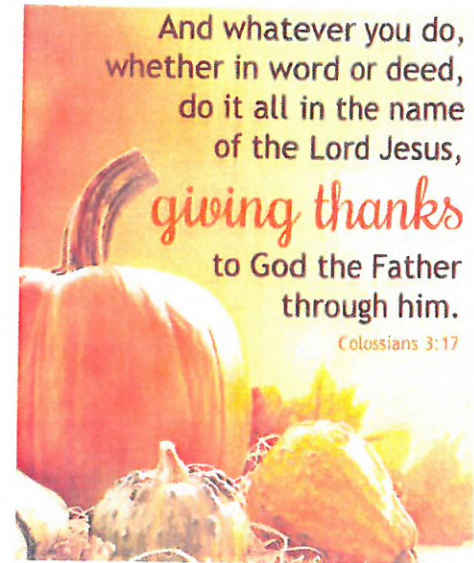


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Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist,

Autumn begins, with gratitude for the harvests, the land, the people, and our Creator. At the heart of our Thanksgiving weekend is our worship together. Alongside this are our family gatherings, feasts, little trips, and even a wedding at the church.

In this season of thankfulness, we see plenty of creative work going on through the rest of this year. We are seeking people to serve in a new funeral reception team, a new prayer team, and in some youth ministry activities. Our Search Committee is now reviewing some applications to be our Minister of Families and Outreach.

The Kairos Circles of prison ministry are resuming in our area, and volunteers again will stay overnight in our building. At the Fibre Arts Festival, a Quilt Show will again be held in our pews, while we have our own Autumn Market with vendor tables, crafts and more (Oct 13). I will be away in Edmonton, AB, one week for a Baptist Minister's Retreat (Oct 21-27), so Rev. Byron Corkum will preach (Oct 22). In November, Rev. Dr. Dave Csinos will return to us as a guest preacher (Nov 26). Amid the usual Advent events, we will have a 'Christmas Tea,' and hopefully a concert with Rachel MacLean. News Flash: the time of our Christmas Eve service will be **6:00 pm** this year, on Sunday evening.

As grateful and hopeful we may be for the future, may we also rejoice in today's blessings, and the good gifts of God that issue from our own lives now.

Grace and peace to you all,

Rev. Jeff G. White
Senior Minister