

FORT WAYNE BAPTIST
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Newsletter

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Sunday:

Bible Study—9:00 AM
Worship—10:00 AM

All Saints

November 1st, in Western Christianity, has been All Saints Day since the Ninth Century, thus making October 31st All Hallowed Ones Eve, which corrupts linguistically to Halloween. It was a day to make sure that all of those who have passed before who

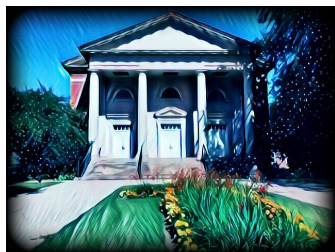


might not have gotten a specific Saint Day were honored. Saints were those who were martyred for their faith or had a vision of heaven. Really, it was probably a sanctified version of a pagan day honoring the dead.

Origins of such things eventually do not matter; it is what the observers say it is. Many Christian groups honor All Saints Day. We, as Baptists, have never been too big on the veneration of saints, although we will hold up our own notable forebearers in a different way.

I think this is a good thing. It is good to remember those who came before, who struggled with their faith and the world, and ended their time here with grace. Whether these people are historic figures or personal, they serve as lessons for us, inspiration for us. My own faith is strengthened by the example of my grandfather, Loran Gray, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was martyred in Nazi Germany for his faith and opposition to Hitler.

However, we must avoid the trap of hagiography, a story that makes people holy or more perfect than reality. Far too often, we see the people of the past as flawless, holy in all their ways. To suggest that they committed acts that were sinful, even deplorable by today's standards, is so offensive to many people they cannot



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stand to hear it. In this, we need to look at the Bible, where even the greatest heroes of the faith are seen as human, flawed, and fallen creatures in need of God's grace (other than Chronicles, which does not do such a great job of this when it comes to David).

Yes, remember and celebrate your heroes, your saints. Let them inspire you to new acts of boldness in your striving for the Kingdom. Honor who they were and what they did. Neither should you fail to forget their humanity, their flaws. They were not perfect, even as you are not perfect. They made mistakes; you will, too. Take comfort in their testimony, that even we flawed and wandering ones can occasionally, through grace, do great things.

—Pastor Scott



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Burma
- Pastor Christina—recovering from surgery on October 20
- Pastor Christina's mom—cancer
- Steve Stoner (Dick & De Stoner's oldest son)
- Barb—recovering well at home
- Barb's son-in-law Wayne—cancer
- Larry Bailey—continued prayers
- Les Roberson—continued prayers
- Todd Quinn—continued prayers, returned to work
- Cec Plumb—continued prayers
- Dick Plumb—continued prayers
- Brenda Routhier's sister Diana
- Howard Rusk—cancer, continued prayers
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers



Shoeboxes

THE TIME IS GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER.....

Our shoebboxes can go where missionaries can't. This might be the most important year ever to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the midst of a pandemic, children are frightened, families are struggling, and people don't know what hope they have for the future. We want children around the world to know that God loves them. He has not forgotten them, and that He cares for them very much. Operation Christmas Child is a powerful way to share the message of God's love, and we are proceeding full speed ahead so we can deliver gift-filled boxes to millions of children.

Every shoebox gift we pack represents one more boy or girl we can reach with the Gospel. Dozens of countries that have been wracked by the coronavirus are opening back up to receive and distribute shoebox gifts. At a time when many missionaries have had to retreat from their fields, our church partners worldwide are stepping up into the gap and are ready to use these gifts along with the literature provided to share the Gospel.

I want to encourage you to come help us pack as many shoebox gifts as we can. Our packing week schedule is listed below. We have ways for everyone to participate. We have stand-up jobs and sit-down jobs. All hands on deck.

What better way to make sure the Gospel message continues to be proclaimed "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8)?

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| Monday, November 8 | 10-3 pm | We will set up the chapel for shoebox filling |
| Tuesday, November 9 | 10-3 pm | We will start filling boxes. |
| Wednesday, November 10 | 10-3 pm | Filling boxes |
| Thursday, November 11 | 10-3 pm | Filling boxes |
| Friday, November 12 | 10-3 pm | Filling boxes |
| Saturday, November 13 | 10-3 pm | Finish filling boxes |

Please bring a sack lunch each day.

Drinks will be provided.

Thank you for all you do in supporting this ministry.

—Sharon



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY NANCY NOAK!! | 4 | 5 | 6 5 PM Chili Supper and Craft Auction  |
| 7 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Communion | 8 10-3 Shoebox Prep HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANGIE AMMERMAN!! | 9 10-3 Shoeboxes HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUTH PROCTOR & PAT ARTHUR!! | 10 10-3 Shoeboxes | 11 10-3 Shoeboxes HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL MISENER!! | 12 10-3 Shoeboxes | 13 10-3 Shoeboxes |
| 14 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. Noisy Offering HAPPY BIRTHDAY GAIL SURFUS!! | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. | 22 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SCOTT & JANICA CARTER!! | 23 6 PM Council Meeting | 24 | 25 THANKS-GIVING  | 26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY COLIN HAINES!! | 27 |
| 28 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. 1st Sunday of Advent | 29 | 30 | | | | |