

# FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Pastor's Word

The Word for November is "Thanks"

**I want to give thanks to the Lord our God** for His faithful watch care over His people (which includes me). As I have gone through my health issue, beginning with the diagnoses, follow-up doctor appointments, surgery, and recovery I have known His presence and His peace. I am blessed. I give thanks to our Lord and King. I thank Him for the salvation that is ours through faith in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**I want to give thanks to my family.** My wife Janice is a blessing. I am blessed to have my children and their children - Jennifer, James and John and their spouses Alan, Joy, and Emily. The grandsons - Clayton, London, Ashton, Noble, and Nathanael. The granddaughters - Rebecca, Kaitlyn, Elisabeth and Charlotte. Two of my granddaughters (Elisabeth [Lizzie] and Kaitlyn) have sung on the church's worship broadcast with Janice and I. Then to have them stay over and worship with us on Sunday is a special blessing.

**I want to give thanks to my church family** for their care and support. It is challenging for us to navigate the Covid-19 quarantine. We miss the face-to-face interaction but have found ways to stay connected. For this I am thankful. Even in the midst of great loss we have found ways to comfort and support our fellow members. Janice and I have been deeply moved by your expressions of love and support. The calls, letters, and the hugs on our front lawn. I am thankful for you.

**I want to give thanks to my friends** for their friendship. You are a blessing in my life. Thank you for your care, prayers, and support.

**"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever."**

Psalms 107:1 NLT

Pastor Jerry

## November Verse of the Month

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34 (NLT)

## Operation Christmas Child

I hope you have had an opportunity to pick up your box(es) at the church office to pack for this year. Unfortunately, we will not be having a *packing party* as suggested in last month's newsletter. But I encourage you to pack your boxes and drop them off at the church office before Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Learn how to pack a shoebox, view gift suggestions, and/or get your Follow Your Box label at [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ). Do not include candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.

Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through Follow Your Box and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

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# North American Mission Board

## Prayer Calendar - November 2020

### Gay and John Williams

*Chaplain*

**Disaster Relief Chaplain**

**Honolulu, HI**



Pray for guidance as the Lord continues to lead me toward those who need His help, hope and healing.

### Anonymous Planters

**We don't often think about North America as a place where a missionary would need to worry about security concerns. Several of our missionaries, though, reach populations from nations where there are restrictions on religious freedom**

Pray for missionaries who are reaching immigrant and refugee populations that tend to be wary of Christian faith. Pray for boldness and wisdom both for our missionaries and those who hear the gospel.

### Adrian and Adriana Luran

*Church Planter*

**Word of Life PDX**

**Portland, OR**



Pray for our outreach to Romanians, their families, friends and others living in Portland. Pray for more college students, young adults and families to join our church.

### Steven and Madison Polino

*Church Planter*

**Montreal Church Plant**

**Montreal, QC**



Pray that God will build His kingdom as we pray and labor to see it done. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving our weekly prayer updates. [Stevenpolino@icloud.com](mailto:Stevenpolino@icloud.com)

We are still offering the following on the church's Facebook page at **First Southern Baptist Church**:

- "Worship and Word" broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays by Pastor Jerry; upon viewing you are encouraged to **Share** and **Like** so that it will be available to your friends on FB
- Livestreaming of Wednesday's Bible study at 6:00 p.m. led by Pastor Jerry and/or Janice Lanford.

The church family is encouraged to continue to mail in their tithes and offerings, or drop them off at the church office during the hours listed. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in giving.

*A Pinned Note  
from the Pastor's  
Wife*



From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express my gratitude to my church family. Thank you for the prayers (most of all), the cards, the phone calls, the visits during Jerry's surgery and recovery.

I have known God's presence during this time in some new and unique ways and I know it's in part due to your overwhelming love and kindness.

Thank you isn't enough to express the gratitude I have in my heart for my church family.

*Janice*