

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS GROUPS—Please join us on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. Ladies meet downstairs in Jack Henderson's classroom and the men meet in the sanctuary for Bible study. Everyone is welcome!

BAPTIST WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—All ladies are invited to First Baptist Church in Gray Summit on Monday, November 6, at 10 a.m. Lunch is provided.

WORK DAY—The Trustees have scheduled a church-wide work day on Saturday, November 18, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Your help will be appreciated.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—All men are welcome on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at Burger King.

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL—Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Joyful Ladies room.

AGAPE HOUSE—Items currently needed are macaroni and cheese, canned soup, canned fruit, healthy cereals and quick snacks for children, empty egg cartons, toilet paper, tissues and school supplies.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—Collection week is November 13-20 so please bring your shoe boxes to the church by Sunday, November 12, for a special dedication of the boxes.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE—will be held at St. Clair First Baptist Church on Sunday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. There will be no evening service here.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING—Please join us on Wednesday, November 29, to help decorate the church for the Christmas season.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS—If you want to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, pick up an order form on the foyer table and return it to Brenda Savage by Sunday, December 3.

MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING UPDATE—Thank you for giving \$2,486 to the Rheubin L. South offering! Ten percent is given back to the local association.

Worship SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
& Children's Church
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Burger King)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Prayer for Revival

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for all of the special cards and encouragement for Pastor Appreciation, the generous love gift and the wonderful Breaking Bread fellowship. Thank you for showing the love of Christ to me and my family.

Bro. Bill

Thank you for the "chain" plaque. I am grateful for friends like you at this time of sorrow! The family of Ray Aholt thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

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GIVE

Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift!

2 Cor. 9:15

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise.

Psalms 100:4

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Psalms 29:1

And Now we thank you, our God, and
praise your glorious name.

1 Chron. 29:13

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Psalms 95:6

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,
sing praises to our God.

Psalms 147:7

From Your Pastor's Heart

THANKS—for all the blessings our church family gave to us during Pastor Appreciation. Brenda, Ryan and I deeply appreciated every card and kind word of encouragement. It was both encouraging and humbling to be treated so well at the Breaking Bread Fellowship. Thank you for the generous love offering, too. We are so blessed to have the privilege to serve the Lord with you here at St. Clair Southern Baptist Church.

Thanks also to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival, Trick or Treat Outreach, and Life Chain Sunday and who gave so well to the Missouri Missions Offering—this year's offering was the highest amount we have ever received! I truly "thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians. 1:3).

CUSSING CHRISTIANS? Cursing is the opposite of using our words to bless others and it seems, according to some surveys, that swearing and using foul or obscene language is more accepted than ever. There is a growing debate as to whether cursing is appropriate for believers. Now more pastors use profane language in the pulpit to "better connect with the culture"—or so they say. They claim vulgar language makes them more relevant and that this is absolutely essential if we want to reach certain segments of our culture.

But what does God say? Well, in Colossians 4:6, we are told, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." Paul is speaking here of general conversation and he tells us that a believer's speech should be like Christ's (Luke 4:22). To speak with grace means to say what is spiritual, wholesome, fitting, kind, sensitive, complimentary, gentle, truthful, loving and thoughtful.

The Christian who uses foul language in public wastes the opportunity to set himself apart from many unbelievers who commonly say the same things. The fact is, the person who doesn't know you but hears you fire off a cuss-word in a sentence would not likely think what a fine Christian man (or woman) you are. Your speech gives him no reason to think that you are any different than everyone else and that gives him no reason to listen to what you might have to say about Christ.

As followers of Christ we are not to offend anyone unnecessarily, not even the unbelievers around us, and certainly not a fellow Christian. Cussing is not part of the gospel message, and it certainly is not an essential Christian practice. So, if even a single Christian (or an unbeliever, for that matter) is offended by your foul language, you have sinned.

Many movies receive a certain rating because of foul language. Even unbelievers recognize that cursing is inappropriate. It's sad and shameful when Christians claim they are free to cuss when even our sinful society recognizes it as offensive. Our highest aim is to glorify God in all that we do and say and to "let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth" (Eph. 4:29). Proverbs tells us "death and life are in the power of the tongue". Here's a thought: use your words to thank God and thank others. That will help you and encourage others, and it's always better than cursing!

Bro. Bill



FALL BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

**Sunday, November 5
2:00 a.m.**

Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night so you will be on time for Sunday School and church!




You are invited to a **Church-wide Thanksgiving Banquet** **Saturday, November 11** **5:00 p.m.** **In the Fellowship Hall**

The church will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and drinks. Each family is asked to bring two side dishes (vegetable, salad, dessert, etc.). Invite your friends and family to come for some great food and fellowship!



*"Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, You are very great..."*



TOY DRIVE

Agape House needs donations of new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 1-13, especially 9-13, or cash for toys. Wrapping paper and tape are also needed. Please bring items to the foyer by Sunday, December 17. Hundreds of children receive Christmas gifts through Agape House each year, so your help will be greatly appreciated.