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# The Messenger



**NOV. 12<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup>**

## Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week

Calvary has the honor of serving as the Operation Christmas Child Central Drop Off for the Pee Dee area again this year, November 12-19. We are enlisting other churches to help each day, but we need Calvary volunteers to be here each day too! It takes a team effort to receive, count, box, and load the thousands of boxes that are brought to our collection site.

We need volunteers to help pack shoe boxes in cartons, sign in volunteers, fill in the drop off logs, as well as be host/hostesses to greet guests bringing boxes. Please call Louanne at 843-662-5921 if you, your mission group, or your Sunday School class, etc. would like to help for whatever period of time. Volunteers are needed to help with packing during the following times:

- Monday, November 12; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Tuesday, November 13; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Wednesday, November 14; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Thursday, November 15; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Friday, November 16; 4 pm – 7 pm
- Saturday, November 17; 11 am – 1 pm
- Sunday, November 18; 2 pm – 5 pm
- Monday, November 19; 10 am – 2 pm
- Monday, November 19; 2 pm – 6 pm



### **Thanksgiving Feast**

Sunday, November 18

9:15-10:15am in the CFLC

All babies - 6th graders

and their parents are invited to join us for food and fellowship!

### **Parent's Night Out**

Friday, November 30 from 6-9pm

Babies - 6th graders

Free, food, fun!

Please sign up with Amy by Nov. 25.

### **RA/GA/Mission Friends**

- Nov. 7 - RAs/GAs packing OCC shoeboxes
- Nov. 12 - No children's choir. RAs and GAs will load OCC shoeboxes from 6:45 - 7:15pm. Please meet us in the sanctuary.
- Dec. 2 - GAs collect offering for Lottie Moon in the AM worship service.
- Dec 9 - RAs collect offering for Lottie Moon in the PM worship service.

### **RA/GA/Mission Friends December Service Project**

We will be participating in the 4th Annual Toy Ride for the McLeod Children's Hospital. We will be collecting the following items:

- Board books
- Baby blankets
- Preemie onesies
- Stuffed animals
- Board games
- Dolls
- Cars
- Books
- Barbies

All toys are due by Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

# WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH

## ***November's Mission of the Month is Angel Tree.***

When Christmas comes, prisoners' children often wonder, Does my mommy or daddy still love me? Do they even remember me anymore? Your generosity helps provide a Christmas gift and a joyful moment of connection with an incarcerated parent, perhaps the only one they'll have this year. And you'll also experience the profound joy of showing a child unconditional love.

At this year's "Keeping Christ in Christmas," you will be given the opportunity to select a child for whom to purchase a specified gift (you may select one or more than one), wrap the gift, and return it to church for delivery. If you are unable to attend the event, you may contact Louanne Stewart at [fbalouanne@sc.rr.com](mailto:fbalouanne@sc.rr.com) or 843-662-5921; she will provide you with a child's name and a gift to be purchased.

## KCIC - SAVE THE DATE

### ***Save the Date for Keeping Christ in Christmas.***

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" will be held Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 PM. This is an annual ladies' outreach event at Calvary.

Volunteers decorate tables that seat six in the style of their choice.

The program for the evening includes a guest speaker, music, a catered meal, door prizes, and a mission opportunity. Take this opportunity to invite family and friends, both within and outside our membership.

This year's speaker is Cookie Cawthon, founder of Tenacious Grace, a ministry born out of her own personal story with Jesus. Check the bulletin board behind the sanctuary for more information about Cookie.

Tickets will go on sale November 1. You may purchase tickets (\$10) from Jennifer in the church office or from Ann Jones, Cathy Privette, Mary Hatchell, Amy Hatchell, Berta Seigler, and Joyce Rogers. Sale of tickets will end November 20. Childcare will be offered by reservation. Deadline for reservations is November 25. Contact Amy Hatchell at [ahatchell@calvarycares.com](mailto:ahatchell@calvarycares.com) or 843-687-3188 to make a reservation.

## THANK YOU

### ***Thanks for the donations.***

To everyone who is helping with the Fall Festival by either volunteering their time OR their donations, we say THANK YOU.

# OCC SHOEBOX

## ***Make a Shoebox, Help a Child.***

As boxes are completed, they may be placed on the pulpit steps beginning Sunday, October 28. The donation of \$9 for shipping is to be included in the box (place on top in envelope). This donation helps not only with getting the shoebox from "here to there," but also helps with the cost of The Greatest Journey, the 12 - lesson discipleship program, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorization. Through this program, children learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives as they share Him with friends and family. For more information on packing a showbox, please visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child).

# NEW IN THE LIBRARY

## ***New Items are Available in the Library***

This is the Day by Tim Tebow  
Unshakable Home by Max Lucado  
Overcomer by Dr. David Jeremiah  
Daring to Hope by Katie Davis Majors  
Send Down the Rain by Charles Martin  
I Can Only Imagine DVD  
The Reluctant Warrior by Mary Connealy



# HOMECARE

## ***Homecare Ministry***

Our Homecare Ministry will meet on Monday, November, 5

## HOMECARE BIRTHDAYS

11.29 Dorcas Howle  
203 S Barrington Dr 29501

# MANUP

## ***November Meeting***

ManUp will meet on November 27 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM.



## **November 11 & 18**

Mission Night - Boys v. Girls  
Lottie Moon Offering

## **November 25**

Awana Store Open  
Sparks/T&T Jewels/Patches given out

## **December 2**

Spirit Night - Ugly Christmas  
Sweater Night

## **December 9**

Spirit Night - Wear Christmas Colors

No AWANA Dec. 16th, 23rd, or 30th.

# REVIVAL

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 30

\*MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW\*

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## FROM PASTOR MIKE

November is an important month for Americans. There are three special days this month that may not seem connected at first glance, but are distinctly American and definitely related. All should involve prayer. All are good traditions. All reflect Biblical values.

On Thursday, November 27, of course, we celebrate Thanksgiving. This tradition goes back to the 1600's and reflects a grateful attitude of people who were familiar with hardship and thankful for the hand of God in assuring their safe passage to America and providing for them in the harvest. In 1789, President George Washington issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation. President Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving during the Civil War. That practice was followed until Congress, in 1941, declared an annual Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of every November. Thanksgiving for Christians should be not just a once per year holiday, but a lifestyle. Ephesians 5:20 reads that we are to give "thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

On November 11 and 12 we remember and observe our Veterans with Veterans Day. We are reminded to be thankful for those who are serving or have served in our Armed Forces. Without their service, we would not have the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States. That includes our freedom to worship God openly. Every Veteran has an appreciation for the "living sacrifice" all Christians are called to be in Romans 12:1.

But first in November, there is Tuesday, November 6. That is Election Day. We have freedom in Jesus Christ as Christians, as we are reminded in Galatians 5:1. The freedom referenced in Galatians is freedom from sin and freedom from the Mosaic law by God's grace and through faith in Jesus. In the USA, we express our freedom of thoughts and actions by exercising the right to vote. We also protect our values as Christians by participating in elections. Voting is a responsibility of citizenship. I encourage you to pray for wisdom and with thanksgiving for our nation; to remember those who have protected our freedoms; to participate as free citizens in our government; and to honor both our founders and those who have served by voting on November 6.

Pastor Mike