

NOVEMBER 2019



"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. -Acts 2:42-44"

We now come to the third element that is needed for the existence of a true church...the practice of breaking bread or celebrating the Lord's Supper. There are only two ordinances of the Church to recognize and those are Baptism and Celebrating the Lord's Supper. The early Church celebrated the latter ordinance typically every Sunday, and it became a powerful celebration within the Church. At Fox River we have chosen to celebrate it monthly and typically on the first Sunday of the month. The frequency and the exact way to celebrate the "breaking of bread" are up to each local church to determine. The important thing is that it is regular and that we partake in a manner that is honorable and fulfills the intention of the ordinance.

So, what is the intention of celebrating the Lord's Supper? There are a couple of reasons for the practice of "breaking of bread." The first comes from our Lord on the night that He was betrayed and when the Lord's Supper was instituted. In His own words He informs the disciples of why they are practice this ordinance; "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. (Luke 22:19)" It is very simple we are to do this so that we never forget what He has done for us. It is so easy to forget what He has done for us in the busyness of life. This ordinance causes us to slow down, reflect, and remember all that He suffered for us so that we might be called "sons of God." The second reason for the practice

is that it enables us to reflect on our walk with Christ and our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. We have the opportunity to make sure that everything is alright between us and God and then also between us and the other members of the family of God. You could look at it as a monthly performance review, not to condemn us, but rather to convict us of where we are falling short and encourage us where we have grown in our walk.

How do we celebrate the Lord's Supper in a manner that is acceptable and worthy of the weight of the ordinance? First of all we need to spend time in prayer a few days before the celebration and make sure that there is no unconfessed sin before God and also that there are no issues of discord between us and another member of the Body; that we are aware of. Having done that and repented or reconciled; we then can approach the Lord's Table with confidence and with joy. We must be reverent in our celebration as well. Even though we do not believe that there is any physical, spiritual, or mystical components to the bread and wine that does not mean that we should treat them with irreverence. They are only symbols of His body and blood, but they are symbols that convey a wonderful truth and therefore have an importance of their own. We should never take the elements in such a way as to that we view it as simply eating the bread and drinking the wine. The elements that were chosen have significance to them and were chosen by our Lord for a reason, and therefore because of that fact should be handled with a care that befits the greater meaning of the symbol.

This Sunday we have the pleasure of celebrating the "breaking of bread." Make sure that you are right with God and your brothers and sisters; then once that is done come rejoicing into the presence of the Lord and His Body. Praising God for His mercy, grace and sacrifice; and then leaving the Table full and furnished to do the will of Him who has called you "out of darkness and into His marvelous light."

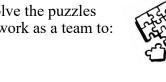
In His Name & For His Glory, Pastor Tim



Saturday Night, November 2

COME ONE, COME ALL November 16th 4-8pm For Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

Featuring:
Fox River Bible Church's very own ESCAPE ROOM!
follow the clues solve the puzzles and work as a team to:



ESCAPE FROM EGYPT

Dinner to Follow

Youth are encouraged to attend as the adults may need your help!!!

Signup on the counter in the foyer.



"A women's prayer group is starting at FRBC. It will be called Prayer Warriors.

The group will meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30

am. EVERY woman of the church is welcome to join us. We will include prayers for our country, our church family, pastor and elders, other needs of the church organization, health needs of our church family--you get the idea ③.



Friday, November 1–Sautrday, November 2
At the church

Birthdays:

4—Anne Van Asten 5—Kate Pogreba 16-Michael Mlodzik 19-Caleb Dohms 27-Elle Pogreba



Happy Anniversary

3—Rob & Lvnn Mlodzik

Deaconess of the Month:
Maay Garzon
Communion is Sunday, November 3

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect non-perishable food items. Place your food items on the table provided in the foyer.



Evening Service

November 3, 5 pm November 17,5 pm

November 10.5 pm November 24.5 pm



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<u>Office Hours:</u>
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Nursery Schedule

November 3
Rhonda & Anna Dohms
November 10

Gene Pogreba & Bryce Middlestead

November 17

Jeff Middlestead & Ian Dohms
November 24

Usher Schedule



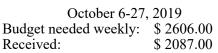
November 3
Bob Abitz & Gene Pogreba
November 10

Rob & Sam Mlodzik November 17

Kyle Tubbs & Ryan Smith November 24

Scott Smith & Ray Rudzinski

Financial Update

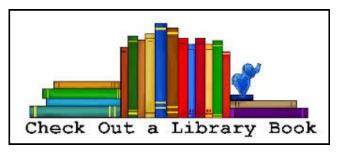




Friday, November 15

6–10 pm at Godfrey's.

If you have events and need bulletin inserts made please send me the information by Tuesday of each week, bulletins are printed Thursday morning



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



GOAL: 25 shoeboxes

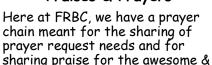




A table is available in the foyer with boxes, and other information.

Sunday, November 17 is cutoff date.

Praises & Prayers





mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address:

 ${\tt prayer@foxriverbaptist.com}$

Care to be part of the prayer chain? Email or call Shari Middlestead: shari@middlestead.com (920)209-1989 or Renee Brown: eener654@gmail.com

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Fox River Baptist Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.