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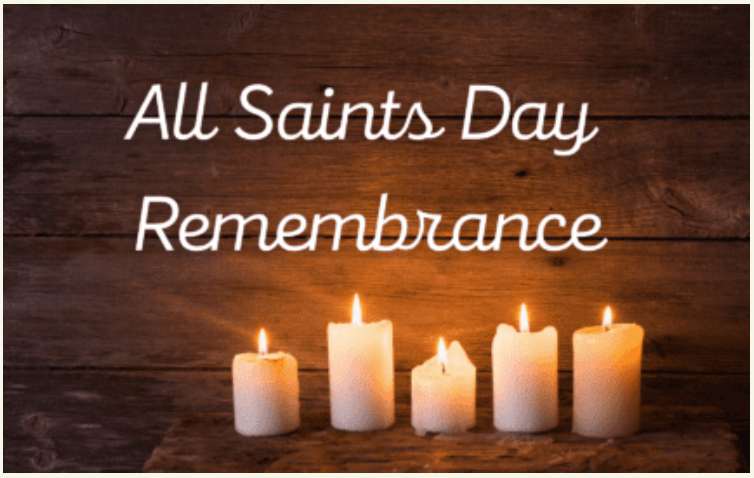
MISSION IN ACTION

On September 21st, Team FBC joined hands with fellow churches of the Staunton River Baptist Association to make an impact through service. As part of the Rise Against Hunger mission project, approximately 85 volunteers from across the association came together to bag over 10,000 meals for communities in need around the world.
Team FBC was proud to be part of this meaningful effort, demonstrating the love of Christ through action and fellowship.

ON MISSION

The Helen Woods Circle organized and delivered dinner bags to Altavista Combined School for the teachers and staff during the parent/teacher conferences. Each bag contained a delicious sandwich, chips, apple salad, and some sweet treats! They were truly grateful for the way we served them, and we're so appreciative of the volunteers whose efforts made it all possible.





ALL SAINTS DAY

We invite you to join us for a Service of Remembrance in honor of All Saints Day on Sunday, October 26th. It will be a time to remember those who have touched our lives and faith. We hope to see you there as we gather in love and remembrance.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



It is a tradition at First Baptist to share our bounty with others during the Thanksgiving season by sponsoring food baskets for area residents who need an extra blessing. Our baskets are always appreciated by those who receive them. A typical basket costs $75.00. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please give your donation to Anne Jones by November 16. Baskets will be delivered on Sunday, November 23. Thank you and may you be blessed as you bless others.

SRBA FALL MEETING

The Staunton River Baptist Association fall meeting will be on Monday, October 27th at 6pm. They will meet at Spring Road Baptist Church located at 2528 Spring Road, Hurt, VA 24563

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on December 28th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the pastor appreciation gifts and cards; they mean so much to me! I don't have the words to express how grateful I am to be at First Baptist Church of Altavista. This has been a difficult year for me, to say the least, but all of you have ministered to me in the most amazing ways. Serving as your pastor has been the greatest honor of my life. I hope to continue serving here for many more years!

COMMUNITY STEW

Our annual community stew will be on October 29th starting at 5:30pm. This special evening is a time to celebrate, reflect, and enjoy a hearty meal with friends old and new. We hope you'll be part of it!

PASTORAL UPDATES

Alden will be reporting to Greensboro to catch up on Navy chaplaincy duties once the government shutdown ends. All service members have the opportunity to make up any lost drill periods for pay and retirement points.