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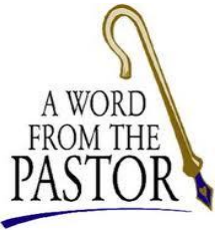
# White Steeple Banner

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 Charles Anderson, Music/Ed Minister  
 James Snyder, Youth Minister



Theologian and Denver Seminary Chancellor, Gordon MacDonald, tells a story about a husband and wife team who are three-day-a-week volunteers at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

The wife works at the information desk at the main entrance. Her mission: To welcome and provide information for people entering the hospital for the first time.

Her husband oversees a reception area for families and friends of cancer patients who are in surgery. His mission: To ensure that they are comfortable and cared for until the surgeon comes to tell them what has happened in the OR.

When Gordon MacDonald asked them, "Why do you do this? You could be snorkeling in Florida" they said:

Because we are aggressively appreciated. Mass General practices a

culture of appreciation. You can hardly go 15 minutes during the day without someone on the MGH staff stopping you (from the hospital president to the cleaning staff) and saying thanks and something like "We couldn't do what we do without you."

We're made to feel like an important part of a world-class medical team. We've never felt so completely valued in any other organization.

"Are you telling me," MacDonald replied, "that you receive more appreciation at the hospital than you got when you once poured yourself into work at our church?" They answered slowly, firmly, maybe even sadly: "There's no comparison."

It certainly is sad when some people who faithfully labor in their churches do not feel appreciated.

Carole and I were deeply moved by the gifts and words of appreciation given to us

following the October 25, 2015 worship service. Your appreciation for our ministry means the world to us. I too appreciate and value the important contributions made by all who serve at Elm Grove Baptist Church. The strength and health of any church is the result of the loving labors of its members.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making my request for you all with joy for your participation in the gospel from the first day until now..." (Philippians 1:3-5).

Paul's words are my words. Thank you!

"I love my church! I'm excited about my church!"

Pastor Brian



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Young	2nd
Pam Marange	4th
Diana Lott	5th
Leilani Dalme	5th
Nell Sparks	6th
Noah Fox	8th
Christine Fox	18th
Loyce Anderson	22nd
Terri Byrd	23rd
Jimmie Hudson	23rd
Susan Merriott	25th
Linda Brown	29th
Robert Payne	29th

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dean & Bobbie Branch	17th
Bob & Marie Gilligan	24th



**Welcome  
to Our  
Church  
Family**

**James & Savannah  
Snyder  
Josiah & Annagrace**



*Youth Group Car Wash*

**Saturday,  
November 7  
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Johnny's Pizza in  
Plantation Plaza  
4100 Barksdale  
Youth are selling tickets to  
raise money for YEC**



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

We are working on the Christmas Program every Wednesday starting at 6:30. Thanks to all of you who are so faithful to come to all the rehearsals! We welcome anyone interested in joining us! It's not too late...there's a place just for YOU!

We encourage you to come to our Family Fall Festival Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be games for the kids, a bounce house, hot dogs to eat and best of all...it's FREE!

I am so glad to be a member of, and participate in guiding the youth at Elm Grove Baptist Church. The church has shown my family and me love. The students are genuine and full of the liveliness God has given them.

It is my sincerest hope to see the students grow in love for God and love for each other. My goal is to see them relying less on me as youth leader and more on Jesus as their great Shepherd. I am working to see that when they graduate high school, their faith will be their own. Thank you church for your support and prayers.

Blessings,  
James Snyder



*Samaritan's Purse  
Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe Box  
Pack & Pray Party  
Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
After Morning Worship*



**Fellowship**  
Saturday, November 14th  
from 12 to 2 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall



**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL**

*Make the Connection  
with Others*

*This Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

**Church Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 4th  
at 5:30 p.m.  
**Monthly Business Meeting**  
Sunday, November 15th  
After Morning Worship

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

**Veteran's Day  
November 11**



**Church-Wide  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner  
November 22nd  
After Morning Worship  
Bring your favorite  
covered dish!**

