



News from Creighton First Baptist Church



As I start this article, I risk sounding a little hypocritical, I have to admit I do enjoy the month of November. Don't get me wrong, May through August are the best months and my favorite time of the year, but November is good for a fall or winter month. For the most part the weather is not terrible, some years are very cold but not usually, also the leaves are pretty and turning or unfortunately falling off and it is a great month to get out and enjoy. Bugs are gone and poison ivy, all the stuff that keeps people inside. Also, November is the month when we get to celebrate Thanksgiving. This is my favorite holiday. It is one time a year when we as a nation regardless of politics or even religion can take time to give thanks for the many blessings we have. Also, we get together as a family to enjoy each other's company.

The idea of Thanksgiving did not originate with the Pilgrims or when it became a national holiday. The Pilgrims were here because of religious persecution, guilty of being Christians, so they probably knew the scriptures and also, they had survived their first year in the New World. Even with the tremendous loss they experienced that first year, those who survived were grateful and took time to say "Thank you, Lord." Thanks, and Thanksgiving are found around 100 times in Scripture. Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." This verse sets us up for all of the others found in scripture, it is repeated 44 times in scripture. I think God wants us to take time to give thanks.

I pray you take time daily to give thanks to the Lord, if for no other reason than His greatness. Then go on to count your blessings.

Have a blessed month.

Pastor Vernon R. West
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November memory verse: *Proverbs 19:21*

Coming Soon!



**Men's
Breakfast
and Bible Study**

November 8 at 8:30 a.m.



**Thanksgiving Dinner and
Free Christmas Store
November 16 beginning at 4:00 p.m.**



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Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 16, 2026, and could possibly be accomplished by way of email. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.

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November Memory Verse:

There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand. *Proverbs 19:21*



Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Bible Study	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening	5:30 p.m.
Fireside Chat on Facebook®	7:00 p.m.
First Saturday day of the month	6:00 p.m.

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October was another busy and blessed month. We had our Harvest Festival and saw a great turn out from the community. This was an excellent time to engage young families in conversations and build relationships. Some people may have no intention of coming to church or seeking the Lord, but let's pray that when life doesn't make sense and they have nowhere else to turn, they will remember the love we poured into them and seek the Lord. As we approach our thanksgiving dinner and Christmas store, let us lift it in prayer that we can plant seeds and help people during the Christmas season. Christmas has become heavily materialistic, but we want people to know that the magic of Christmas is that God the Son took on human flesh and was born as a baby to live the life we couldn't, to die the death we deserved, all so we can have right relationship with Him. Stand boldly on this truth, but as we do, remember that "people do not care if you keep Christ in your Christmas if they cannot see Christ in the Christian." -KB.

I pray you all had a blessed month and are looking forward to a busy last couple of months of 2025.

Associate Pastor Gabe West



Adult Bible Studies for Life How to Handle Life's Interruptions

November 2: When Your Actions Cause an Interruption (Exodus 2:11-22; 3:5-10)
 November 9: When Well-Meaning People Interrupt Your Plans (Luke 8:40-50,54-56)
 November 16: When a Time of Inactivity Slows You Down (Acts 1:4-8,12-14; 2:1-4)
 November 23: When Doing God's Work is Interrupted (Acts 16:4-15)
 November 30: From Problems to Praise (Isaiah 38:9-20)

Youth Bible Studies for Life: Interruptions

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 November 30: From Problems to Praise (Isaiah 38:9-20)

Children Bible Studies for Life: God's Promises

November 2: Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:17)
 November 9: Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12:1-3; 15; 17:1-22; 18:1-15; 21:1-7)
 November 16: God's Promise to Jacob (Genesis 28)
 November 23: David Faced Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-50)
 November 30: God Provided the Savior (Isaiah 53)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life: God's Promises

November 2: Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:17)
 November 9: Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12:1-3; 15; 17:1-22; 18:9-15; 21:1-7)
 November 16: God's Promise to Jacob (Acts 1:4-8,12-14; 2:1-4)
 November 23: David Faced Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-50)
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Ladies League

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. *2 Chronicles 15:7*

My heart is so encouraged!! The Harvest Party was a huge turnout. Such a fun day! The weather was fantastic. Ladies League set up an info table with signups. We had some crafts, some Christian literature and gave away 3 fall baskets. I'll be honest the day of the event. I got into my negative head. I was thinking it was a silly idea to set up the table; thinking it would just be a waste. I'm so glad we did have it! We had 7 ladies sign up! Welcome new members!!

All the literature we had on the table was given away. Lord knew it was just what I needed. That devil, man, is he good at trying to block the Lord's plans. So many times, has he put negative thinking on me when the Lord is about to move. Praise Jesus that he makes us strong enough to push forward to do his works!

Next month we have several chances to meet up. November 8 at 7:00 p.m. we will do bingo for the residents at Crown Center in Harrisonville. David and Gloria are living there now. Having worked there 10+ years it holds a special place for me. Join us if you want to! Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas store is November 16. Ladies League will set up the Christmas store after church. This is a big event for our church as well. We get a chance to meet several new people. Pray that seeds of our savior are planted in our visitors. Pray the Ladies League will be a blessing to the community and its members, that we can serve with Thanksgiving in our hearts.

Then, on November 22 at 11:00 a.m., we will meet up to share a soup lunch and do various crafts for Christmas gifts. Bring your own project if you want and just hang out with us!

We need donations for bingo prizes at the nursing home. The folks there like anything from trinkets to costume jewelry.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Love,
Maggi LaFollette



Chicken Escarole Soup with Meatballs

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| 15 chicken wings | 4 qt. water |
| 4 medium carrots, cut into 1/2-inch pieces | 1 large egg, lightly beaten |
| 1 large potato, cut into 1/2-inch cubes | 1/2 C. dry bread crumbs |
| 4 celery ribs, sliced | 1 T. minced fresh parsley |
| 1 large tomato, seeded and diced | 1 garlic clove, minced |
| 1 large onion, diced | 1 tsp. grated Parmesan cheese |
| 3-1/2 tsp. salt, divided | 1/2 lb. ground beef |
| 1 tsp. pepper | 1 small head escarole, cored and separated |

In a stockpot, combine wings, carrots, potato, celery, tomato, onion 1 T. salt, pepper and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 hour or until chicken and vegetables are tender.

Meanwhile, for the meatballs, combine egg, bread crumbs, parsley, garlic, cheese and the remaining salt in a large bowl. Crumble beef into mixture and mix lightly but thoroughly. Shape into marble-sized balls.

Remove chicken meat from bones and cut into bite-sized pieces. Discard bones. Return chicken to the pot. Add meatballs and escarole; cook until meatballs are no longer pink, about 10 minutes longer.

Pasta with Ricotta and Lemon

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| Kosher salt | 1 T. freshly grated lemon zest |
| 1 lb. short, ribbed pasta, like gemelli or penne | plus 1/4 C. lemon juice |
| 1 C. whole-milk ricotta | Black pepper |
| 1 C. freshly grated Parmesan or pecorino, plus more for serving | Red-pepper flakes, for serving |
| | 1/4 C. thinly slice or torn basil leaves, for serving |

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package instructions until al dente. Reserve 1 cup pasta cooking water, then drain the pasta. In the same pot, make the sauce: Add the ricotta, Parmesan, lemon zest and juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and stir until well combined. Add 1/2 cup pasta water to the sauce and stir until smooth. Add the pasta and continue to stir vigorously until the noodles are well coated. Add more pasta water as needed for smooth sauce. Divide the pasta among bowls and top with some of the sauce that's pooled at the bottom of the pot. Garnish with grated Parmesan, black pepper, red-pepper flakes and basil, if using.



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