



Forerunner

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THANKSGIVING

Philippians 4:6

*Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God.*

With the possibility of looming shortages for the holidays right on through Christmas, I thought I would remind all of us of where we need to place our thanksgiving. There is a good chance we will not be able to have everything we want from turkey, to stuffing, to our Christmas presents under the tree. So for this season, and then making it a habitual lifestyle, let us give our thanksgiving to God for what he has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Below I have included several scriptures that remind us of where we need to place our thanksgiving not only for this time but for all time.

Ezra 3:11

*They sang with praise and **thanksgiving** to the Lord: "For He is good; His faithful love to Israel endures forever." Then all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's house had been laid.*

Psalms 69:30

*I will praise God's name with song and exalt Him with **thanksgiving**.*

Psalms 95:2

*Let us enter His presence with **thanksgiving**; let us shout triumphantly to Him in song.*

Psalms 118:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.

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Sunday

9:30 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
6:00 pm—Explorers
6:00 pm—Adult Bible Study

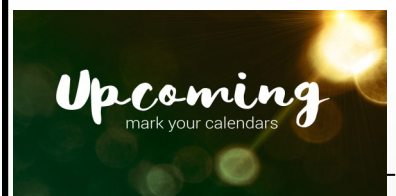
Mondays

6:00 pm—Bible Study on Facebook Only

Wednesdays

6:00 pm—Worship, & Devotion
6:30 pm—Prayer Group
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm—TruNorth Youth Group

***NO SERVICES ON WED—NOV 24TH**



November 1—Soup Kitchen

(Please bring rolls/ desserts by 1 pm)

November 2—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm

November 3—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30

November 5—Youth Party

9:30pm –11:30 pm

November 7 —Business Meeting

Following Worship Service

November 9—Women on Mission- 11 am

November 15—Deacon Meeting 6:30 pm

November 17—Kingdom Kids @ 6:30

November 18—Loss Support- 11:30 am

November 21—Operation Christmas Shoebox Deadline



From the MINISTER (Continued)

Jonah 2:9

*but as for me, I will sacrifice to You with a voice of **thanksgiving**. I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation is from the Lord!*

2 Corinthians 4:15

*Indeed, everything is for your benefit, so that grace, extended through more and more people, may cause **thanksgiving** to increase to God's glory.*

Colossians 4:2

*Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with **thanksgiving**.*

Revelation 7:12

saying: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Let us reflect on these passages with thanksgiving. There is a good chance things may not go as well as we would like them to over the next 2 months. However, let us always remember to give thanks in all things for this is the day the Lord has made, and let us rejoice in it!

In Christ's Love,

Kevin



Minister to Youth & Families

Do Your Kids Have Healthy Phone Habits?

Researchers are coming to a consensus: Today's young people are experiencing an unprecedented increase of anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts . . . pre-COVID, mind you. And the spike began when social media found its way into every-one's back pocket.

One in five adolescent girls experienced a major depressive episode at some point during 2018. That's an 84% increase during the past decade. A report from the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) revealed, suicide rates among Americans ages 10 to 24 increased by 56% between 2007 and 2017. For some perspective, the iPhone came out in 2007. The biggest increases in suicide rates occurred among the very young; the rate nearly tripled during that time period in kids ages 10 to 14.

And in 2020, researchers compared their data and came to a consensus: The hours young people spend on social media strongly affects their mental health, especially among girls. They even got specific: [Mental health and happiness are the strongest when teenagers](#) spend just one to two hours a day on social media. The more time spent past two hours, mental well-being decreases rapidly. So what can Mom and Dad do to help their kids, especially their daughters, manage healthy phone habits? Here are a few tips most researchers agree on for healthy phone habits:

Connection before Correction

The temptation after reading this kind of research is to overreact and respond with rules. But what your kids really need is for you to interact with them and work on responding relationally. The old adage is true: Rules without relationship lead to rebellion.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/media-management-parenting/do-your-kids-have-healthy-phone-habits/>

Peace,
Steve Goatley
Youth & Family Pastor
First Baptist Church of Galax

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This is the month where we take time to reflect on the countless blessings that God has given us throughout the year, and we make memories around the holiday table with family and friends. To you, my church family, and to the Pastor Support Team, please allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity with the sweet recognition and gift certificate. I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and caring church, and my family and I are honored to serve with you in the kingdom's work. Thank you again for being so kind!

And now, as the weather grows colder, we hope you'll take this opportunity to come inside and “warm up” with the Music Ministry. We are beginning to rehearse our Christmas music, and we would love for you to join us! Rehearsals take place **each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM** in the choir loft. For everyone's safety, we are socially distanced and wear masks while entering and exiting the Sanctuary. We hope you'll come be a part of leading in worship during the upcoming season of Advent and consider making choir a part of your new holiday traditions. We look forward to seeing you!!
-Wendi

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

**Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!**

**All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.**

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THIS MONTH KINGDOM KIDS LEARNED ABOUT LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE PEOPLE, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH LEARNED WHY PREJUDICE IS A SIN. WHO SAYS YOU ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS? AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT WAS NOT GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD? 1 CORINTHIANS 4:7 THOSE WHO LOVE THEIR BROTHERS & SISTERS ARE LIVING IN THE LIGHT. BUT THOSE WHO HATE A BROTHER OR SISTER ARE IN THE DARKNESS & WALK AROUND IN THE DARKNESS; THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING BECAUSE DARKNESS HAS BLINDED THEM. 1 JOHN 2:10-11 LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH. THE SECOND IS THIS: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. THERE IS NO COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.

MARK 12: 30-31
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!



We are thankful with the Lord because this past week a good group of the Hispanic brother's were able to meet at our house to watch a series of conferences about the Holy Spirit. For six days we watched about three hours of conferences and I know it was a great blessing, not only to get more knowledge but also to grow spiritually and to practice it in our lives.

Please pray that each activity we have gives the Lord the glory. We also pray for the opening of different ministries in the future.

We learned that the Holy Spirit is the one that strengthens us for the journey coming in the future.

We also thank Pastor Kevin for taking time to do the ordination ceremony for the Hispanic pastor this past week.

Blessings,
Pastor Lino Rodriguez

*Pastor Kevin's
November
Sermon Series*

*Nov 7th-
"Imago Dei-Creation & Fall"*

*Nov 14th-
"Imago Dei-Restoration"*

*Nov 21st
"Imago Dei-Our Identity"*

*Nov 28th
"Wonderful Counselor"*



**Operation
Christmas
Shoeboxes**

Shoeboxes are out and ready for someone to fill with love and encouragement for a child that needs your love. Every box is an opportunity to share the "gospel and your love to the world." The national collection week is November 15-22.

If you want to pack a shoebox and don't know how or don't have the time, Women on Mission will go shopping and pack a shoebox for you. It takes \$25 to fill a shoebox which includes shipping. We will be packing the shoeboxes before the collection week. Donations need to be turned in at the office before November 17th. You can also go online to build a shoebox & the packing centers will pack you a box. The website is: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>. - Chrissy



DONOR FUND IN MEMORY OF

Gardner Brannon - Mary E Brannon
Preschool
Betty Parrish - Lou Peddy Brock
Prayer Garden
Phil & Gay Helms - Alease B. Iroler,
George A Davis &
G.T. "Fuzzy" McKnight
Operation Christmas Child

**Drive by Benefit Spaghetti
Dinner*
w/Salad & Drink (by Donation)
Saturday—Nov 13th 12pm-3pm
@Hillcrest Baptist Church
Funds will go towards bills &
Medical expenses for
Joe & Nartasha Hawks.
Please pray for Joe & his family as
he continues to fight against cancer.
Donations may also be made to
Coal Creek Community Church*



Ava Rhodes (Joe & Bobbie Sizemore's granddaughter), Judie Gauvreau, Steve & Larkin Conley, Barbara Baxley, Mike McMillian, Juan Rios, Nell Bartlett, Betty Parrish, Susie Huffman, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Bill Cox (Ann Robert's cousin), Carol Lane (Tony & Ginny Mays' Daughters Mother-in-law)
Glennis Morris, WNH & Martha Combs, Hillsville Health & Rehab.
Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces.
Praise Report: Kimberly Leming's daughter & twin boys are home and doing well.
Condolences to Jealynn Coleman and family on the passing of her Uncle Harold Rosenbaum.
Condolences to Harlos Larrowe and family on the passing of his Aunt, Wanda Melton.
Condolences to Glennis Morris & Family on the passing of her sister, Iva Wagner.

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	10/03/2021	10/10/2021
Evening Attendance	107	64
Sunday School	98	66
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	137	101
Hispanic Worship Service	44	45
Total Worship Attendance	386	276

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,919.41	12,213.52
REQUIRED TO DATE	375,361.60	384,745.64
RECEIVED TO DATE	374,969.10	387,182.62
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	231.16	3,452.76
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 12,150.57	15,666.28

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	100%	101%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	127%	131%

	10/17/2021	10/24/2021
Evening Attendance	163	20
Sunday School	73	78
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	142	145
Hispanic Worship Service	39	30
Total Worship Attendance	417	273

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	8,664.24	6,117.23
REQUIRED TO DATE	394,129.68	403,513.72
RECEIVED TO DATE	395,846.86	401,964.09
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	7,751.08	641.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 16,415.32	\$ 6,759.02

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	101%	100%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	93%	66%

Preschool News



Farmer Minor & Daisy the Pig Visited the Preschool On October 6th

Preschool Paper Pals Meets Each Monday @ 10 am in the Parlor
Volunteers are needed to help with cutting and preparing craft projects for the Preschool children.

Worship Statistics	10/31/2021
Evening Attendance	0
Sunday School	81
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	129
Hispanic Worship Service	37
Total Worship Attendance	247

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,313.85
REQUIRED TO DATE	412,897.76
RECEIVED TO DATE	407,277.94
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	511.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,825.00
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	99%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	57%

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Mrs. Patty Davis Pianist
Mrs. Jealynn Coleman Weekday Preschool Director
Mrs. Sara Hall.....Preschool/Extended Session
Mr. Kevin Spurlin.....Sunday School Director
Mrs. Penny Adams Bus Ministry Director
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN Volunteer Health Nurse
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Church Office Hours:
Monday–Friday 8:30–5:00 Friday–8:30–1:00

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR TEAM VOLUNTEERS

	Nursery
Nov 7	Tara Spurlin
Nov 14	Sara Hall
Nov 21	Erica Testerman
Nov 28	Sara Hall

	Security Team
Nov 7	Dick Cooley & Terry Anders
Nov 14	Mike Coomes & Jack Edwards
Nov 21	John Patterson & Paul Walker
Nov 28	Terry Anders & Basil Carpenter

	Welcome Center
Nov 7	Pam Turner
Nov 14	Patricia Edwards
Nov 21	Debbie Patterson
Nov 28	Regina Snow

	Tech Sound
Nov 7	Trevor Anders
Nov 14	Mike Stevens
Nov 21	Bryan Dillon
Nov 28	Gary Ballard



	First Impressions Team
Nov 7	Basil & Nancy Carpenter
Nov 14	Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall
Nov 21	Johnny & Karen Dickson
Nov 28	Tony & Sonia Truitt

	Tech Projection
Nov 7	Bryan Dillon
Nov 14	Jessica Whitaker
Nov 21	Jessica Whitaker
Nov 28	Trevor Anders



**WE ARE THANKFUL
FOR OUR
VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**A big shout out to
Chris and Andrew Hennis
for taking time from their
busy schedule to visit the
FBC Preschool on
October 13th.**

**The children and preschool
staff loved the fire safety
presentation & the ride
around the church
on the fire truck!!!**

**Chris Hennis is the son and
Andrew Hennis
is the grandson of
Harvey & Guyda Hennis
and Judy Hennis.**

**PLEASE KEEP
OUR FIRE FIGHTERS &
ALL
FIRST RESPONDERS
IN YOUR
PRAYERS!**



October 17, 2021 Fall Festival





SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!

DEAR FRIEND,

Every gift-filled shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship for a local church around the world. At Operation Christmas Child outreach events, boys and girls hear the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ and receive a tangible expression of God's love through one of your prayerfully packed shoeboxes.

I'd encourage you to include a letter and a photo along with your gift as these often become cherished items for the child. One of our ministry partners in Liberia who is also a dean at a Bible college said that some of her students still have the letters they received in their shoeboxes years ago.

We also offer shoebox recipients our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through trained local teachers, boys and girls learn to follow Jesus and share Him with friends and family.

We thank God that through our decades of delivering shoebox gifts, we've shared the Gospel with millions of children in over 160 countries and territories. In the last couple of years, we've also expanded our efforts to remote Pacific islands where we've already communicated this life-changing message to tens of thousands of children. We're also working in unreached ethnic groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ before. Praise Him, new churches are starting!

I am thankful for your interest in this unique Samaritan's Purse project. God is working mightily through your generosity. May God bless you.

— **Franklin Graham**

President, Samaritan's Purse

Women on Mission would like to thank everyone for participating in the Operation Christmas Child-Shoebox Ministry.

The shoeboxes need to be turned in at the church office for the blessing as a church family on Sunday, November 21st. A brochure is provided with each box and large rubber bands will help keep your box and offering intact.

The boxes will be loaded before the Sunday School hour and following Worship Service they will be transported to the drop off location at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Please sign up through the church office for the workday trip to Boone on December 3rd and the trips to Charlotte on December 6th & 10th. Spaces are limited so if you have participated in the past, you may be placed on the waiting list and will be notified in the event someone cancels. All North Carolina COVID regulations will be followed.

Please contact Jeff or Patti Holderfield for more information.

**God Bless You
It's all about sharing the
Joy of Jesus**






OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 21

SHOEBOXES
CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE
CHURCH

or
Women on Mission will do the shopping for you and prepare your box for a \$25 donation.
Please turn in your donation to the church office no later than November 17.



AS YOU PRAYERFULLY PREPARE TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT ...

1 SHOEBOX: Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.


2 “WOW” ITEM: Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

3 OTHER GIFTS: Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

4 PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.

5 DONATE \$9 PER BOX: A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by check using the attached postage-paid envelope. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

6 DROP OFF: Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week of November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



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SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

“WOW” ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes

TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)

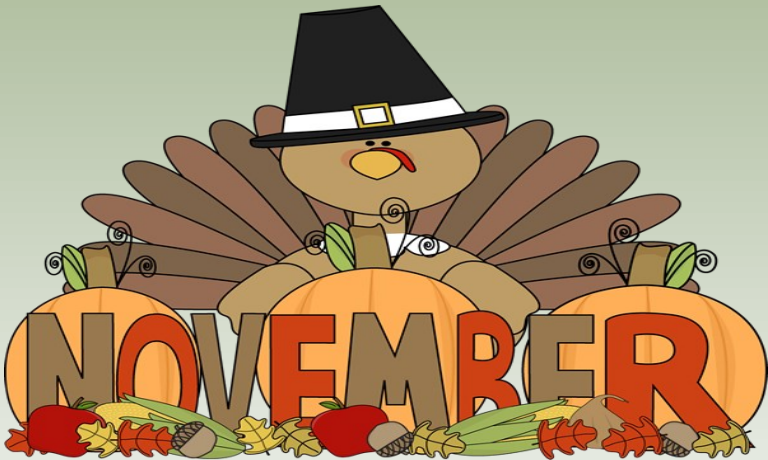
DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

ENVELOPE FLAP GLUE STRIP

DETACH HERE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <i>Ronnie McGrady</i> <i>Lisa Whittle</i>
<u>7</u> <i>Gary Ballard</i> <i>Wanda Robinson</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Paulette Peterson</i>	<u>9</u> <i>Jorge Robles</i> <i>Linda Soles</i>	<u>10</u> <i>Patti Holderfield</i>	<u>11</u> <i>Daniel Sanchez</i>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> <i>Fernando Robles</i> <i>Heather Hardwood</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Raquel Lyons</i>	<u>16</u> <i>Tony Gonzalez</i>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <i>Martha Easter</i>	<u>19</u> <i>Jorge Pineda</i>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <i>Skylar Cline</i>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <i>Larry Spangler</i>	<u>26</u> <i>Phyllis Moore</i> <i>Christy Sumner</i>	<u>27</u> <i>Penny Adams</i>
<u>28</u> <i>Karen Stevens</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Terry Anders</i> <i>Gary Orwig</i>				



November 2021 Services & Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov 7th 	1 Soup Kitchen Please bring rolls & desserts by 1 pm 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	2 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 	3 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal TruNorth Kingdom Kids	4	5 5th QTR Youth Party 9:30—11:30 pm	6
7 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Business Meeting 6:00 pm TruNorth Explorers Bible Study	8 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	9 11:00 am Women on Mission	10 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal TruNorth	11 	12	13 Drive by Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Joe & Natasha Hawks 12 pm—3 pm @ Hillcrest Baptist Church
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28 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship NO EVENING YOUTH MEETING OR BIBLE STUDY	29 10 am Paper Pals 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	30	*** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline is November 21st			