

Road Closure Next Sunday

Hayne Street, through downtown Monroe, will be closed on Sunday, November 24th starting at 9 AM for the Christmas Parade (at 2 PM).



November 17, 2024



Saving Grace

We have formed a new ministry team, Saving Grace. Our desire is to help our congregation by meeting immediate needs. Food, meals, household goods, a listening ear and prayer. We are here. Please call the church office or email at oaklandchurchmonroe@gmail.com. All help will be confidential.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

National Collection Week is November 18-25. November 24th is the last day to turn in filled shoeboxes to OBC! Empty shoeboxes can be found on the altar steps.



Thanksgiving Fellowship

Sunday, November 24th
Following Worship
Sign up sheets available
in the sanctuary.

Safer Communities Ministry

Safer Communities Ministry in Indian Trail has a goal of giving Christmas presents to 70 children this December.

If anyone is interested in 'adopting' a child to buy & wrap Christmas presents for, please let Julie Cook know.

Children's ages range from 18 months to 16 years.

Those who 'adopt' a child are invited to attend a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 10th.



Romans 12:10 Show family affection to one another with brotherly love... **17** Do not repay anyone evil for evil... **18** If possible, on your part, live at peace with everyone.

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Joseph and His Brothers: Family Reconciliation

Genesis 42:3-5, 21-24a; 45:1-5

The Point: Forgiveness can lead to family healing and restoration.

The Bible Meets Life: At the beginning of the book, *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas, Edmond Dantès is a naïve young man. Exiled Napoleon ask Edmond to deliver a note upon his return to the mainland. When a rival of Dantès learns of it, he strikes. The inexperienced Dantès is wrongly imprisoned on charges of treason.

After fourteen years, Edmond escapes from prison and sets out to avenge his pain. When he disposes of his enemies, he comes to a place of peace within himself, realizing true peace wouldn't come from his vengeful payback. After overcoming his many travails, he concludes in the final lines of the book, "All human wisdom is contained in these two words, wait and hope."

Waiting is the hard stuff of life. Our hope shouldn't endure so we can have revenge, but so that peace and forgiveness can have the final word on our pain. We can't control all that happens to us, but we can control whether we will become bitter or free from the emotional enslavement of unhealthy relationships and emotions.

Joseph was betrayed, imprisoned, and elevated to prominence but he never sought revenge, Why?

Live It Out: Search. Using an online Bible, do a quick search for Scriptures on forgiveness. Write one on a sticky note and place it on your mirror as a reminder to always choose forgiveness over bitterness. **Share.** Share a personal story of forgiveness with a family member or friend. Let this reminder encourage you to forgive others.

Seek reconciliation. Who do you need to forgive today? Ask God to lead you as you seek reconciliation and forgiveness this week. Be the initiator of the process. Begin the process with prayer.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Special Focus: The God Who Rescues

Sunday, November 24 The God Who Rescues
(Psalm 30:1-12)

Looking Forward to Christmas

Sunday, December 1 Looking Forward with Hope
(Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 11/20

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal
will be Wednesday,
November 20th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, November 10

Indoor: 49

Online: 86



Wednesday, November 13

Online: 39

Youth: 13

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26

November Offering

To Date:

\$7,566.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Andy Cook

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Alan Haynes' Family (Eddie &
Candy's Neighbor)

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Karyn Shauan & Family

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)

Save the Date!

The Montgomery Family will
lead the worship service on
Sunday, December 29th.

