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SHARING THE JOURNEY

November/December 2020

GOD'S KIND CARE

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways,
All our lives thro'
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
God hath not promised
We shall not know
Toil and temptation,
Trouble and woe;
He hath not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.
God hath not promised
Smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel,
Needing no guide;
Never a mountain,
Rocky and steep,
Never a river
Turbid and deep:
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

— Annie Johnson Flint.

Courtesy of BibleTruthPublishers.com.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our church family. Remember to pause to give thanks to the Lord for all our many blessings. I read this truth recently, "God has never stopped being good, we have stopped being thankful." Read Psalm 100 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Take time to write a list of the people and things you are thankful for now. Then share your list with someone else so that you both may praise the Lord and be encouraged in Him. Send someone a card who you are thankful for in your life. If you don't send a card, call or text

them to say thank you for being a blessing in your life.

Have a wonderful, blessed Christmas season. Let us make plans to include Jesus Christ in our Christmas celebration as you rejoice in Him and His miraculous birth. Show your love for Jesus by giving your best to Him this Christmas season.

The struggles and challenges since March, 2020, have been real and caused despair and anxiety for many people. By the grace and power of the Lord, we are winners with Him. The Lord has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. (Deut. 31:6) The Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit is with us every moment. Remember the Bible teaches us in 1 John 4:4, "The One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

I read this important truth recently, "Be sure to live as though today is your last day on earth. It is not so important to count your days as it is to make your days count." (Psalm 118:24)

It is my prayer that you make precious memories during this Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. May the Lord give you peace, hope, and love always as you trust in Him.

Love and peace, Pastor Joe
(John 3:16)



Live
Nativity
December
19 & 20

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of April Draper Hollandsworth. April passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2020. She was the daughter of Carroll and Shirley Draper.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Avis Gray, who passed away on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Carlos Coleman, who passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020.

November Birthdays

Nov. 02	David Hurd, Sr.
Nov. 03	Gary Thomas
Nov. 04	Marcia Miles Barbara Mabe
Nov. 08	Jason Howell
Nov. 10	Nancy Turner
Nov. 11	Jordan Gilley
Nov. 13	Brandon Keen
Nov. 17	Bunny Thomasson
Nov. 20	Kristi Thomas Carter
Nov. 21	Emily Sara Boswell
Nov. 24	Dolores Thompson
Nov. 30	Zachary Turner

December Birthdays

Dec. 04	Joshua Howell
Dec. 06	William Griffith
Dec. 07	Shirley Foley
Dec. 10	Kenneth Keen, Sr.
Dec. 12	Homer Hodges
Dec. 13	Megan Keen
Dec. 15	Peggy Morris
Dec. 16	Ethel Jones Chelsea Thompson
Dec. 17	Isaiah LaBounty
Dec. 18	Betsy Henny Jean Thomas
Dec. 22	Ira Seay
Dec. 24	Howard Webb
Dec. 25	Barbara Slate Sue Seay
Dec. 26	Charlotte LaBounty
Dec. 29	Kelly Gray Conner Megan Thompson
Dec. 30	Roy Brown



Collection and blessing of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be **Sunday, November 8**. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this special ministry!



Tuesday - November 17 - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - December 15 - 6:30 p.m.



It is time to purchase Christmas poinsettias that will be placed in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones and will be displayed in the sanctuary throughout the holidays. Each 6 1/2-inch poinsettia pot (includes foil, bow, and saucer) is \$13.48 and will be available for pick up from the sanctuary on December 20 after the worship service. Harris Nursery will deliver the poinsettias free if at least 15 pots are ordered. The order form and money must be returned to the office no later than **Sunday, November 22th**.

GOSPEL SINGING

Daughters of Calvary is coming to Oak Level Baptist Church. Begin inviting friends, family, and neighbors now! They are coming for an exciting musical event on **Sunday, December 6**. This concert will begin at **6:00 PM**. Make plans now to join **Daughters of Calvary** at Oak Level Baptist Church for an awesome event filled with a life changing message. There is no admission charge, but a Love Offering will be collected. Check out their Facebook page or at www.daughtersofcalvary.org to preview some of their songs.

Give to the
 CBF *Offering for*
GLOBAL MISSIONS

OLBC 2020 Goal - \$2,000.00
Received To Date - \$1,104.00

CBF Offering Emphasis Nov. 29- Dec 6

EXTEND & HOPE
 HOSPITALITY



Since the conference is virtual this year, we will meet in the fellowship hall to view and participate in these sessions with social distancing.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

- 12:00-1:00PM - Noon Day Bible Study with Rev. Katie McKown
- 4:00-5:00PM - A Conversation: Selfcare with Rev. Sara Hubble, Facilitator
- 5:00-7:00PM - Dinner of Soup and Sandwich
- 7:00-8:00PM - Worship with Rev. Ashlee Murphy Reed and Pastor Rachel Pierce

SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

- 2:00-3:30PM - WMUV Annual Meeting
- 4:00-5:00PM - A Conversation: Missions Involvement with Rev. Laura Davis, Facilitator
- 5:00-6:00PM - Dinner of Soup and Sandwich
- 7:00-8:00PM - Worship with Rev. Ashlee Murphy Reed and Pastor Rachel Pierce

All ladies are invited to come as much as they can and if any of the gentlemen would like to accompany them that is fine. Now is the opportunity to discover what WMU is all about, learn more about missions, and participate in our annual meeting! Dinner will be provided.



Items for the January - February 2021 newsletter need to be turned in to the church office by **Wednesday, December 9**. The newsletter will be printed on the week of the 14th. The church secretary will be out of the office from December 23 through January 5. If you have any items for the December 27 and January 3 bulletins, please have that information to her by **Tuesday, December 22th**.

SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Cleaning Service Contract and the Lawn Maintenance Contract are scheduled to be renewed after the first of the year. If there is anyone who is interested in presenting a bid for these services, you can pick up a copy of the job description and agreement from the church office. Please give your bid in a sealed envelope to Jesse Cannaday, member of the Building and Grounds Committee, by **Sunday, December 13, 2020**. No other bids will be accepted after this date.


November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Standard Time Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Deacons’ Mtg. - 5:00 p.m. Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	2	3	4 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Refresh – Virtual Women’s Conference Fellowship Hall </div>	7
8 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Shoebox Collection Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Budget Vote Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	16	17 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	23	24	25 No Church Activities Church Secretary - VAC	26 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	27	28
29 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am  Pennies for the Precious Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	30					

Deacon of the Month – Brenda Ferguson

Counters of the Month – Ken Turner & Lance Frith

December 2020

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		1	2 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
CBF Offering Emphasis – Extend Hope & Hospitality- Nov. 29 – Dec. 6						
6 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Ingathering of CBF Offering Deacons' Mtg. - 5:00 p.m. Daughters of Calvary Concert – 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Newsletter Info Due	10	11	12
13 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am NO Church Doctrine Study	14	15 WMU Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19 Live Nativity
20 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Live Nativity Pennies for the Precious  Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	21	22	23 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m. Church Secretary – VAC	24 Christmas Eve Church Office Closed	25 Christmas Day	26
Pastor Joe on vacation Sunday- Saturday this week						
27 Sunday School – 9:45 am Worship Service – 11:00 am Church Doctrine Study – 6:30 pm	28	29	30 PTS Meeting 6:30 p.m.	31		
Church Secretary on vacation this week						

Deacon of the Month – Donna Winebarger

Counters of the Month – Ben Morris & Lee Pettit