



When you make a financial decision, consider what would happen if you had even a small decrease in funds. Do not operate at the upper limit of your income; instead make decisions based on a reduced standard of living. Sometimes God's will is accomplished by a loss rather than a gain. The ability to thank God in every circumstance depends on full trust in Him.

*"I know how to get along with humble means...I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."*  
*Phillipians 4:12-13*

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# Happy Thanksgiving!





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## Did You Know?

The tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant.  
Our eyes are always the same size from birth.  
There are more TV sets in the US than there are people in the UK.  
The pin that holds a hinge together is called a pintle.  
Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food from freezing.  
One out of every 20 people have an extra rib.  
The three best-known western names in China: Jesus Christ, Richard Nixon, and Elvis Presley  
NASCAR stands for National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing  
There are six million parts in the Boeing 747-400.  
The typical lead pencil can draw a line that is thirty five miles long.  
No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times  
Scallops have approximately 100 eyes around the edge of its shell.  
The fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth is called Arachibutyrophobia.  
Color is not an indicator for the taste or ripeness in cranberries.  
It costs about 3 cents to make a \$1 bill in the United States.

Lighthouses don't toot horns they just shine.

### Words of Wisdom

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart:  
and lean not unto thine own  
understanding. In all thy ways  
acknowledge him, and he shall  
direct thy paths.  
Proverbs 3:5,6*

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Happy  Wedding Anniversary

*Come celebrate with John and Louise Bryant on their 50th  
Wedding Anniversary, Thursday, December 1st, 2011.  
The open house will be between the hours of 4 and 8 pm at Tropical Farms  
Baptist Church in Stuart, Florida. Address is: 1555 SW Kanner Hwy, Stuart,  
FL 34997 If unable to attend feel free to mail a card to  
947 SW Tamarrow Place, Stuart, FL 34997 or email  
louisejohnb@bellsouth.com.  
I am sure they would love to hear from you.*

### Growing Old Gracefully

Lord Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will one day be old.  
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.  
Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.  
Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not Bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.  
Keep my mind from the recital of endless details,  
give me wings to get to the point.  
Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.  
Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint,  
some of them are hard to live with but  
a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.  
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. Amen

## The Stranger

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... -Romans 12:2a*



**My Brother sent this to me recently.** I was fascinated, since I remembered some of my Dad's very interesting friends who frequently visited our home.

**"A few years** after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small Texas town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

**"As I grew up,** I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

**"If I wanted to know anything** about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

**"Sometimes, Mom** would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

**"Dad ruled our household** with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home...not from us, our friends, or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol... But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

**"I now know** that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave.

**"More than fifty years** have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

"His name?.... . . .

"We just called him 'TV.'

"He has a wife now....We call her 'Computer.'" *-Author Unknown*

**This was not** the ending I expected, but read Romans 12:2 and ask yourself if your mind has been affected by the "Stranger."

Blessings, Lee

Social concern without Christian conviction runs out into the desert of despair.



Church Library

Dianne Callender

The Christian should not follow the crowd, but rather show them the way.

November is full of so many wonderful themes: Thanksgiving, Autumn, school, even football. The Church Library has books and DVDs on all these, and you are welcome to browse for any materials.

But first, I want to tell you about a really good DVD, which does not have a November theme, but is well worth your while to watch, especially with older children and youth. "Milltown Pride" was produced by Unusual Films of Bob Jones University, which has made a number of worthwhile films. This one is special to me, for the "star" of the movie is the nephew of special friends of ours, who were our neighbors in Albuquerque and are now in California; her nephew just finished his MBA degree at Bob Jones University but has worked with their film department. He plays a young man who finishes high school during the Depression, and his sole ambition is to become a professional baseball player; at that time each mill town in the south had its own recreational baseball team, which provided professional scouts with material for farm teams, so the mill teams provided a step up toward becoming a professional player. The young man thinks he is a Christian, but time and temptation prove he isn't, and lead him to bad choices from this point on. OK, you can figure out the ending, but how he gets there is well told. Worth watching, with some good baseball playing.

If you missed browsing in the library in October, most of the materials that were displayed then are still available. There are a number of materials on Thanksgiving, for adults and children. I've tried to include accurate materials on history, since the schools seem to teach that the "Pilgrims were thankful to the Indians" rather than to God.

When you return books and other items, there are now two boxes for returns. Please put all audio and video materials in the cubical brown box, and all books in the larger black-topped box. This avoids having heavy books damage the DVDs.

Several of you have spoken to me about helping in the library, and I appreciate your offer. Please let me know when you might be available, as I can really use help in checking in materials and returning them to the shelves.

Gary Mosley told us at the October business meeting that we are in the process of applying for the building permit for the second story of the education building. This will begin to happen fairly soon. When the second story is added, the ground floor will be rearranged to incorporate all office spaces, and bathrooms plus an elevator will be added, so the library will also be rearranged. I can then really use help to pack up books to get them out of the way. This happened once before, about 15 years ago, but I have many more books now than I did then, and Moving Day will be traumatic. I invite your help—Thank you!

# Mission



An Easy Way  
For **You** To Make  
An **Impact**



Here is one of the easiest ways for you to get involved at Tropical Farms Baptist Church!

Campbell's Labels for Education program. You've probably heard about it before. All you do is collect the labels from the Campbell's soup you use at home. Lots of different products qualify for the program, check the labels for education website for a list of labels to save. Then just bring them into the Church. There is a box in the education building.

Just put 'em in there and you are done! Also look for the Box tops for education labels on the General Mills products.



## Christmas Shoebox Project - How to Pack Your Shoebox .... Start filling your boxes Now

- Find an **empty shoebox**. You don't have to wrap it, but it would be a nice **festive touch!** Just make sure you wrap the shoebox lid separately so that the contents can be checked.
- Decide whether your gift will be for a **boy or girl**, and then choose an **age category** - two - four, five - nine, or 10-14.
- Attach a **label** to the top of the shoebox and write down the age group and if it's for a boy or girl.
- Fill your shoebox with stuff like books, school supplies, hats and T-shirts, **hygiene items** (like a toothbrush, toothpaste and a bar of soap), or **toys** (dolls, balls, small cars, stuffed animals). If your toy requires **batteries**, then throw 'em in the box too. You can also add a **personal note** and a **photo of yourself** so the child who receives your shoebox will know who it's from!
- Don't include anything that's **used**, damaged, **breakable**, or perishable (like fruit) no toy guns or knives.
- Once you've filled your shoebox, drop it off at **church**.

Everyone loves to receive gifts. During the Christmas season, TFBC will once again participate in the Shoe Box Operation...Children will experience Christmas joy when they receive gift-filled shoe boxes. We can play a crucial role in this project by preparing shoe box gifts, and praying for the boys and girls who will receive them.

## Be ready to turn in the filled boxes in early November



*The Lighter side of Life.....*

*On the first night of his grandmother's visit, a small boy was saying his prayers. "Please, God," he shouted, "send me a bicycle, a tool chest, and a..." Why are you praying so loud?" his brother interrupted. "God isn't deaf." "I know He isn't, replied the boy, "but Grandma is."*

Reasons that sound good aren't always good, sound reasons.

One person with conviction is equal in force to 99 who only have questions.



Can Anybody See God?

A small boy once approached his slightly older sister with a question about God. "Susie, can anybody ever really see God?" he asked. Busy with other things, Susie curtly replied: "No, of course not, silly. God is so far up in heaven that nobody can see Him."

Time passed, but his question still lingered so he approached his mother: "Mom, can anybody ever really see God?" "No, not really," she gently said. "God is a spirit and He dwells in our hearts, but we can never really see Him."

Somewhat satisfied but still wondering, the youngster went on his way. Not long afterwards, his saintly old grandfather took the little boy on a fishing trip. They were having a great time together -- it had been an ideal day. The sun was beginning to set with unusual splendor as the day ended. The old man stopped fishing and turned his full attention to the exquisite beauty unfolding before him.

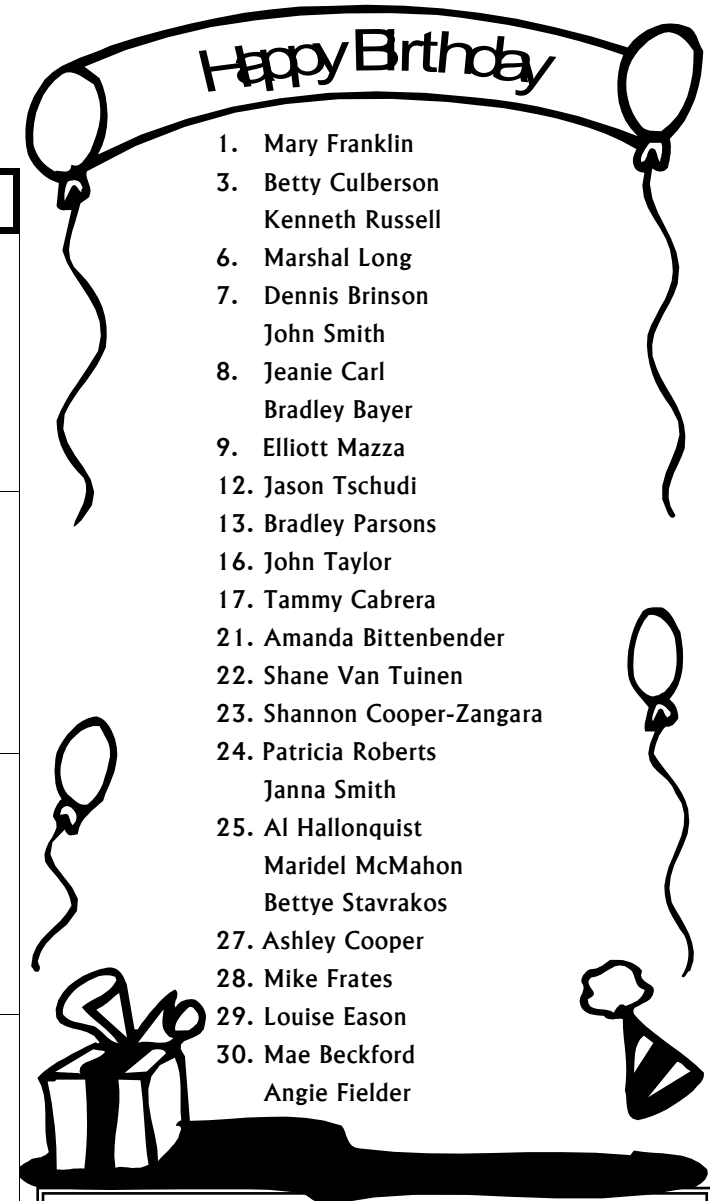
On seeing the face of his grandfather reflecting such deep peace and contentment as he gazed into the magnificent ever-changing sunset, the little boy thought for a moment and finally spoke hesitatingly: "Granddad, I - I - wasn't going to ask anybody else, but I wonder if you can tell me the answer to something I've been wondering about a long time. Can anybody -- can anybody ever really see God?"

The old man did not even turn his head. A long moment slipped by before he finally answered. "Son," he quietly said. "It's getting so I can't see anything else."

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." {Psalm 19:1 - 4}*

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dinner 5:00-6:15pm Prayer Session 6:30 AWANA 6:30-8:00	3 Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	4	5
6 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am  Daylight Saving Time Ends FALL BACK	7 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm	8 Election Day  Prayer Warriors 10:30 am	9 Dinner 5:00-6:15pm Prayer Session 6:30 AWANA 6:30-8:00	10 Young At Heart 11:30 am	11 Veterans' Day	12
13	14 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm	15 Prayer Warriors 10:30 am	16 Dinner 5:00-6:15pm Prayer Session 6:30 AWANA 6:30-8:00	17 Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19
20 Business Meeting 6:00 pm	21 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm	22 Prayer Warriors 10:30 am	23 All Wednesday activities canceled for today. Will re- sume next week.	24 Thanksgiving  <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	25	26
27	28	29 Prayer Warriors 10:30 am	30 Dinner 5:00-6:15pm Prayer Session 6:30 AWANA 6:30-8:00		Maturity is the art of living in peace with that which we cannot change.	



1. Mary Franklin
3. Betty Culberson  
Kenneth Russell
6. Marshal Long
7. Dennis Brinson  
John Smith
8. Jeanie Carl  
Bradley Bayer
9. Elliott Mazza
12. Jason Tschudi
13. Bradley Parsons
16. John Taylor
17. Tammy Cabrera
21. Amanda Bittenbender
22. Shane Van Tuinen
23. Shannon Cooper-Zangara
24. Patricia Roberts  
Janna Smith
25. Al Hallonquist  
Maridel McMahon  
Bettye Stavrakos
27. Ashley Cooper
28. Mike Frates
29. Louise Eason
30. Mae Beckford  
Angie Fielder

Mr. Hyde, a millionaire manufacturer, said he began tithing when he was one hundred thousand dollars in debt. Some consider it dishonest to give God a tenth of their income when they were in debt. Mr. Hyde said he agreed with that thought until one day if flashed upon him that God was his first creditor. Then he began to pay God first and all the other creditors were eventually paid in full.



YOUNG AT HEART  
November 10th, 2011 at 11:30



Hello, My Young At Heart Friends!

Well we are finally getting a break from the Florida heat and I am "Giving Thanks" for this and our bit of rain too. "In Everything Give Thanks", not just because this is the Thanksgiving season but because this is what God teaches us from His Word.

We had a really good attendance this past month of forty two, to hear Janel Roth from Genesis rehab and our own Hilda Durrance to give us some great tips on how to fall or not to fall. "Thanks Hilda" for a job well done.

This month we have a special group, The Reflections, coming to share some beautiful music for us to enjoy through song. I have known Lorri Walker and some of these girls from back in the '70's when we all attended First Baptist in Stuart together. I can promise you a sweet, sweet time of enjoyment. Bring a friend, bring two and lets have a fun filled, spiritual time together!

We are having "Turkey", of course, and ask you to bring a side dish to share. It can be a vegetable, salad or dessert and we will take care of the rest.

Don't forget your Christmas Shoe Boxes are due this month.

In closing I leave you with this verse from Ephesians 5:20  
Give thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Look forward to seeing you on the 10th with all your friends!

Blessings,  
Marilyn Marr

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

Pride is a fine asset to have. Just be sure it's the kind that keeps your chin up instead of your nose up.

# Moments



International Mission Study 2011:  
London

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

**5:00 pm dinner—covered dish**  
**6:00 pm Mission study—London, England**

Samples of English recipes will be available for your use.

See you for an evening of  
Food...Fellowship...and Facts.

## Dinner Around The World

**YOUTH and YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS**

**Saturday Night – November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Tropical Farms Baptist Church**

This will be a fun evening of GAMES – FOOD – MUSIC – and learning about young people from all around the world . . . their culture . . . their food . . where they live . . . where they sleep.

There will be some surprises for the evening – and we don't want you to miss out.

Please come . . . and bring a friend.  
Prizes will be given out to anyone who brings a first-time guest!



