

Last Sunday's Record - October 17, 2021

Offering: \$23,567.04

Sunday School: 145

January 1, 2021

Requirements: \$1,112,192.34

Receipts: \$1,165,458.84

Deacon of the Week

10/24 - Larry Roberts 10/31 - David McCubbin

11/7 - Davis Miller 11/14 - Charles Naylor

Deacon's Breakfast - October 24

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sermon for Sunday, October 24

E PLURIBUS UNUM 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, October 27

Chicken and Dumplings, Green Beans, Apple Cheese Casserole, Corn Muffin, Dessert

KIDS: Ham and Cheese Hot Pocket, Fruit Cup

Adults: \$5 KIDS (12 and under): \$3 Family Maximum \$20

SERVERS

Ronnie and Merrie Smith, Micki Harrison, Lydia Sanders

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY - October 24

<u>Preschool Ext. Session</u> Reed and Priscilla Scarbrough	<u>Launch</u> John and Kristin Anderson
<u>Worship Welcomers</u> Fred and Debra Porter Charles and Georgene Garrett	<u>Greeters</u> Pam Maloney Freddie Poitevent
<u>Security Team 1</u> Walter Rogers, Jr., Justin Anders, Wallace Heggie, Neil Henry	<u>Counting Committee</u> Kathy Stehle, chairman John Morgan Mims, Leslie Dunn, Scott Sills

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 24

- 9:15 - Sunday School
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- 3:15 - Acteens
- 4:30 - Bible Drills/ Youth
- 5:30 - Youth Bible Study
 - Bible Skills and Drills/Children
 - Beautiful Resistance/H. VanHorn
 - A Long Obedience/N.VanHorn

TUESDAY, October 26

- 7:00 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Jack's
- 9:30 - Elijah/C. Laird

WEDNESDAY, October 27

- 5:00 - FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
YOUTH BELLS
- 5:30 - YOUTH CHOIR
Young Ringers
- 6:00 - Preschool and Children's Choirs
- R.A. PUNT, PASS and KICK
- 6:15 - Prayer Meeting, Bible Study/
CHURCH CONFERENCE
- 6:30 - MISSIONS (G.A.s, Mission Friends)
YOUTH WORSHIP
- 7:15 - Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, October 28

- 6:45 - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/Piggly Wiggly-Collinsville
- 5:30 - CWJC (Fellowship Hall)

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Tommy Allen, Bo Bailey, Will Carpenter, Adam Foreman, Brad Garrett, Benny Harrison, Michael Jones, Dave Little, Timothy Maloney, John Morgan Mims, Brian Sellers, Ronnie Smith, Allan Tolleson, Cary Vaughn and Leslie Williams

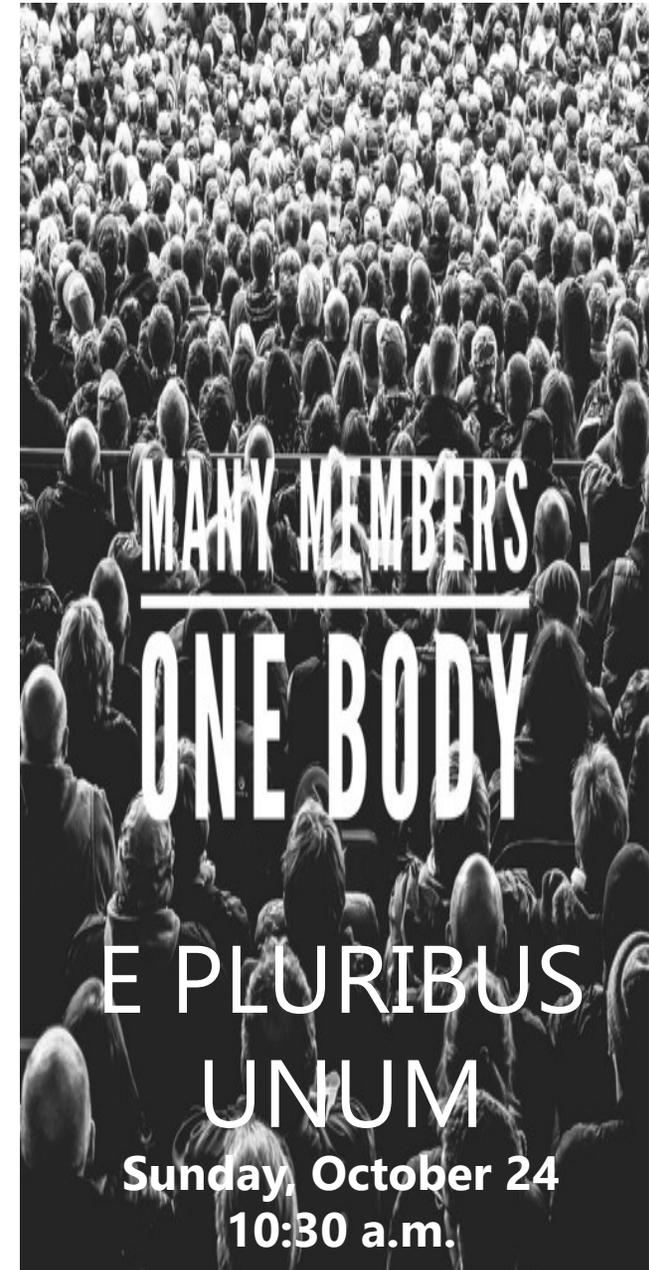
Dr. Nathan VanHorn, Pastor
Rev. David Bishop, Associate Pastor for Music
Zach DePriest, Minister of Youth Caitlin Braud, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Raymon Leake, Pastor Emeritus
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THE MESSENGER

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HALLOWEEN

“Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them.”

I Corinthians 2:14a

Halloween - this is the day and night when many folks raise the possibility of the world of the spirit. Granted, Halloween may not be the best way to introduce us and our children to the spirit world, but it does cause us to raise some questions. For example, is there a world of the spirit? Is this a real world or something we have created to make us feel better about the limited physical world as we know it? The answer to the first question is an emphatic yes. There is a world of the spirit. It is real and not a creation of our minds.

We frequently forget that if we truly subscribe to a faith in the Jesus of the New Testament, we have no choice but to recognize an unseen world. Constantly Jesus acknowledged the presence of the Holy Spirit. When he was preparing to leave the disciples, he assured them that he would not leave them comfortless; the Holy Spirit would be their advocate. Recognizing the reality of the Holy Spirit is only scratching the surface.

The world of spirit is not a world of Casper the ghost and Halloween horror houses. I sincerely think a day will come for each of us when we discover that the unseen world is the most real world of all. To believe otherwise is to operate with a handicapped faith. It is a shame that we will play Halloween games with the world of the spirit and then question the very presence of God in the most real world of all.

DTB



Operation Christmas Child

Something new this year!

Our G.A.s are shopping for items to fill the boxes and they will be glad to shop for YOU! A suggested donation of \$25 will allow them to pack a wonderful box for you. You may give your money to the church office or Caitlin Braud/cash or checks with G.A.s-OCC in the memo. THANKS!

The Disciple’s Study Calendar
Week 44 (October 25-29) Philippians 1
Sunday School Lesson for October 31



YOUTH FUDGE SALE

Order NOW through
November 10

PICK UP – December 12

2 Sizes \$7 tubs	\$14 tins
Chocolate	Chocolate Pecan
Salted Caramel	Peanut Butter



Church Conference
Wednesday, October 27
6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall



CENTRI-KID SMOKED MEAT FUNDRAISER

Whole Turkey - \$35	Turkey Breast - \$30
Boston Butts - \$30	Half Ham - \$35
Pork Loin - \$25	Rack of Ribs - \$25

DEADLINE TO ORDER:

Sunday, November 14

PICK-UP: Wednesday, November 24

FBC Welcome Center

TIME: 12:00 to 5:30 p.m.



Brittney Harrison
and
Brandon Harkins
Together with their families
invite you to join them on their wedding day.
NOVEMBER SIXTH,
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
701 26TH AVENUE
Ceremony begins at 2 o'clock
Reception to follow

Sympathies to...

Harry Little and family
in the death of his brother, Robert Little.

David and Valerie Bishop and family
in the death of her grandmother,
Kathleen Clark Jessee Lykins.

Memorials...

Lottie Moon
In honor of: Pat McCubbin
Music Fund

In memory of:
Lloyd Miller (*Davis Miller's father*)
Benevolence Fund
In memory of: Owen Jones
Lloyd Miller

*Please help us provide turkeys for L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen for the holidays. Donations can be given directly to Julie Holloway or dropped off in the church office. We'll need to gather TURKEY BUCK\$ by **November 7th.***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!