

WEST CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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Faith is trusting God, even when you don't understand His plan.



Christian Quotes

November 2026

Welcome to our monthly newsletter! We are excited to bring you the latest news and events happening at our church. We hope you find these updates helpful and engaging. Feel free to reach out to our pastor, staff, deacons or committee chairs if you have any questions, need further information, or simply want to share something. Let's continue to grow in faith together! Read on for the highlights of the month!



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To God be the Glory

The Biggest Battle Is Within You
2 Corinthians 10:3–5

In 2 Corinthians 10:3–5, the apostle Paul details his approach to the spiritual war that confronts Christ-followers. The first two and a half verses are what we'd expect from such a powerful apostle — "the destruction of fortresses… arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God" (vv. 4–5, NASB). We can practically see Paul clobbering heretics over the head with his Bible. But then he names another point that turns that picture inside out: "…and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (v. 5). Suddenly the war is personal. Paul isn't just striving with evil that opposes him from outside; he fights the sin that tries to take over inside. Judging by the contents of his many letters, that inner battlefield is the primary one for every Christian.

The Holy Spirit equips us with the same "divinely powerful" weapons He gave Paul (v. 4). With His help and leading, we can demolish the strongholds that sin builds in us. We can undermine the arguments of our erroneous beliefs. We can tear down the pride that keeps us from knowing God more intimately. Then, and only then, can we advance to the outer battlefield of spreading the gospel and aiding our brothers and sisters in their personal struggles. So onward, Christian soldier—into the battle of the soul. Train diligently through Bible study, prayer, worship, and service. Ask the Spirit to show you what fortresses, arguments, and proud things need to come down in your heart and lifestyle. Let Him lead the battle plan. And thank Him that, through Christ, the victory is already won.

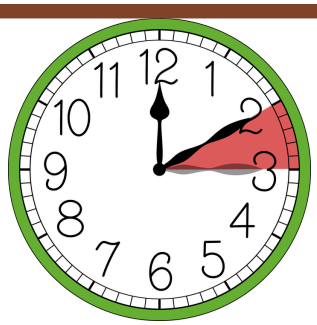
--Megan Bean





Please join us!

We will be having coffee and Danishes each Sunday morning at 9:30am (prior to Sunday School at 10:00am). Please join us for a time of breakfast and fellowship!



With the arrival of fall comes the end of daylight savings time which will officially end at 2 am on Sunday, November 1st when clocks are set back one hour. Don't forget to change your clocks!

Let's Celebrate...

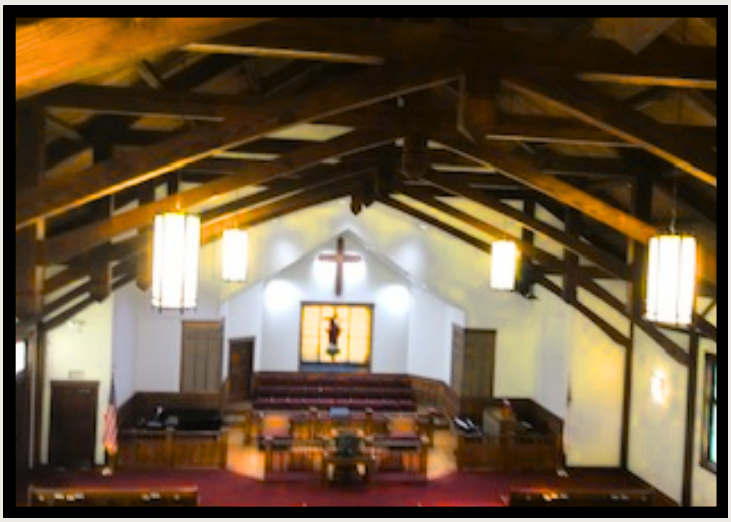
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Let's Celebrate!!

Brett Hager – 7th
Michael Hayes – 8th
Becky Hopkins – 8th
Vernelle Davis – 10th
Brenda Hinson – 16th
Kathy Hardwick – 18th
Laura Williams – 18th
Mike Ratcliffe – 19th
Michael Hinson – 21st
Felicia Hayes –29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tommy & Elaine Boyles - 2nd
Steve & Tina Sechler - 3rd
Keith & Lynn Nodine - 11th





happy Thanksgiving

See the last page for a Thanksgiving Scripture Challenge.



Fifth Sunday Song Service November 29th at 11:00am.

Parents' Night Out

For our Parents Night Out meeting last month, we had 30 children and youth. We were finally able to have outdoor recreation after such a hot summer. This month, we will study and learn about Simeon's thanksgiving blessing as found in Luke 2: 25-32. We have several activities planned which will focus on God's blessings.

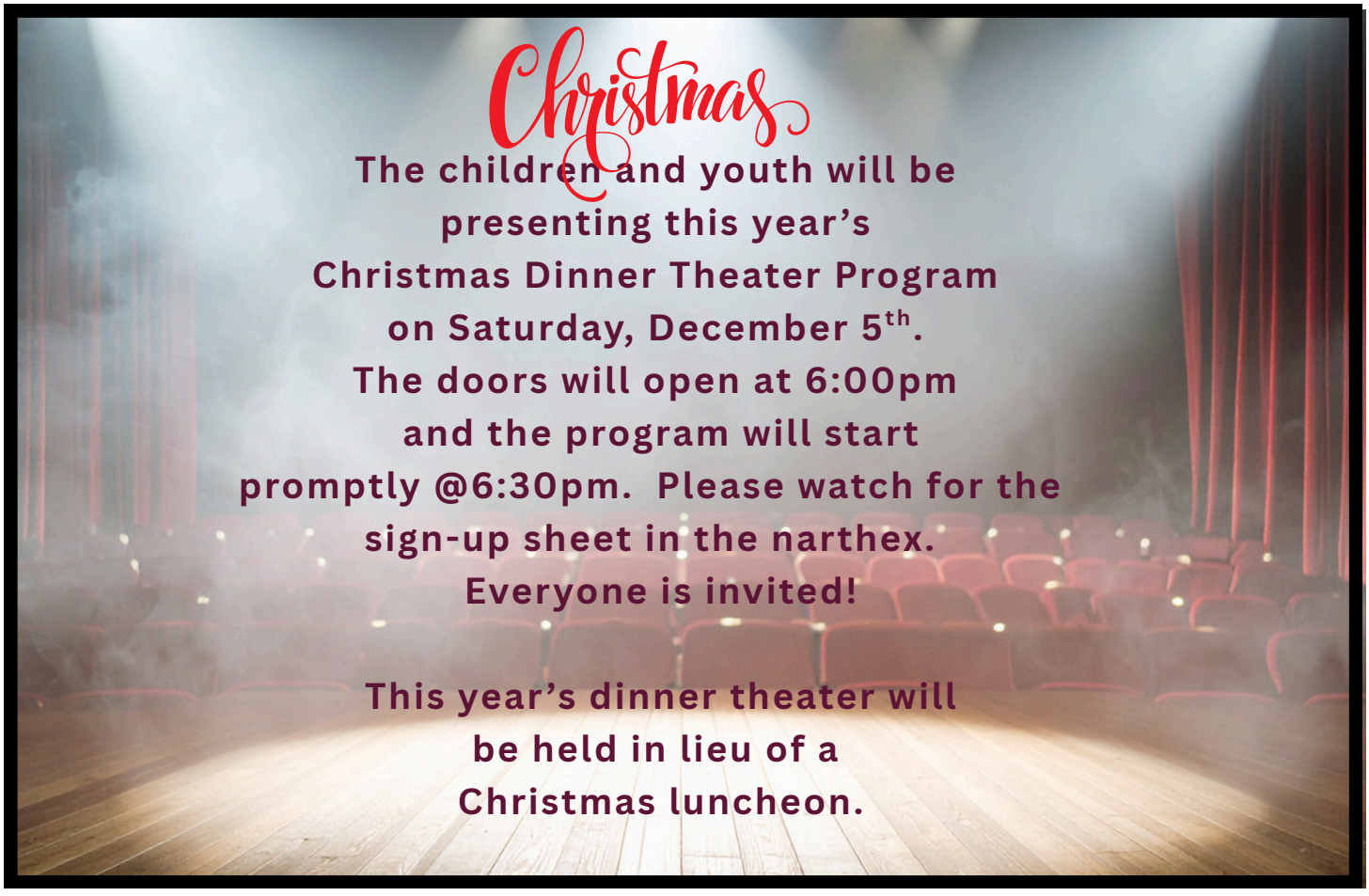


After much discussion and prayer, we have decided to focus on our younger children, ages 3-12, for Parents Night Out. Our youth, ages 13-17, will no longer meet the first Friday of each month. Pastor Jesse, along with the Youth Pastor Support Team, is in the process of revisiting our youth program and determining next steps as it relates to meeting times and planned activities.



Please continue to pray for our children and youth programs and the volunteers who faithfully serve.



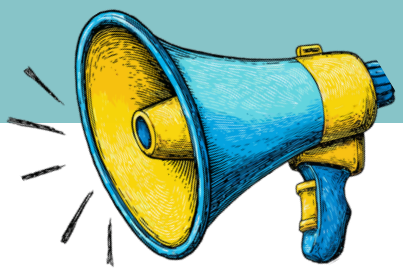


The children and youth will be presenting this year's Christmas Dinner Theater Program on Saturday, December 5th. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the program will start promptly @6:30pm. Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Everyone is invited!

This year's dinner theater will be held in lieu of a Christmas luncheon.



Church News...



This month's shout out goes to all our volunteers who agreed to serve in various positions for our new church year. From Sunday School Teachers to Security to Ushers to the various committees, thank you for your willingness to serve and for your commitment to our church!!





The choir, under the direction of Dean Orbison, will present "The Star Still Shines" and everyone is invited to attend. Watch for a flyer in the narthex to share and invite others to this year's annual performance.

November Events:

Nov 6th	Parents Night Out
Nov 8th	Deacons Meeting
Nov 14th	Daughters of the King
	Diaper Drive
Nov 26th	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29th	Baptist Men
	Fifth Sunday Song Service

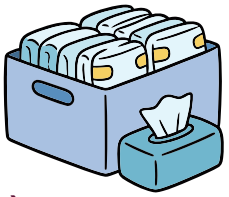


2026 NOVEMBER

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29	30					

Daughters of the King

LifeChoice Diaper Drive:
Thank you to everyone who has participated in the LifeChoice Diaper Drive! We have met our goal of 100 packs of diapers and 100 wipes!!! Your generosity and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated.



Saturday, November 14, 2026
West Corinth Baptist Church & LifeChoice Rowan Diaper Drive
Diaper Drive: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM (or until we run out of supplies)

Volunteer Schedule:
Breakfast will be provided at 9:00 AM.
We will begin setting up for the Diaper Drive at approximately 9:30 AM.
Tent stations will be set up for:



- **LifeChoice Registration**
- **Diaper & Wipe Distribution**
- **Prayer Station**

Volunteers are needed to help man each station. If you would like to serve, please see Valerie Bowen or add your name to the Sign Up Sheet in the narthex.

Thank you for continuing to support this important mission and for helping us share Christ's love with families in our community.

SHARE **Serving Together • Growing Together • Sharing Christ** We ♡ our Volunteers

HELP OTHERS

Reach Out

WORK

The Outreach Committee held a prayer tent at the Fall Festival and passed out church flyers, tracts and goodie bags for those in attendance.

The Committee is also partnering with Daughters of the King and will hold a prayer tent for those who attend the Diaper Drive on November 14th.

Please pray for the Outreach Committee as they plan for 2027 and that God will provide unity, direction and opportunities for our church.

Children and Youth Ministry

Children and Youth Sunday Worship:

The children just finished studying David and are transitioning into learning the characteristics of God and how He never changes. The scripture for this study is Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." The youth are studying this scripture as well, just more in depth.



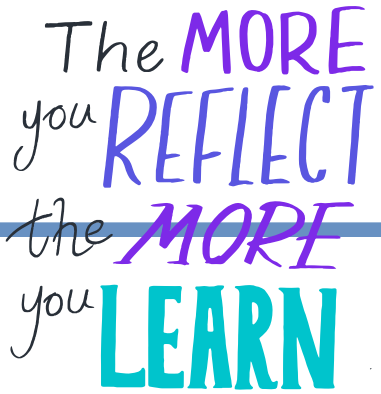
Wednesday Nights:

The children and youth are preparing for their Christmas program on Saturday, December 5th. The dress is business casual. While Christmas sweaters or shirts are encouraged, this dress attire is optional.

Activities:

The youth are planning a trip with a tentative December date to the Billy Graham Library. Watch your bulletin and next month's newsletter for the details. All are encouraged to attend.





Children's Church Schedule:
Music: Mike Tabor
Teacher Assistant: Vernelle Davis

Nov 1st	Caleb and Taylor O'Neal
Nov 8th	Sam and Jeanna Gregory
Nov 15th	Michael and Angela Hinson
Nov 22nd	Mike and Melissa Tabor
Nov 29th	Michael and Angela Hinson

Pastor Jesse's Thought For The Month:

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8



Children and Youth Workers: Mike Tabor, Brett Hager, Melissa Tabor, Angie Rogers and Hannah Walton

Pastor Search Committee Update:

Last month, the church began advertising for our next Pastor. Resumes have been received and are under review by the Pastor Search Committee. The Committee is now reviewing on-line sermons and has narrowed the search to nine candidates for additional follow up. The Committee is anticipating zoom interviews once the review of on-line sermons has been completed. The committee asks for your prayers as we continue the search for our next pastor.

Thank you,
Pastor Search Committee

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00pm.

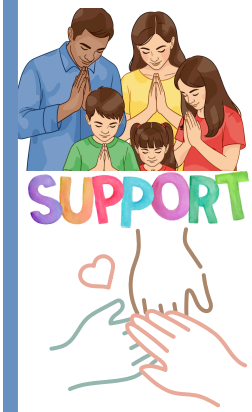
Reminder:

Due to the holidays, additional Christmas rehearsals and special events, please note the following:



--No Wednesday night Bible study starting November 25th. Bible study will resume Wednesday, January 6th.

--No Sunday evening service starting November 29th. Services will resume Sunday, January 10th.



Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Please take a "Week of Prayer" booklet located in the narthex and by the church office. If you haven't already, pick a week in November and pray for the children under the care of the Baptist Children's Homes. Also, for anyone interested, offering envelopes are available and any donation received will be forwarded to the Baptist Children's Homes in Thomasville, NC. The local church is often God's primary instrument for caring for vulnerable children and families so support is much appreciated.

Pastor Appreciation 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's Pastor Appreciation Breakfast! Pastor Greene and Pastor Jesse were very appreciative and honored. We also had a record turnout for Sunday School and are off to a good start for our new church year! May God continue to bless our church, our leaders and our members!















Thankful & Blessed

thanks for your support

FALL FESTIVAL!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this year's Fall Festival. Activities included trunk or treat, the cake walk, roasted hot dogs and a hayride! At the time of the newsletter printing, the Fall Festival was in progress so watch next month's newsletter for an update and photos!







Annual Rowan Baptist Association Meeting





The annual Rowan Baptist Association (RBA) meeting was held last month at Rockwell Baptist Church. Special thanks to Michael and Felicia Hayes who attended and represented West Corinth Baptist Church. A total of 11 churches were represented. The 2027 budget was presented and approved along with several other items of business. The guest speaker was the pastor of Woodleaf Baptist Church in Salisbury. West Corinth Baptist church, along with other Baptist churches in Rowan County, help support the RBA. A copy of each month's newsletter can be found on the bulletin board by the office for those interested in reading and learning about the RBA mission work and other activities.



Psalm 69:30 states: "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."







THANK YOU to everyone who supported our youth by purchasing a spaghetti dinner plate or donating to OPERATION FULL PLATES! All proceeds are going to provide weekend meals to Title I school children (40% or more of the school is on free or reduced school meals). This drive supports schools in Rowan and Avery counties through the food security initiative, OPERATION FULL PLATES. Now that the fundraiser is complete, our youth, along with other volunteers, will provide the assembly line to package the food for OPERATION FULL PLATES. Please see the next page for a letter from a school administrator in Avery county who sees the fruit of this program.

Next Steps:

Pastor Jesse, the youth and other volunteers will meet with representatives from Operation Full Plates on Friday, November 6th to assemble the bags containing all the food items ordered using money raised from the spaghetti dinner. The assembled bags will be distributed several days after assembly.

















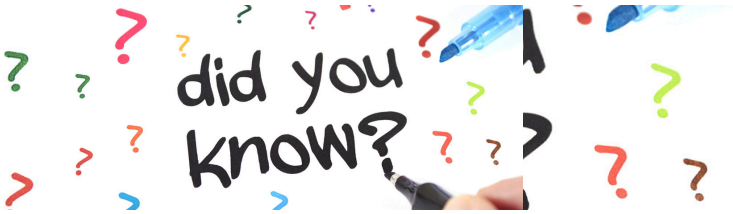
Dear Operation Full Plate Donors,

First, I want to apologize that I cannot be with you in person. I wish I were there to thank you face-to-face for everything you are doing for the children and families at Crossnore Elementary School. Since I am unable to attend, I hope you will allow me to share just a few words about what your generosity means to our school. I serve as the school counselor at Crossnore Elementary in Avery County. Our school serves a community with a high rate of poverty, where many families face daily financial challenges that make meeting basic needs difficult. On top of those ongoing challenges, many of our families are still recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, which hit the Appalachian Mountains in September 2024. The storm affected homes, jobs, transportation, and daily life across our region. For many families, the road to recovery has been long, and they continue to face financial and emotional hardship as they work to rebuild. One of those basic needs is something no child should ever have to worry about—having enough food to eat.

Because of your generosity through Operation Full Plate, I receive bags of food each week that I send home with children experiencing food insecurity. A bag of food may seem like a simple gesture, but I can assure you, it means so much more. For a child, that bag guarantees meals over the weekend. For a parent or grandparent, it offers a little relief from worrying about how to stretch groceries until the next paycheck. It gives a child the simple, vital comfort of going home knowing there will be something to eat. You are not simply providing food—you are providing comfort, security, and hope. When a child is hungry, it can be very difficult to concentrate, learn, or feel secure. When we are able to meet that basic need, we give that child a better opportunity to come to school ready to learn and participate. We let them know that their community cares about them. I have seen firsthand how much these bags of food are appreciated by our families. While the children may not always have the words to express it, your kindness is deeply felt. You may never know the name of the child who receives one of your bags of food. You may never see the smile on a child's face when they know they have something to take home. You may never hear the relief in a parent's voice when they realize someone cares enough to help their family. But I see it.

And I want you to know that what you are doing matters deeply. As a school counselor, I spend my days helping children navigate so many different challenges. Being able to put a bag of food in a child's hands and know that they will have something to eat when they go home is one of the most meaningful ways I can support them. Thank you for seeing a need in our community and choosing to do something about it. Thank you for giving your time, your resources, and your hearts to help children who are facing circumstances far beyond their control. On behalf of the children and families at Crossnore Elementary School, thank you for believing that every child deserves to have enough food to eat—and for reminding our families that they are not alone. Your generosity makes a difference—one bag of food, one child, and one family at a time. I am so grateful for each of you and for Operation Full Plate, and thank you for allowing me to be the person who gets to see the difference you are making every week.

With sincere gratitude,
Karen Tashner
School Counselor, Crossnore Elementary School





Thanksgiving Bible Trivia Questions:

I. In which book of the Bible is the first mention of a Thanksgiving celebration?

2. What is the name of the feast that the Israelites celebrated to give thanks for their harvest?

3. Who wrote the majority of the Psalms, many of which are songs of thanksgiving?

4. In the New Testament, which Apostle encourages believers to give thanks in all circumstances?

5. What is the shortest Psalm that is a song of thanksgiving?

6. Which Psalm begins with the words "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good"?

7. In the book of Exodus, what was the name of the song that Moses and the Israelites sang as a song of thanksgiving after crossing the Red Sea?

8. In the Gospel of Luke, how many lepers did Jesus heal, and how many returned to give thanks?

9. Which Old Testament prophet offered a prayer of thanksgiving after being saved from the belly of a great fish?

10. In Philippians 4:6, Paul tells believers to bring their requests to God with what attitude?

Answers:
(Leviticus, The Feast of the Tabernacles, King David, Apostle Paul, Psalm 117, Psalm 136, The Song of Moses, Jesus healed ten lepers but only one returned to give thanks, Jonah, With thanksgiving)







Can you believe that we're already into the month of November? This past year has flown by, which means our Senior Gatherings have come to an end for the calendar year 2026! The next two months will be filled with play practices, choir practices and many holiday gatherings!! We just had our yearly fish fry which has become our last event before we end our calendar year! We had 17 people in attendance and enough fish to feed a dozen more. Frankie and Richard are getting the frying down to a science! Traditional fish fry fixin's were enjoyed by all.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Seniors events this past year. Your attendance has meant a lot to Richard and me. We couldn't have done the year without your help and faithfulness. As we enter the coming months, I hope that you will all continue to support the upcoming events, spend time with family and friends! We want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. We love you all!

Richard and Linda Moody



1 Chronicles 16:34: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endureth forever.