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Keith's Korner...

Every year at Thanksgiving we spend some time reflecting and sharing all the things we are thankful for in our family and community. No doubt we are thankful for the many ways we are blessed. As a way of demonstrating our thankfulness and gratitude throughout the WHOLE month of November, I am challenging the entire church family to **Cultivate Faithfulness**. Many reading this know the importance of cultivating the soil as a way to prepare or condition it for growth and health. As we pursue growth and health in our spiritual life and as a church, will you join others from BSBC in a month long emphasis of Cultivating Faithfulness?

November is a month when most are in town and could be more involved or engaged over the course of these four weeks. I have listed some areas of emphasis and specifics regarding this November Thanksgiving Challenge. Let us show how thankful and grateful we are by Cultivating Faithfulness in the following areas.

Cultivating Faithfulness in our Generosity

(Sermon title and worship emphasis for **November 6**) – Paul challenges young Timothy to, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain,

but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life" I Timothy 6:17-19. What if all members and all those active in the life of BSBC gave to the ministry of BSBC throughout the month? I know some are thinking, how is this a challenge? Do not all members tithe and give to the church? Many give above and beyond and do so faithfully, while others may only give occasionally, but what would it look like if ALL gave during the month?

Cultivating Faithfulness in our Outreach (Sermon title and worship emphasis for November 13) (This is also our Operation Christmas Child Ingathering and Staff Covenant Day) – Are we inviting others and demonstrating our faith to others in an effort to share with them the love of God? Let me challenge each of you to pray for one person, at one o'clock, for one minute, during one month. Secondly, invite this person to an appropriate church-related event in the next few weeks. You may accept this challenge or you may come up with your own outreach challenge but ask the Lord how would He have you reach out to others throughout this month.

Cultivating Faithfulness in our Devotion (Sermon title and worship emphasis for November 20) – Do you have a regular time of prayer and devotion each day? Setting aside time to strengthen our walk with God will allow us to grow spiritually, better understand God's will and hear His still small voice. We can do this with personal time at home and we can also do this through opportunities for growth and worship at church. Responding to this challenge could involve choosing a new devotional book or creating a new Bible reading plan. It could also involve committing to a Bible study class and worship attendance. As we focus on faithful devotion let's see if we can reach 200 each Sunday morning for Sunday School in November. We are almost there most Sundays and I think we can do it.

Cultivating Faithfulness



A November Thanksgiving Challenge

November Events

Nov 2 6:15pm Family Shoebox Shuffle

Nov 6
AM Feed the Flock lunch
PM 5:00pm
Diabetes Awareness
6:00pm
Prayer & Praise Service

Nov 13 AM Bless the Shoeboxes Ingathering Staff Covenant

Nov 16 6:00pm Churchwide Budget Discussion

Nov 20 6pm GWU Student/Staff Thanksgiving Meal

Nov 22 Community Thanksgiving Service at Flint Hill BC

Nov 27
AM Advent begins
Parade of Flags
International Emphasis:
Lottie Moon & Global Missions
Bonnie Doughtie speaking
6:00pm
Hanging of Green Service

WELCOME

Candy Wilson

as new staff

Associate Pastor of Music & Adults

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Advent & Hanging of the Green-Sun, Nov 27

Order Your Poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary In Memory or In Honor of a Loved One by Nov. 9 Please call the church office or place order in the Sunday offering plates until deadline.

\$14 Each Poinsettia - Money due with order, please.

Backpack Ministry Needs

Spaghetti-o's, Mac
'n Cheese, Pop Tarts, Grits,
Snacks, Little Debbie's
Fruit Cups, Pudding
Thank you for helping
us fill the backpacks!

Preschool Children (Ages 4-5) Still need a Choir Leader!



GCCBA TOY STORE

OPEN for collections by Dec. 2. Applications taken on Nov. 15 & 16 at the Assoc. Off. Toy Store open on Dec. 13 &14. Volunteers as well as toys are needed during these times. Toys for children ages 2-12 and average cost is \$10-15. Boxes will be at both ends of our church for toy drop-off. Call Katie at GCCBA if you are able to volunteer. Toy Donation Suggestions: Ages 2-4 picture books, pull/squeeze/ riding/educational toys Girls **5-7** dolls, storybooks, board games,, puzzles, coloring books, crayons Boys (5-7) trucks, cars, model car kits, bats, gloves, throw games, books Girls & Boys (8-10) board games, DVD's, electronic games, books, cd players, bats, gloves, baseballs, footballs, basketballs Older Boys & Girls (11-12) jewelry/ boxes, makeup, curling irons, craft kits, dvd games, balls of all kinds, fishing gear, skateboards, mp3 players, etc.

Keith's Korner...(continued)

Cultivating Faithfulness in our Going (*Sermon title and worship emphasis for* **November 27**) – Rev. Bonnie Doughtie, church member and recent missionary in Cape Town, South Africa, will be challenging the church family to be faithful in our going. This will be a special day for BSBC as we will be having our Parade of Flags for the Nations and this will be the first Sunday of Advent. On this evening we will have a time to prepare our hearts and our sanctuary for the birth of a King as we have our Hanging of the Green service at 6PM.

Again, let us demonstrate our gratitude by cultivating faithfulness throughout this month. If you accept this November Thanksgiving Challenge, I am confident you will end the month better than when you started. Also, this November challenge on faithfulness sounds like a great way to prepare our hearts for December and the coming of the Christ.

Please join me in welcoming our new Associate Pastor of Music and Adult Ministry, Rev. Candy Wilson. Candy begins her time with us on Sunday, October 30. Please remember her and Dick in your prayers as they are making plans to move to a new home in Boiling Springs and as they transition into a new church family.

Last, on Tuesday, November 8, let us be faithful with our civic responsibility in voting for community, state and national leaders.

You are loved, Keith

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Psalm 37:3 (NASB)

Preschool and Children...

As we enter into the month of November and a time of thanksgiving we need to look within ourselves and our church and be thankful for our community of faith and love that reaches, not only our own church family, but into the community as a whole. The children, youth, and



families have already reached out to men, women, and children in our area with their "Do Something" evening on last Wednesday night. They filled "Socks of Love", happy bags, birthday bags, and snack bags with items needed for the coming winter months and for special days. They shared their faith with each other and with the notes they included in everything they packed. I am so thankful for each one of the children!

Our adults reached out to children on Tuesday as they began our season of Operation Christmas Child. A child somewhere will not only be receiving a special gift but also a loving, caring note from a special friend. Thank you, adults, for the morning of fun, laughter, and love for each other and a special child. Our families will have this opportunity on November 2, when we do our Family Shoebox Shuffle. Everyone in church has this opportunity as boxes are available in the sanctuary and at both doors into the educational building. On November 13, these boxes will be blessed as a special part of "Lesson on the Steps". I am thankful for all the love we share!

On October 30, we have an opportunity to reach out to the community as well as our own families, as we have our "Trail of Treats" from 5pm-7pm on that Sunday evening. This began as an opportunity to encourage others to come into our church and meet us as well as have time for simple games and treats for their children. Everyone is welcome to come to this event and to decorate and participate in the games and treats. This will be an opportunity for members of our church to be encouragers of others as they visit.

Thanksgiving is a time to say "thank you" for all that has been to given us. It is also a time to say "thank you" for the opportunity to share our faith among others. We are a community of blessed people and we, not only this season but all through the year, should think of not only of helping each other through the season but reaching out to others. The children will be centering their walk of faith on the many things for which they have to be thankful this month. Listen to them as they reflect on being thankful.

Miss Ellen

A Message from Our Youth Minister...

As I get older and begin to experience new life events and situations, I find myself caring about and paying closer attention to certain things, while also moving on from things that aren't so important. One of the many things which I pay closer attention to is the political world around us. I have always been very much an advocate for the separation of church and state and never do I support the church, as a whole, pushing a certain political agenda or candidate. Obviously as we approach November of 2016 we are approaching a very important election, not only for President but for local offices as well. As we get closer to November 8 and I reflect on this election I would like to share a brief thought:

I am in no way endorsing a political candidate or a political belief in what I am trying to say. We are clearly involved in an unusual and crucial presidential race. With that in mind I reflect on these words of Jesus: "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in Heaven." (Matt. 5:43-45a, NLT) No matter the outcome of the presidential or local elections, let us remember these words on November 9 and in the weeks, months, and years to come. Even if we consider a political candidate an enemy, let us all remember that even if we disagree with a person politically or morally, our Lord Jesus calls us to love with no boundaries.

Here are some events coming up in November with the Sunday night Bible study schedule also:

Sunday, November 6-Feed the Flock-All families are invited to come and eat lunch with us around 12 PM, right after morning service. The youth will be serving food and all money that is donated will go towards our youth trips in the coming year.

Friday, November 11-Charlotte Hornets Faith and Family Night-The youth, as well as the whole church, are invited to go as a group to the Charlotte Hornets vs. Toronto Raptors basketball game. Immediately after the game, Christian band Citizen Way will be giving a concert. Tickets are \$22 and if we take a group of 20+ everyone will get a free Hornets T-shirt. If you are interested in going, please let Alan know by Monday, November 7.

Bible Study: NO Bible Study **November 6**, Samantha and Kenny Collins' house on **November 13**, Celeste and Denis Thurman's house on **November 20**, **NO** Bible study on **November 27**.

Thanks be to God from all of us as we enter the month of Thanksgiving.

With love, Mary and Alan Newcomb



We appreciate the dedication and service of Sherman Parrish in working with our sound and video ministry for 13 years.



We enjoyed having Dr. Buddy Corbin and his wife Frances with us for our Founder's Day celebration in September. We were also delighted with other guests who returned to visit, including Dr. Gil and Martha Blackburn!





Greetings from the Daycare

Currently we have 63 children enrolled and approximately 20 staff members. Every day we have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love to the children and families that we serve. We are thankful to be a part of such a loving church.

Things are going well here at the daycare. October has been a busy month so far. We just had our 7^{th} annual hayride and pumpkin patch on Thursday, October 20^{th} . This year the weather was beautiful! We had about 59 children and 45 parents to come and enjoy the festivities. We would like to thank Mr Bobby for bringing the tractor and trailer and for getting everything ready for our hayride.

We love the cooler weather and all the fun and exciting things that happen around this time of year. October is safety month so we are looking forward to visiting with our community helpers in the next few weeks. Also the children and teachers are busy getting ready for Halloween and all the fun and silliness that it brings. We are over run with pumpkins, scarecrows and cute critters!

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:16



Notes...

Praise the Lord! The weddings of my son, Matthew, and daughter, Shelley, are OVER! They were both beautiful and special days I will remember for the rest of my life. And... I will never forget the kindness and love expressed by each of you, to me and to them ,during this time of their lives. You have touched my heart with your words, your generosity, your gifts and your prayers! Thank you so much! I love you all! Betsy Beason

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Through the years our church members have been very strong supporters of the Baptist Children's Homes of NC. There are nine group homes across our state that we support in various ways. The traditional emphasis on this ministry is during November. When you mark your offering envelope for SBC for every \$1000 we send to Cary, \$92 goes to these homes. When you mark your envelope for CBF, 5 % of what we send to Winston-Salem goes to the homes. In 2015 we contributed about \$4,000 to this ministry in this way. We had a special emphasis in January and more was given. If you would like to give an extra offering now, envelopes are on the table across from the office.

BE INVOLVED IN GIVING TO CHILDREN ALL OVER THE WORLD **DURING CHRISTMAS**



Nov 2 6:15pm Family Shoe-Box-Shuffle in LEC

Bring your items to the LEC and help pack them during fun and fellowship!

Ingathering of OCC boxes during Morning Worship

Children will help bless these to send out into the world!

Nov 14-20 Collection of Shoe-Boxes

Times: Mon-Fri 8:30-10:30am and 3:30-5:30pm daily

Sat 10:00-12noon and Sun 3:00-5:00pm Will load boxes on a Turner trailer in the North parking lot on Sunday afternoon and Mon, Nov 21 8:30-10:30am we will collect and load the last of boxes. Turner Trucking will take trailer to Gastonia AND INFO ON ITEMS AT THE CHURCH! PICK UP YOUR BOXES

NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Do you know the symptoms of diabetes? Some people with diabetes have no symptoms and are unaware they have the disease. Come and hear Jessica Bridges, Director of the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program at the Dover YMCA, present a program on Diabetes Awareness. Tens of millions of people have the disease. Learn the symptoms of diabetes, risk factors, prevention, complications of diabetes and diabetes management.

DATE: Sunday evening, November 6 TIME: 5:00-6:00 in the Lighthouse at BSBC Sponsored by the Parish Nurse Committee

Dr. Joe Webb and his friends will present a concert, "Christmas on the Old-Time Radio," on Friday. Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church office to make reservations.

The admission price is to bring items for the food pantry, a cash contribution or a canned ham from Aldi's. These hams are included in the foods distributed by our food pantry during the Thanksgiving/ Christmas season.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and great music. Refreshments will be served at intermission and there will be an auction to sell various home-baked goodies. another way to start the Christmas season!

International Missions Emphasis (Lottie Moon & Global Missions) begins on Nov. 27 with Parade of Flags Because of your support \$1,680 was sent to the Baptist Men-Hurricane North Carolina Matthew Relief. Items were also packed on a tractor trailer and sent to the areas affected by the flooding in the Eastern part of NC.

THANK YOU!





This is **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**:

Contributions (as of Oct23) **Basic Weekly Budget Needs** 11,620.93 **Budget Receipts to Date** 461,079.63 **Basic Budget Needs to Date** 499,699.99

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Families of ... **Robert Jones**

Brother of late Allen Jones

Jason Flynn

Grandson of Carolyn Hamrick

NOVEMBER NURSERY **SCHEDULE**

Nov 6

Sam & Darlene Hamrick

Nov 13

Jav & Jamie Washburn Sherwin Washburn

Nov 20

Allana Bryson June Evans

Nov 27

Austin & Catie Stitzel Dixon & Elizabeth Crowder

WELCOME COMMITTEE NOVEMBER

Reginal & Barbara Dawkins (North side of building) John Cannon Tajsha Eaves (South side of building)

Sanctuary Flowers NOVEMBER

Nov 6: **OPEN** Nov 13, 20, 27: Reserved

Happy Birthday

TO OUR NOVEMBER 80's AND OVER

Reid Murray Nov 7 Madge Harris Nov 12 Tom Poston Nov 21 Zelma Whitney Nov 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Attendance for October

Oct 2	171
Oct 9	176
Oct 16	
Oct 23	155

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Morning Worship 5:00 PM Spiritual Growth 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00 PM

5:00 PM Fellowship Meal
5:15 PM C.A.R.E. Teams
5:30 PM Children's Choirs
5:30 PM Youth Hang Time & Bible Study
6:00 PM Children's Missions
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting / Women's Bible Study

Sanctuary Choir

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THANKSGIVING at the Shelby Mission Camp targets senior adults, handicapped, needy families and individuals. Be involved even if you can't be there on Thanksgiving Day! Need turkey slicers, food prep, cooks, serving line, setup, clean up, desserts, publicity, outreach, delivery drivers, financial donations. Call David 919-422-9990 or Janet 919-337-2342



FOOD CLOSET / BACK-PACI MINISTRIES

Thank You for Your Support! SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Reminder: PLEASE Bring your assigned food items

CURRENT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

All information for this monthly publication will need to be in by the 20th of each month. This will give the church office time to both publish and mail the newsletter, with the goal of it arriving in mail boxes before the 1st of each month.

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