



# Liberty Baptist Church November Newsletter

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# Pastor's Paragraph

## November 2025

### “A Pastor's Greatest Joy”

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. -3 John 1:4*

In this text the Apostle John expresses a pastor's greatest joy. It is to know that the “children” or people under his spiritual care are living by the truth that he has taught and preached to them. The pastor's life is filled with many blessings, but none greater or more meaningful than this one. Having been a pastor for 42 years now, I can say a hearty “Amen” to what John wrote about 2,000 years ago. November is the month of Thanksgiving and this is my testimony of thanks to our heavenly Father: “Thank you, Father, for the privilege of serving you and your people. It has been my joy through the years to preach and teach your Word and provide spiritual guidance for your sheep along with the other opportunities to help them in times of suffering and sorrow and to guide the church in fulfilling its important mission.”

For the past 27 plus years it has been my honor to serve as pastor (shepherd) of Liberty Baptist Church. This has been a wonderful time for me and my family to be part of our loving fellowship and to worship, pray, learn, grow, and serve together. To God be all the glory for His many blessings along the way!

As you probably know already, I announced my retirement as pastor on Sunday, October 5. I will officially step down on December 31. This decision came after much prayer, soul-searching, and careful thought. It was one of the hardest decisions that I've ever made. After 42 years of pastoral ministry it is not easy to know when to step down, but God has confirmed my decision with a sense of great peace and assurance that it was the right thing to do and now is the right time.

Liberty is already in the process of transition to confirm new leadership by January 1, 2026. As I promised when I announced my decision to retire, my role is not to choose the next pastor, but I am available to counsel and offer guidance as needed. My desire always has been and always will be for God's will and His future blessing upon Liberty Baptist Church.

A Pastoral Transition Team consisting of our deacons was formed early in October and they have made their unanimous recommendation to affirm Rev. Josh Bowman to the office of Pastor-Teacher effective January 1, 2026. Here are the details of the transition process as shared by the Pastoral Transition Team on Sunday, October 2.



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- October 26-November 8: Receive questions in writing to the church office, attention Bill Beverly. All deacons will review questions and will respond accordingly.
- November 9-November 23: The Transition Team will start receiving closed ballot votes from active members. For voting purposes an “active member” is defined as a member on our membership role who has attended corporate worship or given to the church at least once in the last few months, or is an individual on the church role who is an active shut-in. All ballots should be submitted in-person to the designated collection box that will be manned by a Transition Team member after every worship service during the voting period. The only exception to this policy is that the Transition Team will hand deliver ballots to active shut-in members who will then mail their ballots to the church office. Ballots will be vetted and counted as they are received.
- December 2: The Transition Team will meet, discuss, and approve the results of the church vote.
- December 7: The results of the vote will be announced during the 10:45 AM service.
- January 1, 2026: If approved, Josh will begin serving the church as Pastor-Teacher.

Obviously, Josh has my full support and deepest appreciation. He has served faithfully as Director of Student Ministry for many years and also as Associate Pastor during this year. I pray that God's will may be done in our church family for His glory alone. Please pray for God's guidance and blessing in this transition time. Thanks again for your love for me and Nancy!

With my love and deep appreciation,  
Pastor Stan





# **A Word from Rev. Josh Bowman**

## **November 2025**

### **“A Foundation for Thankfulness”**

#### **Thankful Hearts Rooted in Colossians 1**

As Thanksgiving arrives, we are invited to reflect not just on material blessings, but on the deeper roots of gratitude exemplified by the Pilgrims. Despite facing immense hardship—battling illness, harsh weather, and the uncertainty of a new land—the Pilgrims gathered in thanksgiving with their Native American neighbors. Their hearts were filled with gratitude not simply for surviving, but for the faith and grace that sustained them through adversity and transformation. This historical moment reminds us that genuine thankfulness springs from recognizing God’s hand at work, even when circumstances are far from perfect.

Colossians 1 points us to the ultimate foundation for thankfulness. Paul urges us to “give thanks to the Father,” directing our gratitude to the One who bestows both physical and spiritual life. This thankfulness is not reserved for special occasions or future hopes; it is a present reality, a spiritual posture that Paul maintained daily. Our relationship with God is personal and transformative—He is both our Creator and Sustainer, the One who imparts life and lovingly commits Himself to our growth.

Paul further outlines five powerful reasons for our thankfulness: God has qualified us to share in a present and future inheritance among the saints, rescued us from the power of darkness and freed us from sin’s grip, transferred us into the kingdom of Christ to live under His loving reign, redeemed us through Jesus’ sacrifice—buying us back from slavery to sin—and finally, canceled our debts, reconciling and welcoming us into His family. These blessings are not theoretical; they shape our identity and our daily walk. Our present inheritance is illuminated by the truth and purity of God’s word, while our future inheritance is guaranteed by the seal of the Holy Spirit, a promise that cannot be broken.

Real thankfulness, then, is not static; it motivates us toward action. Paul writes, “For this I labor, striving according to His working, which works in me mightily.” Our gratitude compels us to serve, love, and witness, empowered not by our own strength but by the power of God at work within us. The Christian life is not meant to be passive. When we truly grasp all that God has done—deliverance, redemption, forgiveness—our hearts overflow in service, even to the point of exhaustion, trusting that God will supply what we lack.



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If you have not yet experienced God's deliverance, redemption, or forgiveness, the Gospel remains a living invitation. By repenting of your sins and trusting in Christ, you can receive the inheritance and blessings He freely offers. For those who know the Lord, let this Thanksgiving be more than a holiday. Let it be a time when our hearts are stirred anew with gratitude, and when we resolve to let that thankfulness shape our lives—rooted in God's goodness, evident in our faithful service, and overflowing every day of the year. As we press on through challenges and joys alike, may we never lose sight of our great foundation for thankfulness.

With a thankful heart,

Rev. Josh Bowman



*“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

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*We will have a special Christmas Potluck Fellowship and Retirement Party for Pastor Stan on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. We greatly appreciate the faithful 27 1/2 years that Pastor Stan and Mrs. Nancy have served The Lord at Liberty. Please join us as we shower them with our love and appreciation. Please contact the church office to sign up.*

# November Events

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NOV

## LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:45 AM

03

NOV

## FOOD PANTRY

VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE AT 11:15 AM | 12:00 PM

07

NOV

## OCC TRAINING & WRAPPING PARTY

FINGER FOOD & DESSERT | 6:00 PM

09

NOV

## VETERANS DAY SERVICE

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:45 AM

10

NOV

## PASTORS FELLOWSHIP

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING | 10:00 AM

12

NOV

## THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

POTLUCK MEAL IN THE MPC | 6:00 PM

14

NOV

## HOBO STEW & FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

MPC | 6:00 PM

17

NOV

## OCC COLLECTION WEEK BEGINS

MPC | 9:30 AM

17

NOV

## THANKSGIVING DAY BOX DISTRIBUTION

VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE AT 11:15 AM | 12:00 AM

25

NOV

## HAVEN OF REST SERVICE

PASTOR STAN ANDERSON SPEAKING | 7:30 PM

27

NOV

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 8:00 AM





# LIBERTY NEWS

## *Veterans Day Service*

*We will recognize all veterans during the morning worship service on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are forever thankful and grateful for the men and women who serve our country.*

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## *Harvest Offering*

*As in years past, we are asking our church family to participate in our yearly "Harvest Offering" during the months of October and November. Please give cheerfully and generously as the Lord has prospered you, and also mark your gift as "Harvest Offering" on your tithing envelope or check.*

*May the Lord be pleased with our Harvest Offering.*

*Total received as of October 30<sup>th</sup> is \$14,090. To God be the Glory!!*

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## *Thanksgiving Day Baskets*

*In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and 88.3 WCQR, we are asking you to help us make sure our LBC Food Pantry families have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. For a small donation of \$25, you can provide a Thanksgiving feast for a family in need. Our goal is to feed 100 families.*

*Donations will be accepted until Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will distribute the Thanksgiving Day boxes on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Help us to share God's love with others this*

*Thanksgiving season.*

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## *Thanksgiving Potluck Fellowship & Worship Service*

*Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Fellowship and Worship Service on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the MPC. We will not have our normal Adventure*

*Club or prayer service in the sanctuary. Please sign up today.*

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## *Hobo Stew & Family Movie Night*

*Join us for our annual Hobo Stew and Family Movie Night on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.*

*Please bring some canned veggies, crackers or cornbread, and a dessert to share.*

*Please sign up today.*

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## *Sunday School Involvement*

*Are you involved in a Sunday School class on Sunday mornings? We would love to have you join us.*

*We offer classes from nursery-adults. Please see Scott Pendergrass, Sunday School Director, for additional questions or stop by the information desk to see what classes we offer. Sunday School is a wonderful time to dig into God's Word in a smaller group setting. Prayerfully consider joining us on*

*Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. You will be blessed.*

*We would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!!*

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:1-3*





# Operation Christmas Child

**NATIONWIDE  
COLLECTION PERIOD**

**Nov. 17th-  
Nov. 24th**

**Everyone is invited to join us for  
our upcoming OCC Training and  
Wrapping Party on Friday,  
November 7th at 6:00 p.m.  
Please bring a finger food and a  
dessert to share.  
All ages welcomed!!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

11/17 9:30 AM- 2 PM  
11/18 9 AM- 2 PM  
11/19 11 AM- 4 PM  
11/20 10 AM- 12 PM  
11/21 11 AM- 6 PM  
11/22 9 AM- 4 PM  
11/23 12 PM- 3:30 PM  
11/24 9 AM- 12 PM




Liberty Baptist Church is honored to  
be a collection site again this year!  
We pray you will join our team.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT RANDY BAYS OR  
VISIT [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Mike Harr John Leonard	5	6	7	8
9	10 Charis Darby Brenda Vanover	11 Betty Branson Windsor Johnson	12 Susan Rhoten	13 Lola Bowman-Royston	14	15 Michael & Bethany Bowman
16 Brittany Trent	17 Aleyah Hughes	18	19 Amy Chafin	20 Carter Honeycutt	21	22
23	24	25 Angi Trent	26	27 Josh Johnson 	28	29
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Happy Birthday!  
We love you!!

