## November 9, 2025 8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

**Call to Worship** They'll Know We Are Christians - Choir

Greeting

Songs

More About JesusNo. 600Now I Belong to JesusNo. 345Share His LoveNo. 567

**Receive Tithes and Offering** 

Love Lifted Me, arr. Schram - Rena Myers

"A Surprising Murder Mystery" - 1 John 3:11-18

**Pastor Jon Reed** 

**Invitation** 

My Jesus, I Love Thee

No. 210

**Benediction/Postlude** 

11:00 AM Livestream and In-Person Worship Service

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Praise King of Kings Trust in God

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Song

It is Well

#### Communication Column

#### **Digital Gratitude**

"16 Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray constantly, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Does that mean we should be thankful even for all the digital distractions we constantly have thrown our way? I don't know about you, but even though technology is in my job title, I get overwhelmed by all the mobile notifications, phone calls, and emails. My phone has been on silent since about 2015!

Maybe we can be thankful for the technologies behind those distractions and perhaps even find ways to use them for God's glory and foster a grateful attitude. After all, innovation is a God-given talent to humans, and we should use it with great stewardship. Something I've tried to adhere to when using technology at TBC is that it should be a tool to enhance worship, but never create a distraction. The media team tends to use simple, clean slides during worship and sermons. We utilize the TV's for short videos at the beginning of service, display lyrics and scripture. But the goal is to complement not take away.

There are many ways we can use digital tools to foster Thanksgiving. You can reach out to family members you don't see often. You can share testimony of how God has blessed you on social media. One of my daily uses of technology is the YouVersion Bible app. After a morning workout, I like to check out the verse of the day and guided scripture. That's a good way to start my day with a thankful attitude. Another app I recently heard about but have not tried is the Dwell app, which reads scripture to you with ambient background music and a variety of narrators.

Another good use of technology is serving others. Too busy to go shopping for shoebox gifts? You can build one online! There are countless ways to donate to charities digitally. I bet you could even use ChatGPT to create a digital card to send to someone who may be lonely. This past week it was reported at least 1700 cars were served meals as SNAP benefits are coming up short. Technology was certainly used to help coordinate that event and get the word out to those in need. Thank God for that.

Just because it *can* be done with technology doesn't mean we should. Did anybody have a "virtual" gathering for Thanksgiving in 2020? I don't think we should make that a recurring thing. Some things are just better when they are low-tech. Maybe we can be thankful for the off switches and silent modes this Thanksgiving. Circling back to the distractions of notifications, they can steal our attention from gratitude. Gratitude for God's blessings and the time spent with loved ones. Another verse that keeps coming back to me this year is "Be still, and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10a.

What are some ways you can turn your pocket distraction machine into digital gratitude? For you, maybe it's a gratitude journal or just a devotional time. Perhaps you go the opposite route of a digital sabbath. Commit to unplugging for a day. Digital or analog, let us be thankful to God in everything, even when it's tough.

Garrett Hensley

# **Nursery Helpers Today:**



10 AM – Pat Evans, Hannah Kotynski 11 AM – Kristie Gant, Alisha Paulus

# Upcoming Student Events

<u>Church-Wide Sunday School Brunch/Shoebox Blessing</u> Today at 10 AM in the CFC (Gym). No regular Sunday School.

<u>Team Kid</u>- Sunday 11:20 AM children 3 yr. old -  $5^{th}$  grade in the CFC (gym). This is each Sunday Morning. No Team Kid on November  $30^{th}(5^{th}$  Sunday).

<u>Wednesday Night Youth</u> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM,  $6^{th}$ -  $12^{th}$  grade, meet in the Gym on November  $12^{th}$ , and  $19^{th}$  (No Youth on the  $26^{th}$ ) The Youth will be working on Christmas Skit.

<u>Wednesday Night Children</u> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, 3 yr. old -5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Youth Room on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (No Children on the 26<sup>th</sup>) The children will be working on Christmas Songs.

<u>Youth Board Game Night</u> Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM – 8:30 PM for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be having Food. Bring a Board Game if you would like. We will be upstairs in room next to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade room.

<u>Children Lunch and Movie</u> Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 12 PM – 2 PM, Children 3 yr. old-5<sup>th</sup> grade - "The Peanut Movie".



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Church Calendar Week of November 9, 2025

Sunday 8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service

10:00 AM Church-Wide Brunch

11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service

(Live Stream or any time after Go to

www.tusculumbaptist.org)

5:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting

7:00 PM Men's Discipleship Class

Monday 11:30 AM Women on Mission

Tuesday 8:00 AM Men's Coffee

9:30 AM Ladies 2 Sunday School Class 10:30 AM Women's Coffee & Conversation 1:15 PM Women's Prayer Focus Group

Wednesday 6:30 PM Business Meeting/Prayer

Meeting/Fall Bible Study

Children & Youth

Thursday 8:00 PM SPOT/College Ministry

#### Prayer for God's Leading at TBC

Yes! Our prayer gathering is continuing Sundays at  $9:45\,$  a.m. in the library (after the  $1^{\rm st}$  Worship service and before SS starts). The  $12:15\,$  PM location is in the Fellowship Hall after the  $11:00\,$  AM worship service ends. Everyone is invited to join in as we gather to pray focused on God's leading in His Church at TBC.

#### Women on Mission (WOM):

Women on Mission will gather on November  $10^{\text{th}}$  at 11:30 AM for a covered dish lunch and to work on gift bags for Sunday morning visitors. Please join us if you're interested in fun, food, and fellowship plus missions.

Thanks to everyone who prayed for and gave to support the Golden Offering for State Missions. Praise God, we received \$1,218 toward our \$1,000 goal.

**Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan Purse Project** Thanks to SPOT for packing 57 shoe boxes last week! Total packed through November 5<sup>th</sup> is 82 boxes and 18 online. Please turn in packed boxes by 11/19 and online by 11/22. Today we will have a blessing for our shoeboxes. Continue to pray for each child that will receive our shoeboxes and also for a date to become available to go to the Boone processing center during December.



<u>Church-Wide Sunday School Brunch, Shoebox Blessings and Deacon Testimonies</u> Today during 10 AM Sunday School hour. Join us as we gather people from both services for fellowship in the CFC from 10 AM – 11 AM. Please bring a dish to share.

<u>Choir Practice</u> Tonight at 5:30 PM If you would like to join the choir or join only for Christmas, we practice each Sunday at 5:30 PM.

**Deacons Meeting** Tonight at 6 PM.

Men's Discipleship Class Tonight at 7 PM

Men's Coffee Fellowship Tuesday, 8:00 AM at Chick-Fil-A.

<u>Women's Coffee & Conversation</u> Tuesday, 10:30 AM at Starbucks inside Ingles. Contact Lisa Mullins with any questions.

Women's Prayer Focus Group Tuesdays 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM. This group's purpose is specific kingdom-centered prayer for a reawakening, renewal, repentance for Christians and our country/world and for our church. This autumn season of prayer continues through November. Please see Rena Myers with any questions, and all ladies of the church are welcome.

<u>Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting/Fall Bible Study</u> Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Join us each week for our Fall Bible Study: "Joshua – Lessons on Life, Leadership, Victory and Defeat"- Pastor Jon.

Sweet Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (in CFC) will be our last Sweet Tuesday for our fall season. Wear a Christmas sweater (ugly or beautiful) and bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish - savory or sweet. Baked chicken will be provided. Also: please bring a gift-wrapped Christmas ornament (it can be homemade or store bought) - we will be playing the White Elephant gift exchange game ⊌. All ladies welcome! Bring a friend!

<u>Planning Day</u> Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM - 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. This is for those that are the Chair of their committee. We will be talking about the 2025 ministry of TBC and looking to the future ministry of the church in 2026.

<u>Thanksgiving Meal</u> Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 11 AM – 1 PM. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, we are partnering with our neighbor, Micah Taylor, from Taylor-Made Barber Shop to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the college students that will be staying on campus during the holiday. If you would like to help serve or provide a dish, please sign up on bulletin board in sanctuary overflow. For additional information contact Bart Clendenin or Pat Osborne.

<u>Online Giving</u> In case you didn't know, we offer online giving through Tithe.ly. You can scan the QR code that takes you directly to our Tithe.ly page, or you can go to our website <u>www.tusculumbaptist.org</u> and click on GIVE button at the top right.



#### Offerings November 2, 2025:

Offerings Needed - \$5,766.03 Offerings Received - \$6,813.00 Weekly Average Offerings - \$6,164.51

## Welcome to



We're glad you're here!

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"Christ has set us free, stand firm therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." We are thankful today for our freedom in Christ and for the freedom that we have in our country, we also give thanks for our veterans who have made this freedom possible.

## **Church Staff**

Jon Reed, Pastor Justin Carson, Minister of Students Susie Bennett, Ministry Assistant

## **Ways to Get Connected!**

If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a communication card (in back of pews or on clipboard in overflow) and place it in the offering plate.

Facebook: Tusculum Baptist Church
Instagram: tusculumbaptist
Website/Prayer Requests: www.tusculumbaptist.org
Email: office@tusculumbaptist.org



### **Sign up for TBC Alerts**

Text "updates" to 833-230-9468 or scan the QR code and send the prompted message.