

THE LEAF

NEWS AND NOTES FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOREST PARK

Green Balls

At FBC Forest Park we have **1 Vision** to see **200 baptisms** through the ministry of our church. That's **1 Percent** of Forest Park! How are we going to achieve that goal? **1 Person** at a time! Put a green ball in the bucket for every person you invite to church. We are **1 Church** united around **1 Mission!**

J.O.Y. Club

At FBC Forest Park we do not have old people. We have Just Older Youth! If you are older in years but still young at heart you are invited to meet us at **O'Charley's** (3511 HWY 138 SE, Stockbridge) on **Tuesday, October 28 at 11:00**. We will gather for food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

First And Foremost

Every **first Sunday** we invite you to return to the church at 4:00 for a time of prayer. Meet us in the chapel and we will guide you as you spend time in the presence of God.



Fall Festival

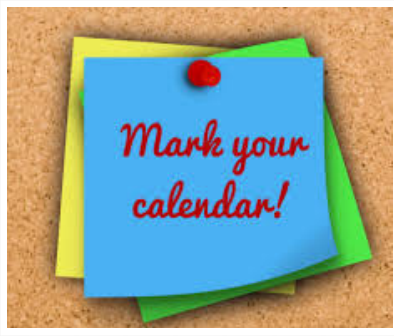
Let's welcome the community to our church!

Last year our Fall Festival was amazing! We think we had 600-800 people come through our trunk-or-treat but we really have no idea because there were so many people you could not move through the halls! We expect similar attendance this year.

Once again, the city has asked us to host our event on **Friday, October 31** so we can provide a safe place for our community to enjoy on Halloween Night. Our Fall Festival is only major event in Forest Park that night.

We are asking for volunteers to help prepare and serve food, monitor inflatables, help with the hay ride, roast marshmallows for s'mores, and make people feel welcome. You can also sign up to decorate a classroom door for the trunk-or-treat on the main hallway. If you would like to donate candy, you can place it in the basket near the elevator.

Sign up to help at ForestParkFirst.com. The Fall Festival is great opportunity to meet our community and welcome them to our church. Thank you for serving our church!



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 13-17** - Clayton County Fall Break
- Oct. 15** - Service Day at Morrow Middle School
- Oct. 15** - No Wednesday Night Activities
- Oct. 26** - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Return
- Oct. 28** - J.O.Y. Club
- Oct. 31** - Fall Festival
- Nov. 1** - CSU Football Game (1:00)
- Nov. 2** - First and Foremost
- Nov. 15** - CSU Football Game (2:00)
- Nov. 25** - J.O.Y. Club
- Nov. 28** - Christmas Decorating
- Dec. 6** - Christmas Parade
- Dec. 7** - First and Foremost
- Dec. 10** - Church Conference
- Dec. 13** - Operation Christmas Child Warehouse
- Dec. 17** - White Elephant Party
- Dec. 21** - Christmas Service
- Lord's Supper
- Dec. 25** - Christmas Day

Operation Christmas Child

Our biggest mission project of the year!

It's that time of year again! Time for us to get in the Christmas spirit and help share the love of Jesus with children all over the world. By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way.

We have five ways to participate and support OCC:

1. Build a box online at ForestParkFirst.com.
2. Build a box online at one of our info kiosks.
3. Donate \$36 and we will build a box online for you.
4. Donate any amount and we will compile those resources.
5. See Wally and Judy if you want to pack a physical box.

Last year we packed 139 boxes so this year we are raising our goal to 150. We believe we can meet, and maybe exceed, that goal. What a joy to be able to support Operation Christmas Child!

One-On-One Discipleship

Matthew 28 in real life.

Are you ready to get serious about your faith? Do you want to learn how to apply the truths of scripture in practical ways in your everyday life? Do you want to create meaningful spiritual connections and foster growth in your relationship with Jesus? Then sign up to meet with one of our spiritual role models! This one-on-one discipleship program offers a unique opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with God under the guidance of experienced role models from our church family. We only have 7 slots available—5 for female participants and 2 for male participants.

Because space is limited, we are looking for a few individuals who are ready to take this seriously and make discipleship a top priority in their lives. Participants are asked to commit to meet weekly with their assigned role model and be prepared for open and honest conversation. See Serge or Elliott for more info.