board Meeting-6:30pm
11.6
Deacon Meeting-6:30pm
11.13
Church Council Meeting-7pm
11.14
Final Wed Night Live Classes
11.16
Deadline to return Operation
Christmas Child Box-Noon
11.17
Men's Min. Council-7:30am
Women's Better Together
Retreat @FBC—1-4pm
11.17
Special Business Meeting-
11:40am
11.22
Free Thanksgiving Meal-
11am-Noon@ Sen. Citizen Ctr
Church Office Closed
11.23
Church Office Closed
11.25
Nursing Home Services-1:30pm
Baby Shower for Gracie Olson-
4pm
11.27
J.O.Y. Circle-6pm

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We are told in Scripture to be thankful in all circumstances. This is a hard teaching, yet amazingly powerful when applied. November is the month designated for thanksgiving. The reason is self-evident. Even though most of us aren't farmers, we understand the need to celebrate the harvest, thanking God for His gracious provision. Legend has it that the Puritans did this after a devastating year. They lost half their population the preceding winter, and experienced their first spring, summer, and fall on American soil. By God's grace the local natives had mercy on them and showed them how to survive, planting corn, extracting Maple syrup, and avoiding deadly plants. The result was a harvest and the first Thanksgiving celebration. While food was consumed (probably more lobster than turkey!) the point was to praise and thank God for His wonderful grace and mercy. President Lincoln established the Thanksgiving holiday in the midst of the Civil War, while thousands were still dying in the bloodiest war we've ever known. It is hard to imagine giving thanks in that circumstance, yet how important it

was to do so. We are tempted to only give thanks when things are going well. Many find it difficult to give thanks when life is hard. Understandably so. Yet, if we will believe God's Word, trust His will, and give Him praise and thanksgiving no matter what circumstance we are living through, we find at least three things happen. The first thing that happens is that our faith grows. We believe and trust God more because we exercise our faith in those difficult times. The second thing that happens is our attitude changes. We begin to have hope. We prime the pump for more thankfulness, and begin to count our blessings. The third thing that happens is that we show those around us what it looks like to be a Christian. There is no more powerful witness to a watching world than for Christians to give thanks in ALL circumstances. So, in honor of the puritans giving thanks after the hardest year of their lives, I am promoting a puritan classic as our book of the month. John Newton (Writer of the hymn “Amazing Grace”) said if he might read only one book beside the Bible, he would choose *The Christian in Complete Armour* by William Gurnall. I hope it blesses you this month.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date	Nursery	Kids Worship
Nov. 4	Ronda Moffitt & Rusty, Marcy & Shaylee Smet	Denise Bowker, Tina McCaw, Kathy Olson, Mollie & Lucy Dunn, Monica Dennison & Shannon Sedam
Nov. 11	Ronda & Veronica Moffitt, Dixie Bodeen & Sidney Quam	Denise Bowker, Jason, Leslie, Brady & J.J. Connell, Kathy Norton, Mollie & Maddie Dunn, & Melissa Struble
Nov. 18	Ronda Moffit, Jan Crutcher, Susan Potthast & Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker, Terry & Steph Leonard, Joyce & Logan Thomas, Mollie Dunn & Sheila Busch
Nov. 25	Ronda Moffit, Sharon Moffitt, Crystal Clark & Bryce Maynard	Denise Bowker, Felicia Bonyng, Sara Kellett & Kassidy Leonard. Mollie Dunn, Jess Weist & Jessica Swift

If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator**, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021. Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—Please come to the Fellowship Hall by **9:55am** so you can help & prep. *Please continue to let me know if you are switching with somebody. I have it set up so there are two adults plus myself helping at a time. Please do not switch with a couple if you are an individual. Thank you so much for your service! ~Mollie. If you need to contact Mollie about Kids Club Worship, call –309-371-6962.

Committee Member of the Month

Finance Board Member of the Month for November — Jeanne Barber
Trustee of the Month for November - Steven Bonyng

Prayer Team

Nov.4th - 8am-Mary Lee Finch, Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch—**10:15am**-Britni Ewing Anita Parkinson & Ron Moffitt
Nov. 11th—8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Riche—**10:15am**-Jeanne Barber & Laurie Louck
Nov. 18th - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am**—Lisa Litwiler, Tina McCaw, & Barb Bryant
Nov. 25th —8am-Doug & Diane Hessman **10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard

Attendance & Offering Year To Date

Year To Date Weekly Attendance Average— 360
Year to Date 2018 FBC Budget Need—\$485,089.45
Year To Date Actual Giving-\$507,465.03



Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms—29
Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 38

Kids Club Ministry



LIVING A LIFE
FILLED WITH
THANKFULNESS

Psalm
28:7 *"The LORD is
my strength and
my shield; my
heart trusts in him,
and he helps me.
My heart leaps for*

joy, and with my song I praise him."

I love this time of year! The kids are well into the school year and we're starting to dig out our coats and boots. I love strolling through the pumpkin patch, making homemade hot chocolate, and walking through the neighborhood to gaze at the pretty colors.

As life gets busier and busier I have to remind myself to slow down or I'll miss it. It happens all too fast and then the holidays are here and then Valentine's Day and then Easter...time moves so fast. The days seem so long sometimes but the time I have with my kids is short and I want to make each day count. This Psalm reminds me that God is my strength and I don't have to walk alone. It also reminds me to look for the joy God has placed in my life because he is good and worthy of being praised.

Today, I remind myself to breath. I'm going to put my work down and go for a walk with my girls. I'm going to make homemade mac n' cheese and sit around the table with them and laugh at their silly comments. And I'm going to thank God for each day. He is my strength and I trust him. My heart leaps for joy!

~Mollie, Children's Pastor



Upcoming Events:

Kids Club PJ Reward Party (Nov. 14th)

We're closing out the Fall Session of Kids Club with a fun PJ Reward Party for all kids 3 years old—5th grade on Wednesday, Nov. 14th from 6:30-8pm. New

kids are always welcome to join us! Please register at www.firstbaptistaledo.com. Kids are invited to wear their PJ's and they will recite their memory verses for a trip to the prize table. ***Memory Verses** are: Psalm 47:7-8 & Proverbs 2:6-7



Kids Christmas Program (December 9th)

The Pre-k- 5th grade Sunday School Classes & Kids Worship (Pre-k-5th grade) will be singing at the beginning of the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 9th. Kids are encouraged to wear their Christmas clothes and to practice with us at 9am in the sanctuary. If they can't be there at 9am, please have them in the Kids Worship Room (Fellowship Hall) at 10am.

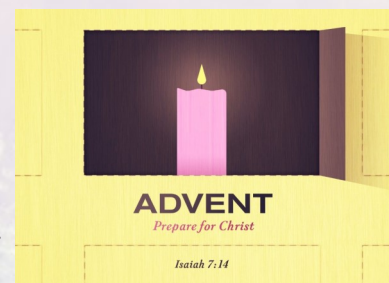
Kids Sunday School Christmas Parties (December 23rd)

-The Pre-k-5th grade Sunday School classes will be having their Christmas parties on Sunday, December 23rd during Sunday School. This is the perfect time to recognize your child's Sunday School teachers

with a small gift or special card. Kids will enjoy games and a special treat this Sunday.



***Family Advent Kits** will be available at the Kid's Check-in Station in the foyer starting Nov. 25th! A fun, free way to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.



COLLIDE YOUTH!

In Collide Youth Group we are finishing up our Wednesday Night Program for the teens. Our final session of Collide for the Fall will end on Wednesday, Nov. 14th. Our topic for the remainder of the session is about Prayer.

We are looking for Prayer Partners for the youth. Jeanne Barber is Coordinator of our Prayer Force Team (Prayer Partner). Please consider supporting the youth in this



area. We are in need of adults that are willing to

pray, talk and support our Collide kids.

Stay tuned for a "To Be Announced" Youth outing during the holidays. The Winter/Spring Session of Collide will begin Jan. 9th and run through April 10th, 2019 each Wednesday Night from 6:30-8pm. All students grades 6th-12th are welcome to attend this free program.

~ Pastor Seth



Join Us for Collide Youth

WHERE: First Baptist Aledo- 800 NE 6th Ave.

DATES: Every Wednesday through November 14th. We will kick back off for the Winter/Spring Session of Collide on Jan. 9th and run through April 10th, 2019.

TIME: 6:30pm-8pm

WHO: All students Grades 6-12th!

No need to pre-register for Collide just show up unless bus pick up is needed! Register at firstbaptistaledo.com

What to expect at Collide? Expect to have fun! Have lots of great snacks, play some fun games and most importantly learn about what it means to know God personally through Jesus Christ.

Collide Snacks Needed

Collide for the Fall is wrapping up on Nov. 14th, however, we will need snacks again when we kickoff on January 9th for the Winter/Spring Session. In an effort to better minister to the kids, we are feeding them a small meal on Wednesday nights along with a snack. If you would be interested in donating enough to feed 80 kids at one time, please feel free to do so in one of two ways 1) non-perishable snack items (for example: chex mix, granola bars, popcorn) can be dropped off at the church at any time. Either

hand them to Beth Bowns or place in the kitchen with a sticky note on them indicating "Collide". Or 2) if you would be interested in providing a perishable item (for example: yogurt, string cheese, or fruit) upon request, please notify Beth Bowns at 309-371-6525 (call or text) and you will be placed on a list to be contacted prior to the Wednesday needed. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed food! We appreciate it!



Opportunities to Give & Christmas Poinsettias

The Blessing Box

Did you know FBC has a Blessing Box ministry which is designed to give a quick help to anyone in need? The Blessing Box is located at the back of our church on the northeast Side. People can drive up, open the door and pick out needed items. The Blessing Box is cared for by volunteers on a daily basis. Items that we try to keep stocked are soups, boxed dinners, rice, oatmeal, canned fruits and canned vegetables. Other items that we try to keep stocked as supplied are baby items, bar soaps, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper and feminine products. Items can be left in the pink "Blessing Box" in the church lobby.



Christmas Gifts for the Nursing Home Residents



It is now time to begin bringing gifts for the residents of Genesis Senior Living & Aledo Health and Rehab Care Center. Your unwrapped gift may be placed in the box marked NURSING HOME GIFTS in the church lobby from Sunday, Nov. 18th until 10am on Thursday, Dec. 13th. Both nursing homes are so appreciative of the gifts! Gift suggestions include: Small fleece blankets, dressy scarves, lotion, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, aftershave, stamps, stationary, diabetic socks, slipper socks with grips, chocolate candy, Costume jewelry, cube box kleenex, Christmas wrapping paper, tape and tags. Please DO NOT give powder or open back slippers. Cathy Griswold is coordinating this effort and would love to have anyone interested in helping sort and pack the gifts come to the church lobby on Thursday, Dec. 14th at 10am. Any questions, call Cathy Griswold at 582-2838 or the church office at 582-7812. Thank you for your help with this project.

Christmas Poinsettias

We will once again place Poinsettias in the sanctuary "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" loved ones. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or contact the office at 309-582-7812 by Sunday, Dec. 2nd with the name of the person being remembered as well as your name. The cost for a Poinsettia is \$10. Checks can be made to FBC with "Poinsettia" in the memo.



Minute for Mission

16 members of First Baptist will be traveling to El Salvador in February of 2019. Along with your prayers, if you would like to help support the team, be on the lookout for supply lists for our trip and if you would like to purchase a "Make Jesus Famous" T-shirt, we will have them for sale at the church soon in 2 color choices! Thanks for your support of the FBC Mission Team and our El Salvador Church Family!
~Jenny Dixon Mission Board Chair





First Baptist Church is sponsoring a
Free Community Thanksgiving Meal
At the Mercer County Senior Citizen
Center-137 W. Main St. Aledo
Thursday, Nov. 22nd
11am-Noon

All are welcome to eat with us!
RSVP by calling the church office at 309-582-7812.

Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers and Food Providers

If you would like to volunteer to serve, clean up or deliver the meals, sign up by calling the church office at 309-582-7812. Thanksgiving Meal Coordinator, Carmen Ruh, will call you with details about your assignment. We also need some specific canned and boxed food items to make corn casserole and strawberry fluff. Stop at the church office window to check out the sign up list.

FBC Women's Ministry is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child

Christmas will be here before we know it, which means it's time to begin collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. This is a great opportunity for First Baptist to minister to those children in need. Let's spread some Christmas cheer by filling the shoeboxes. **ONLY A FEW BOXES REMAIN!** You can pick up an empty box and choose if you want to give to a boy or girl. The age groups are 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. They are requesting no toothpaste or candy be put in the boxes this year. Once you have filled your box please indicate who that box is for along with a \$5 bill to help with shipping cost. (The actual shipping cost per shoe box is \$9 but the FBC Women's Ministry team is covering \$4 of that so your cost is \$5.) Please don't wrap up the box, but instead put a rubber band around it. The **Deadline** to return your filled box to the church is no later than **Friday, Nov. 16th at noon**. If you have any questions, please see Lindsay Ricke or call her at 256-520-7910.



You're invited to a Baby Shower for Gracie

The ladies of the church are invited to a
Diaper and Wipe Baby Shower for Gracie Olson
Sunday, Nov. 25th at 4pm in Fellowship Hall.
Please consider gifting the baby with
diapers of any size and/or wipes.

RSVP to Carmen Ruh at 309-371-9539 or
Kim Lloyd at 309-738-9423.



A Note From Pastor Seth/Book of the Month

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and reflect upon our wonderful blessings. To give thanks seems like such a simple matter. We teach our children to say, "Thank you," when something is given to or done for them. Yet at certain times in our lives, giving thanks to the Lord can be hard for us. The secret to giving thanks in all circumstances is to set our mind on the promises and outcome. Everything around us is temporary and the true blessing is eternal. It's our mission at First Baptist to make sure that no one goes without during this wonderful holiday.



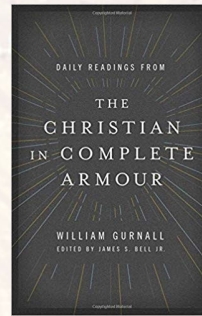
First Baptist Church is hosting a FREE Thanksgiving meal and the church family

and the community is invited to join us. The meal will be held at the Mercer County Senior Citizens Center 137 W. Main St., Aledo on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, Nov. 22nd from 11am-noon. We are blessed by many donors to make sure that we all can give thanks and share the blessing. First Baptist family, please give us the honor of serving you a warm meal. We hope that you will call us and reserve yours today.

Delivery within Aledo's city limits is available for those who are unable to leave their homes. Those who wish to attend or need delivery need to RSVP by November 16th by calling First Baptist Church at 309-582-7812.

If you wish to volunteer to help with the meal, serving or delivery, you can sign up on Sunday's Connection Card and Community Thanksgiving Dinner Coordinator, Carmen Ruh will be in touch with you about your assignment that day.

~ Pastor Seth



Book Of The Month "The Christian In Complete Armour" by William Gurnall Copies available in the church lobby for \$12

"If I might read only one book beside the Bible, I would choose *The Christian in Complete Armour*." —John Newton

The Christian in Complete Armour: Daily Readings in Spiritual Warfare is packed with truths for spiritual triumph.

Originally written in the seventeenth century by Pastor William Gurnall, *The Christian in Complete Armour* is among the most highly regarded Christian books ever written in the English language. Charles Spurgeon called it "the best thought breeder in our library."

This version, edited into modern English and compiled into 365 readings by editor James S. Bell Jr., gives Christians soul-searching and inspiring devotional supplements to the Bible. For baby believers and seasoned ones alike, *The Christian in Complete Armour: Daily Readings in Spiritual Warfare* will help readers walk and stand in the triumph of Christ.



Time Change Is Coming! Day light Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 4th, 2018

At 2am on Nov. 4th, we "fall back" in the fall by setting clocks back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour). So, to make sure you're not too early for church, set your clock back one hour Saturday night before going to bed and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

Upcoming Church Meetings Church Council will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 7pm.

Special Business Meeting —Sunday,
Nov. 18th following the 10:15am service.

Women's Ministry

Mini Women's Retreat Coming to FBC Saturday, Nov. 17th from 1-4pm

Join the ladies of the church at "The Struggle is Real" Better Together Retreat. This retreat is about getting better at life, stronger in faith and free from the stuff keeping you stuck. Author Nichole Unice explores why life's a struggle and what to do about it. We all have struggles and **THE STRUGGLE IS REAL**. Come together to learn how we can find joy in Him instead of feeling stuck. Our lives can be defined by redemption instead of struggle!

This FBC Women's Mini Retreat is **FREE** to attend. Snacks and beverages will be provided. There will be childcare available upon request. Please sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or by calling the church office at 309-582-7812.



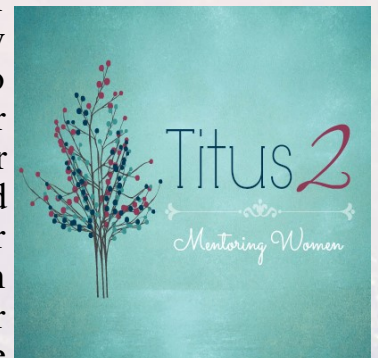
Women's Ministry Think Tank ****No Think Tank Meeting in November.**



J.O.Y. Circle Christmas Party- All ladies are invited to J.O.Y. Circle. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month (except the months of Dec., Jan & Feb.). Our final meeting for 2018 will be at 6pm on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. We will be headed to Joe's Trattoria in Aledo. We will be ordering off the menu. This will be our Christmas Party. Ladies are asked to bring a \$5 gift exchange and bring paper products for the food pantry.

Are you interested in Women's Mentoring?

The Women's Ministry at FBC exists to actively connect women to Christ and to each other. We weren't created to do this life alone! The Women's Mentorship Program will be starting up again soon, and we invite you to prayerfully consider coming alongside another woman in the church to encourage her in her journey with the Lord, and grow in the love of our Savior together. Why not consider being both a mentor to someone younger in the faith as well as being challenged by someone further down the road yourself? There will be an informational meeting November 11th after the 10:15am service in the Enon room where Peggy Johnson and Crystal Clark will be happy to answer any of your questions. You can look for Profile Forms on the women's ministry table in the foyer, and can turn completed forms into the church secretary window no later than December 9th. The official mentoring season is January-August 2019, but we welcome all ladies to invest in one another's lives the entire year long.



Scripture & Thank You

Thank
you



Church Appreciation

If October is Pastor Appreciation month, then November must be Congregation Appreciation month. Our church is so generous and thoughtful; we are truly blessed to serve the Lord with you! A special thanks to Pam for her role as ring-leader. We treasure every encouraging word and gift we've received. Thanks so much! ~ Luke, Mollie, Maddie & Lucy

**Weekly Prayer at FBC Following Wed Night Live Classes at 8:15pm
In Classroom #3 located on the Upper level. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Each week we will focus on a specific prayer target:

November 7th - Veterans
Final Week of WNL—November 14th - Revival

Scripture for November

Prayer Targets for November—Veterans & Revival

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| 1. 2 Peter 1, Genesis 21 | 15. Philippians 1, Genesis 35 |
| 2. 2 Peter 2, Genesis 22 | 16. Philippians 2, Genesis 36 |
| 3. 2 Peter 3, Genesis 23 | 17. Philippians 3, Genesis 37 |
| 4. 1 Thessalonians 1, Genesis 24 | 18. Philippians 4, Genesis 38 |
| 5. 1 Thessalonians 2, Genesis 25 | 19. Galatians 1, Genesis 39 |
| 6. 1 Thessalonians 3, Genesis 26 | 20. Galatians 2, Genesis 40 |
| 7. 1 Thessalonians 4, Genesis 27 | 21. Galatians 3, Genesis 41 |
| 8. 1 Thessalonians 5, Genesis 28 | 22. Galatians 4, Genesis 42 |
| 9. 2 Thessalonians 1, Genesis 29 | 23. Galatians 5, Genesis 43 |
| 10. 2 Thessalonians 2, Genesis 30 | 24. Galatians 6, Genesis 44 |
| 11. 2 Thessalonians 3, Genesis 31 | 25. Colossians 1, Genesis 45 |
| 12. Titus 1, Genesis 32 | 26. Colossians 2, Genesis 46 |
| 13. Titus 2, Genesis 33 | 27. Colossians 3, Genesis 47 |
| 14. Titus 3, Genesis 34 | 28. Colossians 4, Genesis 48 |
| Congratulations! If you've been following along since April, you've now read the entire New Testament! | |
| | 29. Hebrews 1, Genesis 49 |
| | 30. Hebrews 2, Genesis 50 |

Happy Birthday

Josh Dixon	November 3
Claude Moreland	November 5
Jady Ewing	
Bryce Moffitt	
Jacki Olson	November 6
Brooke Cox	November 8
Kathy Sponsler	
Luke Dunn	
Treyten Hileman	November 10
Sharon Baugher	November 11
Kate Norville	
Britni Ewing	
Stew Klink	
Abel Castor	November 12
Steve Struble	November 15
Laurie Moreland	
Aaron Struble	November 16
Dylan Thomas	
Bill Loving	November 17
Jacob Dennison	
	November 18
Matthew Griswold	November 19
Mallory Doherty	
	November 20
Myron Higgins	November 21
Steve Nelson	
Gerry Kelly	November 23
Curtis Franks	
Maliayah Smith	November 24
	November 25
Payton Devlin	November 26
Seth Bowker	November 28
Frannie Franks	November 29
Nicole Koester	
Corey Smith	November 30

Happy Anniversary

Chris & Heather Kopp

Daryl & Mary Bewley



Perry & Drue Baugher

Bill & Marsha Loving

Dean & Lola Buttgen

Bill & Joyce McKinley
Jason & Shelly Snyder



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, On behalf of the prisoners we serve at Mercer County jail we want to thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for supporting our ministry. We continue to thank and praise God for the great things He is doing in the lives we are attempting to minister the Gospel to and, you folks are playing a big part in that ministry with your financial support and prayers. Thank you so much for all you have done.

God's richest blessings to you all!

Your brothers in Christ and fellow servants, Seth, Travis, Mark & Griz

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Family of Mark Appleton, Family of Bill Hall, John Frost, Henry Leichty, Mayra, Maddie Perry, Brenda Rick, Family of Marilyn Hessman, Family of Jennifer Franks, Bob Loving, Lynne Rodey, Gage Ortberg, Family of Angie Green, Dave Barnhouse, Shawn Carter, Ryan Struble, Joshua Atwell, Janet Rind, Nancy Bowker, Lisa Hammill, Richard Rockhold, Connie Freeman, Shirley Harker, Carol Willits, Austin Loving, Mary McMeekan, Dee Dellitt, Sharon Adams, Jack Appleby, Kelly Smet, Jessica Ruh, Tricia & Rory Conway, Bill McKinley, Kris Salmon, Calvin Frye, Sheryl Robertson, Doris & Marc Dewey, Pastor Mark Harris & Lauryn Russell

NURSING HOME

Bill McKinley, Marge Goding & Bob Sell

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Danika Volz & Rigoberto Cruz

Jordan Riddell, Jackson McKay, Holly Mattson, Joe Elliott, Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Christopher Schultz, Tyler Mattson, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Matt VanderHeyden & Tara Helmick

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions