

The Day of Atonement begun in Moses' time is, in essence, a pure way to celebrate this day. Understanding a sacrifice was given to atone for your sins and God accepts your sacrifice. The Old Testament is full of references to heaven and eternity, so it was a clearly taught and believed part of Judaism.

Jesus did die and raise to life but He is no apparition. There is no such thing as ghosts, goblins, or the undead. In fact, there is no such thing as "dead"; no one is "dead", every person, from the moment of creation, lives and is always alive, their state and place of existence may be temporarily in our presence or eternally out of our presence at this moment in time, but they are alive, in heaven or in hell they exist in a very real place. In Matthew 27.52 during the time when Jesus died and subsequently rose again this happened, "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people." They were recognizable and it was an undeniable sign of life after death. Perhaps some traditions have this idea of marching to and from gravesites in their culture without even realizing it.

So, what do we do as Jesus followers about Halloween? Like other holidays or celebrations, it is what you make it to be. It is a tremendous opportunity to share the gospel with your neighbors and it is the one time a year you can knock on doors and people will answer the door and the one time of year people will come to your door of their own volition! Here's my take on this day and some things we can do: 1. Be frugal with what you spend on costumes. Make your own. This holiday is as profit conscience as all the others. 2. Teach your kids why "scary" costumes are not acceptable. People don't look scary (bones or decayed flesh or the like) in eternity though they may be tormented in hell because they are an unrepentant sinner. Take the opportunity to teach the grim reality of hell. 3. If you stay home turn your lights on and buy good candy (don't use last year's) and give it away lavishly. Find out who comes to your door, where they live. Get names of kids, ask to see their faces, make eye contact with them and their parents, (you could have someone in earshot jotting down names so you can pray for them...). If they "drive and drop" and the kids run to the house, station someone outside near the road to talk to the parents and offer them candy, a drink, and conversation. 3a. Take your kids to a neighborhood you know has lost people and needs the gospel. Do not drive and drop your kids. Go with them and initiate a general conversation (genuinely thank them, let them see your face, tell the you appreciate their participation) and take some candy. 3b. Don't just give out tracts, it's tacky, even kids who go to church will wonder why you did that... 4. Have a Halloween (Fall Festival) Party and invite people who wouldn't normally come to your house. They might just come to something like this with good food and candy. If they come to your Halloween party they may come to your Christmas party and maybe even your Easter party! 5. Share the gospel if the opportunity presents itself. Don't force the gospel. Build a relationship and let the gospel happen. God will present an opportunity... seize it!



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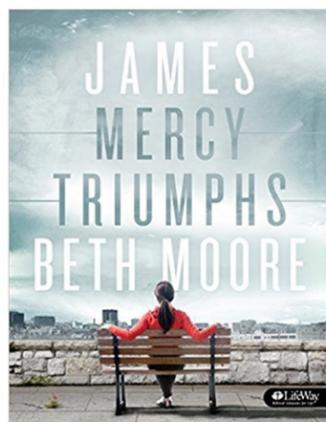
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ordnation Celebration  
For  
Marc Pollard

8:00 AM  
Breakfast  
&  
Ordnation Council

9:00-9:30 AM  
Prayer

11:00 AM  
Ordnation Ceremony  
During Morning Service

We are currently working on updating the church database. If you haven't filled out the Contact Sheet (found in the vestibule) please do so as soon as possible.

Women's Bible Study  
Wednesdays @ 5&7PM  
Lead by Shannyn Robertson



FBC County-wide  
**Brotherhood**  
Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
6:00 PM  
First Baptist Church Wauchula Fellowship Hall  
Food and drinks provided.  
**Bring your sons!!**



WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

Morning Worship Service

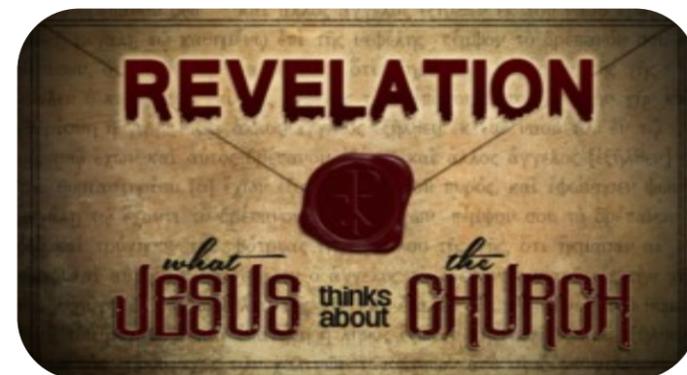
# 147 And Can It Be Our God

# 217 Oh, How I Love Jesus  
Jesus Messiah - Choir

Scripture Reading - Romans 5:8  
At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

WHAT JESUS THINKS ABOUT HIS CHURCH  
EPHESUS: FIRST LOVE - Romans 5:8

# 312 Softly and Tenderly



Evening Worship Service

5TH SUNDAY SONG SERVICE!

See Bro. David To sign up!

One of the biggest unofficial holidays is among us: Halloween. But why is it so big? After all, there is no time off work, businesses do not close, it is not a national celebration and yet we spend our valuable extra time and money buying costumes and candy then use a whole evening, sometimes more depending on how many different activities there are available to us, to get dressed up and go in search of candy. Now to be honest, this is mostly a kids thing but teenagers and adults alike often take part in this holiday. Is this about a fun time of free candy or is there more to this holiday than meets the eye? We know there is more to it because of the types of costumes, themes, movies, and even crime which occurs during this "holiday". The origins of Halloween may date back officially as far as the 40's BC into Celtic culture and even Roman culture. It seems almost every culture at some point had and has a "day of the dead". It was the Celtic culture, it seems, who celebrated this evening on the eve of their New Year which in the Roman calendar was November 1. Many early American settlers came from England, bringing beliefs about ghosts and witches with them. Later, immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Haiti and Africa brought vivid witchcraft lore and native voodoo beliefs about black cats, fire, and witchcraft.

The activities became so popular that by the 600's Pope Gregory III moved the date of the celebration of "All Saint's Day" to November 1 to give Christians an alternate celebration. The current name "Halloween" is derived from this, the day before All Saint's Day, which was called "All Hallow Evening"; this name was shortened to "All Hallow's Eve" or "All Hallow's Even." The name changed over time and became "Hallowe'en." In response to the growing celebration of the dead the Roman Catholic Church made November 2 "All Souls Day" as a day to honor the dead. Of course, if you are a Protestant (you probably are even if you didn't know it ) it was during the day of all hallows eve which Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the door of the Catholic church at Wittenberg, the day associated with the official beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

The "day of the dead" tradition is found in almost every culture. If we are honest we celebrate a day of the death. Uniquely, however, ours is linked to a day of guaranteed life. There seems to be this innate desire for humans to want to honor the dead and believe they are still alive or have an opportunity to live in some form. Ecclesiastes 3.10-11, "I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Humans cannot naturally grasp the idea of a spiritual and bodily resurrection, a glorious perfection made available by grace through faith in a risen Savior. For many, death seems like a grim end with no promises beyond. There is good reason to believe this type of occurrence happened in the time of Noah and the time of the tower of Babel. To have such a unified universal celebration it seems like the work of a devious and dangerous enemy.

# Happy Birthday!

TODAY

Margaret Lambert & Logan Nickerson

Oct 31—Susan Dick Tyler Pella  
 Nov 1—Addison Radford Darby Farr  
 Nov 2—Charlene Nubern Alisha Grantham  
 Nov 4—Sandra Moore Wyatt Zeigler



**Kingdom Giving  
 Kingdom Living**

<u>Sunday Services</u>	<u>Wednesday Services</u>
SS Enrollment ..... 209	Adult Bible Study.....9
Members Attend.....	Students.....16
Visitors Attend.....	GA/RA (elementary).....32
Children's Church ..... 19	Mission Friends (pre-s).....12
Nursery ..... 21	Nursery.....4
Morning Worship ..... 106	Women's Study.....14
Evening Worship ..... 35	Leaders.....14
	Total.....101

Giving Record

Tithes & Offerings .....	\$4799.00
Designated .....	\$30.00
Budget Needs Each Week .....	\$7056

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# November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 5th Sunday Sing	30	31 6PM County-wide Brotherhood @ FBC	1 November	2 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford	3 5th Squatter	Mrs. Nubern's Birthday Celebration
5 ORDINATION 5pm Deacon's Meeting 6pm OCC Packing Party	6	7 Building & Grounds Meeting 7PM	8	9 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	10	11
12	13 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week					
19 Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00PM	20 OCC Collection	21	22 No Services	23 Meal Delivery: Cyndi Fischer Church Office Closed	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25
26	27	28	29	30 Meal Delivery: Alma Durrance	1 DECEMBER	2

**COUNTING COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 2017**  
 Talmadge Albritton, Sheena Benbow, Alecia Hughes

**WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

<u>Sundays</u>	
9:30 A.M.	Media Center Open
9:45 A.M.	Sunday School - Education Building
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary Kids' Church K-5
6:30 P.M.	Evening Worship - Sanctuary
<u>Wednesday</u>	
5:00 P.M.	Women's Bible Study
6:30 P.M.	Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS) G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg. Women's Bible Study Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

**USHERS OF THE WEEK**  
 Talmadge Albritton  
 Dewey Bennett  
 Bill Jernigan  
 Steve Smith

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
 October 22—October 28  
 Johnny Trammell—781-0444  
 October 29—November 4  
 Winston Smith 832-0684

*Happy Birthday!*  
 Join us on Saturday,  
 Nov 4, 2-4 PM  
 (In the Fellowship Hall)  
 To Celebrate  
**CHARLENE NUBERN'S 85th BIRTHDAY**

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**Upcoming Events**  
 Sunday Nov 5th  
 @ 5PM Supper  
 @ 6PM Packing Party  
 Nov. 13th-20th  
 OCC Collection Week