

I love fall. The traditions... the time with family... the food. We pick apples in September and cover our porches with pumpkins and mums in October. We visit the mountains in November and cut down our Christmas tree. This fall at LBC, our calendar is marked with some annual, typical events and other new ones. Here is a look at things happening these next few weeks:

I'm always encouraged when God calls new families to connect with the ministry of Lexington Baptist Church; this is especially true during this unusual season of life. **In two weeks on November 1st, we'll invite individuals and families to join us for our new member's class called Discover LBC.** This zoom call with Pastor Mike and his wife, Mrs. Pam, includes a dinner gift card (to Five Guys, of course) and gives people an opportunity to learn more about our pastor as well as the mission and ministries of LBC. You can learn more and register by emailing Brandi at EPA@lexingtonbaptist.org.

Also on November 1st, First Baptist Church of West Columbia is officially relaunching as River District Church (RDC). This relaunch will allow the church to be reintroduced to West Columbia as a growing, vibrant, multi-generational and diverse community of believers that desires to be a bright light reflecting the love of Jesus in their city. 24 church members from LBC have committed to serve and worship at RDC as children and student leaders, greeters, worship leaders, and media volunteers. If you'd like to be a part of this church replant, you can get more information by contacting seth@lexingtonbaptist.org.

One of our family's favorite fall traditions is packing our shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Our kids – ages 4 and 7 – choose a little boy and girl their age to send a shoebox. We go to the store, pick out the perfect gifts, squeeze them all into the shoebox, pray over the boxes, deliver them to church, and track them to see where they are delivered. You can pack a shoebox (or 2!) and share the love of Jesus with a child this Christmas too – empty boxes are available in our lobby following the services. **Collection day at LBC is November 15th.**

Also, I'm thrilled to announce Corey Thomas has joined our staff as our new Fifty6 and Recreation Ministry Associate. As a long-time member of LBC and active volunteer in our student ministry, Corey is a familiar face who will be serving our preteens and recreation ministry. We are excited to welcome him to our team.

Each fall we have several congregational issues we need to tend to, so here are the upcoming items and dates you'll want to keep in mind:

- A **town hall meeting** regarding the proposed 2021 budget (if you didn't receive a copy of the budget by mail you may pick one up at the church office) will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The budget will be presented and discussed in an informal setting.
- Our **deacon election** will be held on Sunday, October 25th. You can find profiles on each nominee below. Hard copies are available in the church lobby.
- Our **annual business meeting** will be held Sunday evening, October 25th, in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.
- The **congregational vote for the proposed 2021 budget** will be held on Sunday, November 1st.

We love you, church! Have a great weekend, and we'll see you Sunday for worship – either at 9 or 11 AM online or on-campus!

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