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A Visit With Dr. John

This paper will be in some homes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This holiday is based on such a great emphasis.

I think it's great that we, collectively, recognize and give thanks to God for our blessings. I also think it's a good thing that we tend to recognize and appreciate what others do for us a bit more at this time of year.

I like remembering what the people did at Plymouth Colony in the early 1600s as they began to settle New England. I rejoice in the way the Native Americans and the pilgrims befriended and helped one another.

There are sad aspects to that story. The pilgrims experienced great struggle and privation. Many of them died. Nonetheless, the group was able to begin a colony in the New World!

I appreciate the fact that the governor of the group, along with the people, could give thanks in spite of the hardships. I embrace the ideals of religious liberty these men and women anticipated and found when they landed here.

We, in the modern day, are not compelled to do what they did regarding acknowledging blessings and giving thanks. I believe theirs is a good pattern for any day, any age, any land. It is a good thing to give thanks! The Bible tells us this in many, many ways.

The church I pastor is hosting a Thanksgiving Feast and inviting local Native Americans. Some of the MaChis Lower Creeks will be there in traditional dress. We believe it still is a good thing to extend friendship, to break bread together, and to give God thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Calendar of Events

November

24 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed
 (No Ministers' Meeting)

December

04-11 - Week of Prayer for International Missions - Lottie Moon Offering
 05 - Coffee Cakes for AL Baptist CH—8-12
 25 - Christmas Day
 26 - Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

There will be no Ministers' Meeting in Dec.

January

01 - New Year's Day
 02 - Office closed for New Year's Holiday
 10 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm
 15 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
 23 - March 13 - Samford Extension begins
 24 - Senior Adult Lunch - 11:00 a.m.
 26 - Ministers' Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
 27 - Deacon's Training

December 04 - 11
Week of Prayer for
International Missions
(Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)



Monday, December 05
Coffee Cakes for the Alabama Baptist
Children's Home
Hours 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Suggested Items: Homemade cakes, cookies, candy, brownies, cup cakes, cake mixes, icing.

It is amazing to see the vans roll in and load up with goodies. They are carried to locations throughout the state and shared with the children in the Children's Homes as well as children in foster care. This is a special time to really know the joy of Christmas giving as you share your love by providing a little something "extra" at the Christmas Season. Share this information with your church and encourage participation.

First Baptist Kinston will host the 2nd Annual Community Christmas Choir "**This is Christmas**" on **Sunday December 18, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

In addition to the host choir, members from the following local churches will be participating in this year's event: Bethel Baptist, Beulah Baptist, and Brooklyn Baptist.

First Baptist Kinston and Bethel Baptist of Opp will host a combined Children's Choir presentation "**Jesus Means Christmas**" on **Sunday, December 04 at 6 p.m.**

Fellowship to follow. Come join us!

For more information call Bob at 334-470-4673



Thanks to Debra Carnley, Time & Cindy Harris and everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. We will give a count later.



Special thanks to Bro. John and Becky McCrummen and the members of Open Door Baptist for hosting the Pastor/Staff/Spouse Banquet. This marks the 20th year Open Door has hosted the banquet! Amazing!!!