## The Messenger

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## PASTOR'S CORNER.....

Folks, October came and went and you may be wondering how time went by so fast and, like me, may feel that October was one busy month. Through it all, God gave us the strength to accomplish that which we set out to do. Do you remember what you did in October two years ago? Let me share what I wrote two years ago for the month of October 2021. I wrote, "When you hear the word "uncertainty" what comes to mind? Maybe doomsday thoughts, fear, doubt, hopelessness, questions, anxiety and the fight or flight syndrome. Uncertainty is part of this earthly life yet our hope is in God who can give us peace, protection, love and hope even here on earth. There will be fear at times and doubt, but we will also have the hope that He is with us. Listen to the Psalmist: "I love you Lord, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Ps. 18:1-2). Even in times of difficulties and busyness, rest on the Rock!" Now, more than then, there is still uncertainty and there are more doomsday predictions than ever. People are living in angst and fear of what is happening and what is going to happen to this nation, this world and ultimately us. Things didn't look promising two years ago and to some, it might look worse now; however, we are still here serving God doing some of the same things we did two years ago. Much has happened in those two years but we are still doing Operation Christmas Child, we are still doing our Missions Offering, we still did the Fifth Quarters, the Feed the Cowboys, Fall Festival and did a lot of repair and maintenance. Furthermore, we had a wonderful 140th Anniversary Church Celebration. Two years ago we faced obstacles, fears and uncertainty and I can't tell you that we are over all the uncertain circumstances yet. WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT WE ARE STILL HERE AND SERVING GOD. LOOK UP AND FORWARD FIRST BAPTIST! I will end with Psalm 18:1-2 as I ended two years ago. "I love you Lord, Lord, m



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## November Birthdays

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