



# THE VISION



NOVEMBER 2022



# COUNTING BASKETS

In Mark chapter 8 the disciples are gathered with no food and then witness Jesus miraculously use seven loaves of bread to feed four thousand people. Everyone ate and was satisfied. Furthermore, when all was said and done the disciples were picking up leftovers.

Jesus and his disciples then loaded into a boat. You might have thought the disciples would've learned to pack a lunch. However, they found themselves in the boat with no bread except for one loaf. When Jesus began talking with them, the disciples think Jesus is warning them because they have no bread. Instead, Jesus points their attention back to

the miracle when they were collecting baskets of leftovers.

Jesus was wanting them to know that in Him they had been provided for and had overflowing baskets. In Christ, they were complete and whole. The kingdom of God was active and at work among them. How often do we forget that Jesus is among us? How often do we forget the overflowing baskets of God's goodness?

What's in your basket of blessing this month?

As our attention turns to gratitude this month, let us be mindful of God's bountiful baskets of blessing around us!

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Senior Pastor



# SUNDAY NIGHTS

**November 06** - Community Thanksgiving,  
Abilene Convention Center

**November 13** - No Evening Worship

**November 20** - Thanksgiving Banquet,  
Conference Center

**November 27** - No Evening Worship



## WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING

Through this offering we support our Missionary Partners locally and globally. Be a small part of God's BIG story! Give today by writing WMO on your offering envelope or by going online at [www.pioneerdrive.org/give](http://www.pioneerdrive.org/give) and selecting WMO. Contact [Erica@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Erica@pioneerdrive.org) or call her at the Church Office to learn more about giving and going beyond the walls of Pioneer Drive!

# NOVEMBER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CHURCHWIDE

#### NOV 6: STUDENT LED WORSHIP

The Middle School & High School Choirs will lead in the 9AM & 10:30AM Celebration Worship Services on Sunday, November 6th. You won't want to miss this wonderful worship experience!

#### NOV 13: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas is right around the corner and the opportunity to help put a smile on the face of a child would be the best Christmas present! Join us as we fill shoe boxes with personal items for children around the world! For each box packed with a Bible or Tract approximately 10 people hear the Good News of Jesus! Now that makes for a wonderful Christmas. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available October 30 until November 13. You may choose to fill a box online!

#### NOV 20: THANKSGIVING BANQUET

This year we'll be having our annual Thanksgiving Banquet on campus in the Conference Center!! Make plans to join us for a delicious meal, great entertainment, and a sweet time of fellowship.

#### DEC 2: PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

High School Choir and Parent's Night Out team up for a night full of fun for your children ages birth-5th grade. All proceeds go towards our High School Choir Tour! Cost is \$15 per child or \$40 max per family. The deadline to register is November 30. Eat before you come or bring your dinner. For more information, contact Tammy at [children@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:children@pioneerdrive.org).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### NOV 13: SCRIPTURE KIDS FUN NIGHT

1st-5th graders are invited to our next Scripture KIDS Fun Night! From 5:30-7PM, we will eat pizza, play games, and walk away with God's Word hidden in our hearts and ready to share with the world! We will be working on 1 John 1:5 and 7.

### COLLEGE MINISTRY

#### NOV 6: FREE MEAL

College Free Meal is the first Sunday of the month! College-aged individuals are invited to this month's free meal at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

#### NOV 11-12: COLLEGE FALL RETREAT

College Fall Retreat is November 11-12! We are heading to Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX. The cost is \$30 and registration is due by November 6.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship applications for students attending a Texas Baptist University or ACU for the Spring Semester 2023 are available in the Upstairs Office or the College Bible Study Room (2254). All applications must be returned to Gayla Mize through email ([gmize@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:gmize@pioneerdrive.org)), mail, or delivered to the upstairs office no later than Sunday, Dec. 4th at noon. Priority will be given to students pursuing full-time ministry. The remaining scholarships will be awarded on a need basis.

### MEN'S MINISTRY

#### FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday our men meet for prayer at Front Porch Coffee from 7-8AM. Drop by for prayers and some warm refreshments. Connect with [Nathan@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Nathan@pioneerdrive.org) for more details.

#### SPIRITUAL CHATS

Let your Men's Pastor treat you to lunch or coffee while you share about your faith journey. Text Nathan at 281-794-6749 to schedule a visit today.

### MISSIONS MINISTRY

#### NOV 1: NEHEMIAH MINISTRY

Come to the church cafe at noon on the first Tuesday of every month to share a home-cooked meal and service project opportunities. All skill levels are invited! Simply show up or connect with Dean Taggart at [lighthouse57@suddenlink.net](mailto:lighthouse57@suddenlink.net) for more information.

#### DEC 12: BONHAM CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas is just around the corner, and we are ready to begin accepting donations for this year's Bonham Christmas Store. Every year we collect gifts and toys for children from 0 to 18 years of age. Families are referred by the counselor at Bonham Elementary to shop in our store and parents pay 10% of retail prices on gifts they purchase for their children. For gift ideas, we have links to Amazon, Walmart, and Target. For more information and the links, contact [Erica@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Erica@pioneerdrive.org).

#### HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Create home ownership opportunities for our neighbors by volunteering in different ways with Habitat for Humanity. Ask about scheduling a time for their staff to come and visit in person with your small group. Email Mollie ([mspaulding@abilenehabitat.org](mailto:mspaulding@abilenehabitat.org)) to learn more.

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

### NOV 4: FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Moms and preschoolers, join us in the gym from 9:30-11AM for a fun time with friends. Little ones will enjoy a bounce house, as well as age-appropriate toys and activities, while moms connect with other women. Fridays with Friends occurs on the first Friday of each month, so mark your calendars and make plans now.

### NOV 13: SCRIPTURE SEEKERS

Come learn Psalm 136:1 and how we can be thankful for all God has given us! Children ages 3 (by September 1) through Kindergarten are invited to join us on Sunday, November 13, from 5:30-7PM for dinner and fun activities to help us hide God's Word in our hearts.

## PRIMETIMER MINISTRY

### NOV 3: PRIMETIME LIVE

Glenn Dromgoole is the author of more than 30 books and is a member of the Texas Literary Hall of Fame. His latest book is "Just Happy to Be Here: Words to Encourage, Enlighten, Entertain." His West Texas bits of wisdom and laugh-out-loud humor are priceless. Join us at 10AM for coffee, games, and fellowship. The program begins at 11AM with Chick-Fil-A (\$5) at noon. Sign up online or contact the church office.

### NOV 11: HEROES BREAKFAST

We want to honor all veterans and active military. Our 14th annual Heroes Breakfast at Cracker Barrel begins at 8AM and is FREE! Register online or contact the church by November 9.

### DEC 1: PRIMETIME LIVE

Kick-off the Christmas season with Christmas songs, Broadway tunes, western swing, and worship favorites from the Accapella Fellas. Coffee, games, and fellowship begin at 10AM, followed by the music at 11AM and a Chick-Fil-A lunch (\$5) at noon. Sign up online or in the office beginning November 13.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### NOVEMBER: BETTER TOGETHER

- November 6: First Sunday Fellowship
- November 13: Connect
- November 20: Thanksgiving Banquet
- November 27: Bible Study
- December 4: First Family Fellowship

### NOV 16: FRIENDSGIVING

7th-12th graders, experience "Friendsgiving" with your student ministry family! The game room and gym will be open for open gym from 6-7 PM, then we will move upstairs to the Conference Center for a Thanksgiving meal, music, and fellowship time from 7-8 PM.

### NOV 21 & 22: OPEN GYM

Looking for something to do on Thanksgiving Break? Come to Thanksgiving Open Gym! There will be equipment and board games available. What a great time of low-key recreation and relationship building for anyone who is in town!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### NOV 9: WOMEN ON MISSION

This month's featured speaker is Bob and Georgette Kornegay with Servants Hearts Ministries in Guatemala. Enjoy lunch, fellowship, and hear how you can get involved in missions! The cost is \$5 and the deadline to register is Sunday, November 6th.

### NOV 13: PLAYIN' FOR PARTNERS

Come enjoy a fun-filled evening of dinner, games, and competition for a good cause from 5:30-7PM in the gym. Participants will be assigned a team and will play on behalf of a Pioneer Drive mission partner. The winning team's mission partner will receive the money collected from registrations. You won't want to miss this fun, purposeful evening together. Invite a friend and make plans to join us. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to register is Wednesday, November 9th.

### NOV 17: CAFE CONNECTIONS

Join us at 9AM in the cafe for a relaxed atmosphere for women of all generations to gather for fellowship and community. Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of each month, and make plans to join us.

### DEC 6: WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's highly anticipated event will feature beautiful tables and a powerful message from Dr. Katie McCoy, Director of Women's Ministry for the BGCT. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased November 14-28 online. The dinner is at 6PM in the Conference Center.

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### DEC 4: CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Preschool and Children's Choirs, ages 3-5th grade, will present the Christmas musical "Miracle on Main Street" on Dec 4th at 6PM in the Sanctuary.

# WORLD HUNGER BAGS



Pioneer Drive, thank you for donating food by filling up a World Hunger Bags! We received nearly 200 bags! What a big difference this food will make at the Food Pantry. We love when our members go beyond the walls!

## MORE WAYS TO GIVE

### IN SERVICE

At Pioneer Drive, you are always welcome to give during our services. In each service, you may drop off your giving in the offering boxes located at the entrances or in our passed offering plates.



### ONLINE

Online giving is a convenient tool for folks who call Pioneer Drive home. With a pandemic going on, this option is not only secure but also safe for those unable to attend.



[pioneerdrive.org/give](http://pioneerdrive.org/give)

Members of Pioneer Drive may send their offering by traditional mail services. To do this, simply send your gift to "Finance Office, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, 701 S. Pioneer Dr., Abilene, TX 79605."



### BY MAIL



Giving becomes easy and simple with text-to-give:

1. Text "pioneerdrive" to 73256
2. Enter the gift amount & select the fund
3. Enter payment information & click submit

### BY TEXT



**THANKSGIVING  
BANQUET**

**CONFERENCE  
CENTER, 6PM**

**\$10 ADULTS/KIDS**

**\$6 PRIMETIMER**



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