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November 2025: Verse of the Month



Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
AT OAKLAND

- Sunday

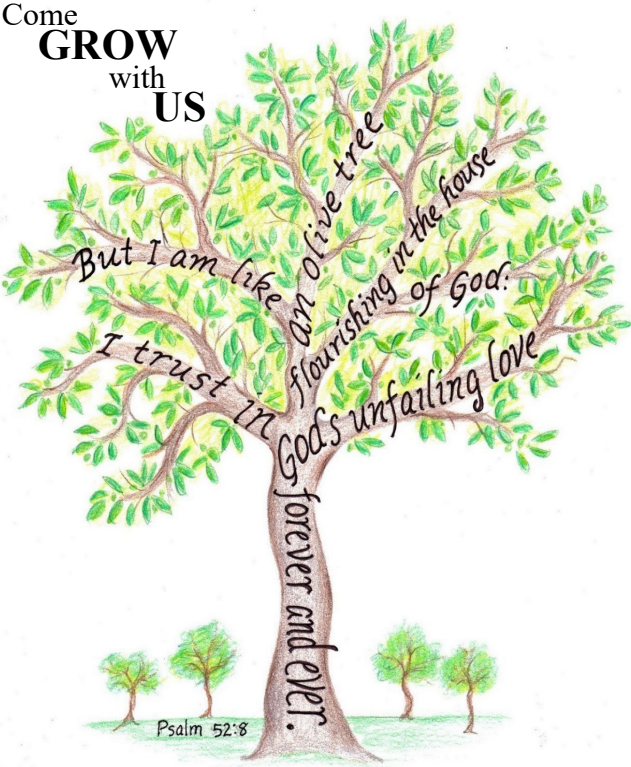
9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Service
(Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Worship Service
Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday

6:30 PM Wednesday Youth
(Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship
Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

November 2025

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Pastor David's Corner

Give Thanks

Giving thanks to the Lord is a central theme in the Bible, rooted in God's goodness, enduring love, and wonderful acts. This expression of gratitude is presented not as a mere suggestion but as a posture of worship and a foundation for the Christian life.

Foundational reasons for giving thanks

The scriptures offer several core reasons to give thanks to the Lord, grounded in His character and actions:

His goodness and unfailing love: A recurring theme throughout the Psalms is giving thanks because "the LORD is good; his love endures forever". His covenant love (Hebrew: *hesed*) is steadfast, reliable, and eternal.

His wonderful works: The psalmist often calls for praising God for His "wonderful deeds for mankind". These include His role in creation, His deliverance of His people from danger, and His provision in times of need.

His role as Creator: God is to be thanked for His wisdom in creating the heavens and the earth, and for sustaining His creation.

His mercy and redemption: Believers are called to give thanks for God's mercy and for the victory He gives through Jesus Christ.

O give thanks to the Lord, acknowledge His goodness and mercy in prayer, praise Him through song, and give thanks for both His great works and His daily provision in your life.

Acknowledge His goodness: Start by thanking God for who He is, as in "Thank you, Lord, for all that you have done for me".

List specific blessings: Mention specific things you are grateful for, such as good health, family, or your job.

Give thanks in all circumstances: The Bible encourages giving thanks in all situations, not just when things are going well.

Sing hymns and praise songs around your house, in the car, or during your quiet time to renew your mind and to remind yourself and others of God's truth.

1 Thessalonians 5:18: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy
Anderson

Dianne Avery

Sue Bruce

Gary Clontz

Sam & Wanda
Goodwin

Mike & Renee
Helms

Rodney Johnson
(Renee Helms' Son)

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays to rehearse for the Christmas Musical!



Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 2nd
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night!

Saving Grace Ministry Team

The desire of the Saving Grace ministry team is to help our congregation by meeting immediate needs. Food, meals, household goods, a listening ear and prayer. We are here. Please call or email the church office. All help will be confidential.



October Attendance

Wednesday, October 1 (58 Online)

Sunday, October 5 (49 Indoor + 256 Online)

Wednesday, October 8 (190 Online)

Sunday, October 12 (45 Indoor + 290 Online)

Wednesday, October 15 (95 Online)

Sunday, October 19 (44 Indoor + 214 Online)

Wednesday, October 22 (132 Online)

Sunday, October 26 (46 Indoor + 226 Online)

Wednesday, October 29 (74 Online)



Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

- Please continue to pray for Haley's good friend going through cancer treatment. Pray for protection against any infections while her immune system is compromised.
- In early November, Haley will head to Panama to check on a clean water project Unto is hoping to complete there. Please pray for safe travels, effective communication with local partners, and for the success of this project.
- Pray for the irrigation kits from Unto's Mission Packing Project in Pennsylvania at the end of October—that they are fruitful in growing produce and in bringing new brothers and sisters into the family of Christ.



Spring Yard Sale

Coming This Spring 2026!!

We are hosting a yard sale at the church on Saturday, April 25th, 2026. As you are cleaning out your homes over the next few months, please gather and save any items you would like to contribute, making sure your donations are clean and in good working order.

Please note...we are **NOT** ready to begin accepting donations! That will begin sometime during late March or early April.



As the date approaches, we will ask for volunteers to organize, price, and work during the yard sale. All proceeds will be used to purchase needed items or refresh areas within the church. Thank you for serving and supporting your church!

Wellspring Preparatory School

Do you know a family looking for a faith-based, nurturing learning environment for their child(ren)? Families may qualify for funding through the NC Opportunity Scholarship or ESA+ program if they meet income and/or special needs criteria. These programs can cover tuition, fees, and educational services for approved schools like Wellspring Preparatory School. For more information, contact Mrs. Van Horn, MaEd. At 980-290-6877 or WellspringPreparatorySchool@gmail.com



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October 2025 Offerings

\$12,104.00

Budget Needs for November

\$17,571.84

Thanksgiving Meal

Please join us for a meal celebrating this season of Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 23rd following the Worship Service

Sign-Up sheets available in sanctuary





Christmas Musical

Join us for our Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 PM.

Jail Ministry

Pray for the jail ministry team and the people they minister to; pray that they will respond to the gospel that is presented.

Looking to get involved in the jail ministry? Please contact Stacey!



NOVEMBER 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 AM Lunch Bags for the Homeless Packing & Delivering Event
2 Session 3: When Your Actions Cause an Interruption 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	3	4 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	5 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	7 Evening Sanctuary/FH Reserved Living Streams	8 8 AM-Noon Fall Workday
9 Session 4: When Well-Meaning People Interrupt Your Plans 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	10	11 Office Closed 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	12 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	14 Evening Kitchen/FH Reserved Living Streams	15 All Day Kitchen/FH Reserved Living Streams
16 Session 5: When a Time of Inactivity Slows You Down 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	17	18 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	19 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	21	22
23 Session 6: When Doing God's Work is Interrupted 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship Thanksgiving Meal	24	25 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	26 No Online Worship No Youth No Choir Rehearsal	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	28 Office Closed	29
30 Session 1: From Problems to Praise 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams						




Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

HOW TO HANDLE LIFE'S INTERRUPTIONS

November 2: When Your Actions Cause an Interruption
November 9: When Well-Meaning People Interrupt Your Plans
November 16: When a Time of Inactivity Slows You Down
November 23: When Doing God's Work Is Interrupted

SPECIAL FOCUS: FROM PROBLEMS TO PRAISE

November 30: From Problems to Praise

Bible Studies For Life Summary *From Problems to Praise*

Prayer is far more than asking God for things, but it's certainly not less than that. There are many times in Scripture where God acts in response to the requests of His people. Though this subject is shrouded in mystery, the fact remains that God works through the prayers of believers. He has invited us to participate in His work in this world and one of the primary ways we do that is through prayer. We may not know exactly how this works, but we have a clear picture of why God operates this way.

When God answers the prayers of His children, it provides an opportunity for Him to receive glory. This happens on a personal level when we give Him praise and on a much larger scale when we tell others about it. It would be a terrible display of ingratitude for us to receive an answer to prayer and forget to thank God or fail to proclaim

His greatness. In this special focus session, Hezekiah received a life-altering answer to prayer and remembered to thank God and praise Him in the presence of others.



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**PRAYER
REQUESTS**
Lillian Lewis
Pam Majewski
Louise Parker
Kenny & Carolyn Street
Irene Welch
Susan Wood & Family

Lunch Bags for the Homeless

Julie's Sunday School class is collecting different items each Sunday to pack & deliver lunch bags to a homeless camp off Sutherland Ave. in Monroe. If you would like to bring items, you can drop them off in Julie's Sunday School classroom (close to the Fellowship Hall).



1st Sunday: Peanut Butter & Jelly

2nd Sunday: Snack Bags of Chips & Little Debbie Cakes

3rd Sunday: Brown Lunch Bags & Sandwich Bags

4th Sunday: Canned Drinks & Bottled Water



Thank you to everyone who has brought items in for the lunch bags during the month of October! Everyone is invited to come out to help pack & deliver bags on Saturday, November 1st at 9 AM.



Church Workday

The Building and Grounds Team
will be hosting a Fall Workday on
Saturday, November 8th, 8 AM—12 Noon
Light lunch to follow

There will be indoor and outdoor tasks. Please review the task list located at the back of the sanctuary and sign up for the areas in which you would be willing to serve.
Thank you for serving your church!



Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week: November 17-24

Sunday, November 23rd is the last day to turn in filled shoeboxes to OBC!
Empty shoeboxes can be found on the altar steps.



Bulletin/Newsletter Blurbs

Do you have a small business that offers services that our church members may be interested in? Send your business/contact info and service details to the church office to be 'advertised' in the bulletin.