



Graham, North Carolina

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## November 2020 *E-NEWS*

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Which do you want first, the good news or the bad news? The good news is that there are 54 days until Christmas! The bad news is that there are only 54 days before Christmas! Where has the time gone? This has been a very strange year to say the least and for some reason I do not have the least bit of Christmas spirit in me. Perhaps because I am writing this before Halloween has even arrived, but even when I go to the store, I see it decked out in in Christmas regalia.

I guess I should feel a bit more “Christmassy” since we have begun our emphasis on Lottie Moon and the Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. Our goal this year remains the same as last, \$7,500. That means each light on our map represents \$75.00 received for the offering. As always, 100% of the monies received for this offering goes directly to foreign missions. Since we are not having a formal *Hanging of the Greens* service this year, we will be turning on the lights as the money comes in, hopefully we will have all the lights turned on by the first Sunday in December. I believe we can do it even with our limited attendance if everyone, including those who are still worshipping from home will make sure their offerings are sent in. We have special envelopes here at the office if you would like to use one of them, or you can just use a regular offering envelop and mark it for *Missions Lottie Moon*.

Along with our emphasis on Lottie Moon during the month of November, we will also bring to a close our emphasis on Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. The collection Sunday is **November 8**, so be sure to have your boxes returned to the church by that date. I am encouraged by the number of boxes that have been picked up so far, almost 100. While our numbers may be off a bit from previous years, I still believe that we will have a good showing this year. I am grateful that we can have a part in such an important and vital ministry of reaching children. I hope that those of you have been worshipping with us in person have enjoyed the videos we have been showing of some of the recipients, I know I have.

During the month of November, we will be focusing on missions each Sunday with a different speaker and highlight. Usually we do this during the evening service, but since these have not resumed yet, we will be having our missions conference on Sunday mornings. I will be preaching a mission’s message each of the weeks for the Facebook page and YouTube, but in person we will have a different speaker each week.

There is a lot going on in this next to the last month of the year, so gear us and join with us in all of the exciting opportunities.

*Pastor Bob*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

As the time changes and the days are getting cooler and the leaves change colors it reminds me that nothing stays the same forever. To some this can cause anxiety to other they thrive on the newness and excitement that change brings. I have heard it said that the only people who like change and to be changed are babies and they even cry about it. I think that could describe most of us. Truth be told we cry maybe not physically but maybe a little on the inside when we see things change. We have this romantic ideal that things were better in the past. And in truth maybe some things were. This year has been a year of change. I do not believe there is one person who has not had to change something during this year. The question comes back to us are we going to sit and cry about it or are we going to do as the saying goes pull up our bootstraps and continue forward? That is something that each of us must decide for ourselves. As you ponder your decision think about this, we are promised in scripture that God will never leave us or forsake us. In the middle of covid, dealing with the loss of friends and family, dealing with medical issues, relationship troubles, God is with us. He is right there alongside us. Often times He is the one carrying us when we cannot go on. I trust that you have a personal relationship with the One who sticks closer than a brother. It is because of Him that no matter what change and hardships come into our lives we can have peace and sing it is well with my soul.



With all this change occurring our usual winter activities may look a little different this year. However, we are still planning on **Dedicating** our **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** on **Sunday November 8 at the 10:00 service**. There is still time for you to get a shoebox and impact the life of a child perhaps for eternity. Each shoebox represents a presentation of the gospel by a local church leader. Will you pack a simple gift and impact the life of a child?

Also, AWANA is continuing to meet virtually. It has been a challenge for Stephanie and the other leaders and the kids as well. We would love to meet in person but for now we are doing the best we can. If you have question or know of a child who wants to join email Stephanie at [stephenson@triad.rr.com](mailto:stephenson@triad.rr.com). The Zoom sessions last about thirty minutes and a listener tries to follow up with each child during the week. We are trying to build relationships with the children and their families. Please be in prayer for all those involved.



As we are getting closer to Christmas, we are hoping to be able to do some type of Christmas get together for the youth and kids separately. We are in the planning stage and are waiting to see if more restrictions are coming. We will let you know as soon as we have more information and something more concrete in place. As with everything this year this may change.

Pastor Mark

# BIBLE READING FOR THE MONTH



Nov. 1	Acts 5-8	Nov. 16	I Corinthians 1-6
Nov. 2	Acts 9-11	Nov. 18	I Corinthians 7-10
Nov. 4	Acts 12-14	Nov. 19	I Corinthians 11-14
Nov. 5	Acts 15-18	Nov. 20	I Corinthians 15-16
Nov. 6	Acts 19-20	Nov. 21	II Corinthians 1-5
Nov. 7	Acts 21-23	Nov. 22	II Corinthians 6-9
Nov. 8	Acts 24-26	Nov. 23	II Corinthians 10-13
Nov. 9	Acts 27-28	Nov. 25	Galatians
Nov. 11	Romans 1-3	Nov. 26	Ephesians
Nov. 12	Romans 4-5	Nov. 27	Philippians
Nov. 13	Romans 6-8	Nov. 28	Colossians
Nov. 14	Romans 9-11	Nov. 29	I Thessalonians
Nov. 15	Romans 12-16	Nov. 30	11 Thessalonians

## Enjoy the Season You're In

There is a time for everything  
As we journey on through life  
Different seasons that we go through  
Brings new ways to honour Christ

Each new season has its challenges  
And things to overcome,  
But there are also many joys  
And victories to be won

Each season of life we find we're in,  
God uses to teach us His truth  
That prepares us for what lies ahead,  
The next season we must go through

We don't see the season we're in now  
As a place of questioning 'why',  
For we can be productive for the Lord,  
Whatever the stage of life

So, remember in each different season,  
We can be fulfilled in Christ,  
As we keep our eyes on Him each day  
And honour Him with our lives.

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## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—  
— PSALM 103:2 NIV

***“Love is a commitment that will be tested in the most vulnerable areas of spirituality, a commitment that will force you to make some very difficult choices.***

***It is a commitment that demands that you deal with your lust, your greed, your pride, your power, your desire to control, your temper, your patience, and every area of temptation that the Bible clearly talks about.***

***It demands the quality of commitment that Jesus demonstrates in His relationship to us.”***

Ravi Zacharias



# November Anniversaries

8<sup>th</sup> Jimmy & Phyllis Winstead

26<sup>th</sup> Coye & Carole Thomas

22<sup>nd</sup> Don & Faye Isley

29<sup>th</sup> Keith & Lynn Oakley  
Roger & Elaine Walker



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> Bobby Cheek

6<sup>th</sup> Linda Currie  
Ethan Faircloth

7<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Bundren  
Leroy Hensley

9<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Winstead  
Rose Marie Wood



11<sup>th</sup> Jodi Currie

13<sup>th</sup> Byron Helton

20<sup>th</sup> Bill King

21<sup>st</sup> Brenda Ayd

23<sup>rd</sup> Marie Ireland



**YOU CAN SAVE  
MILLIONS OF  
PEOPLE ON  
EARTH BY  
SWITCHING TO  
JESUS**

## **NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION**

**Beginning December 1st,  
Read one chapter of  
The Book of Luke in the Bible  
each evening.**

**There are 24 chapters.**

**On Christmas Eve you will have read  
an entire account of Jesus's Life  
and wake up Christmas Morning  
Knowing WHO and WHY  
We Celebrate!!**

## **A Thanksgiving Prayer**

Dear Father in Heaven  
Please lend me Your ear,  
'Cause I've got a prayer  
You'll be happy to hear.

Lord, there's no request list  
This time when I pray,  
I just want to give thanks  
This Thanksgiving Day.

First, I want to thank You  
For gifts from above:  
Your unending mercy,  
Your undeserved love.

And thank You for sending  
Your Son down to earth,  
For now those in Jesus  
Can have second birth.

Lord, thank You for saving  
Your children from Hell,  
And giving Your Spirit  
Who comes to indwell.

And thank You for choosing me  
To be Your own,  
For now that You're in me  
I'm never alone.

Lord, thanks for forgiving me  
When I'm untrue,  
And last, but not least, Father,  
**Thank You for You!**



# NOVEMBER

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the only activities we are currently having on site is Adult Bible Study at 9:00 AM on Sunday followed by Morning Worship at 10:00 AM

**SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT**

1 	2 10:00 AM Valda Cates Circle  6:00 PM Genesis Circle	3	4	5	6	7
8 4:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	9	10 6:00 PM Josie Brewer Circle  7:05 PM Prayer Time	11	12 6:45 PM Lydia Circle	13	14 
15 	16	17 7:05 PM Prayer Time	18 11:30 AM Widows & Friends Luncheon	19	20	21
22	23	24 7:05 PM Prayer Time	25	26  HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY 	28
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