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Dear Church Family and Friends,

I have been retired for several years now. Many of you are also retired. Some of you are nearing retirement, and some are so young and far from retirement you probably don't even think about it.

Preparing for retirement requires a lot of planning and even sacrifice. We work for 30-40 years or maybe more. There is no required or magic retirement age. If we set out to retire at a certain age and get to that age and determine that we haven't saved enough to meet our goal, or we simply aren't ready to stop working, we can just continue working until we are ready.

But what about our Ultimate Retirement--when our time on this earth ends? We spend our entire adult lives planning for a retirement that can last 30 years or more. How much time do we spend preparing for eternity? It doesn't take years, only minutes to accept the free gift of salvation that Jesus offers.

But unlike our retirement from the workplace, we don't determine when our time in this life ends. If we are not a child of God when our time here ends, we don't get a second chance.

I am currently reading Dr. David Jeremiah's new book, The Promise of Heaven. One statement from the book reads, "Life is a journey, yes, but only if there's a destination." If you are a believer, your destination is Heaven. As believers, we are not citizens of Earth who are going to Heaven; we are citizens of Heaven who are traveling through Earth.

There is an old saying about worldly possessions: "you can't take it with you." The Lord blesses us in this life so that we can bless others. Denise Whitfield is quoted as saying "It takes no faith whatsoever to give to Kingdom causes in your will--you don't need it when you're dead."

There is something we can take with us to Heaven. Howard Hendricks said, "Only two things in this world are eternal—the Word of God and people. It only makes sense to build your life around those things that will last forever." The only thing we can take to Heaven are the Word of God and the lives of those we help win to Christ.

May God fill our hearts with His Word—and with that message let's determine to take as many people as possible to Heaven with us. Roger James

Nursery & Children's Church Schedule

Date	Nursery	Children's Church
11/2	Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann	Carter & Laura Dermid
11/9	Dawn Eudy & Kelcey Griffin	Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith
11/16	Beverly Napier	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
11/23	Dwight & Kathy Starnes	Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin
11/30	Hannah & Hunter Canup	David & Julia Godwin

November Fellowship Hall Clean Up:
Saved to Serve Class

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS
REMINDER...If you or your Sunday School Class wants to use the Fellowship Hall, please be sure to schedule with Sheri. Thank you.

SECOND HARVEST
Wednesday, November 5th
8:00 a.m.
Austin Grove Baptist Church

November issues of *Mature Living*,
Home Life, and *Our Daily Bread*
are in the vestibule for pick up.



The following items are needed for our Food Ministry.
Your donations help tremendously.

- November 2nd: Box of individual snacks such as oatmeal cakes, Swiss rolls (kind of snack doesn't matter as long as individually wrapped.)
- November 9th: Box of 6 individual servings of applesauce
- November 16th: Box of 6 individual servings of Jello
- November 23rd: Can of green beans or corn (15 oz.)
- November 30th: Box of mac and cheese
- December 7th: Can of chicken noodle soup (any brand)



Tony Medlin's 73 Birthday Ingathering November 30, 2025



Sunday, November 9th



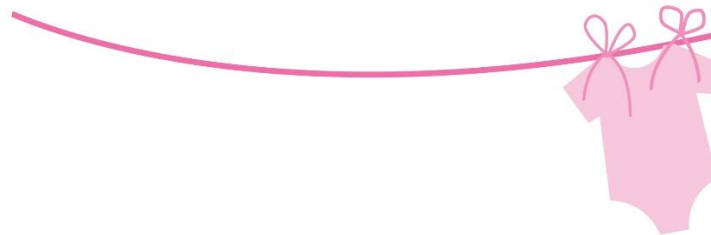
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Christmas Shopping Trip - Hamrick's and Biblestore Outlet in Florence, SC

Thursday, November 20th

We will leave the church at 7:30 a.m., eat a biscuit along the way then shop and eat a late lunch at Quincy's. Please sign up below if you would like to join us. –Holly



Baby Shower for Mattie Simpson Medlin

Austin Grove Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 22nd

11:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.

It's A Girl!

Registered at Amazon & Target

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 1 Larry B. Smith, Jr.
- 4 Donna Ivey, John Dermid
- 5 Carol Frankenberg, Amanda Vann
- 6 Dwight Starnes
- 8 Jenna Matthews
- 10 Brannon Crowe
- 12 Scott Haigler
- 13 Benjamin Davis
- 15 Blair Simpson
- 16 Douglas Guffey
- 17 Sandra Griffin, Kelsey Jordan
- 24 Hailey Nassef Cramner, Carolyn Smith, Sara Weir
- 27 Mattie Simpson, Steven Walden
- 29 Collin David Smith
- 30 Jason Vann

1st Week of December Birthdays

- 1 Jack Napier, Allison & Parker Ivey
- 2 Grey Gordon
- 3 Freddy Griffin
- 4 Kristina Deese Baucom, Charles Ivey, Jason Little
- 5 Parker Griffin
- 6 Carol Fowler, Kelly Martin
- 7 Russell Smith



Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store

Please drop off toys in the Welcome Center room. All toys are due in by Sunday, December 7th. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please give to Barbara Simpson or put in offering envelope marked for Donna Pittman Toy Store. If you would like to volunteer to help at the toy store, please feel free to call Teresa Polk at: 704-634-0530. Thank you.



- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Simpson
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Long
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Danny Phifer
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Lebron Crowe

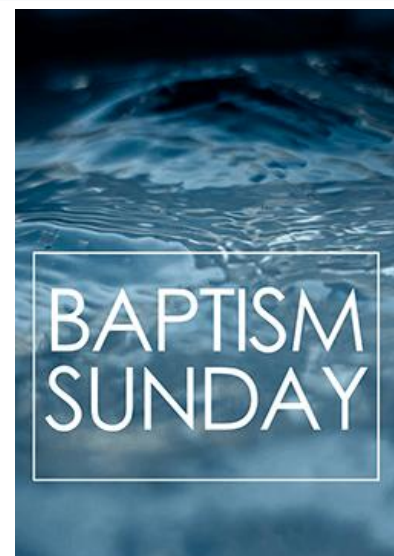
1st Week of December 1st Anniversaries

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Haigler
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Reid Phifer



Sunday, November 2nd

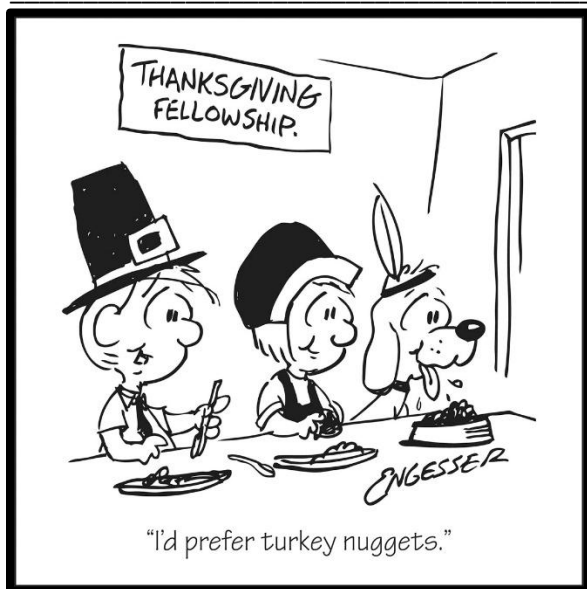
Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night, November 1st.



Sunday, November 2nd



Ten Commandments - Murphy, NC Trip
Spring Break 2026 (Week of April 6th)
Interest Sign-Up Sheet is on the bulletin board.



**Happy
Thanksgiving**



Thanksgiving Schedule

Thanksgiving Meal: Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00 PM

No Services: Wednesday, November 26th

Church Office Closed: Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th.

Please turn in all bulletin information by Wednesday, November 19th for the Sunday, November 23rd bulletin and the Sunday, November 30th Bulletin.

December Newsletter articles are due by Wednesday, November 12th.

2025 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Week of Prayer

November 30th – December 7th

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence. She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

100% of your gifts support International missionaries.



DATE: Friday, December 5th

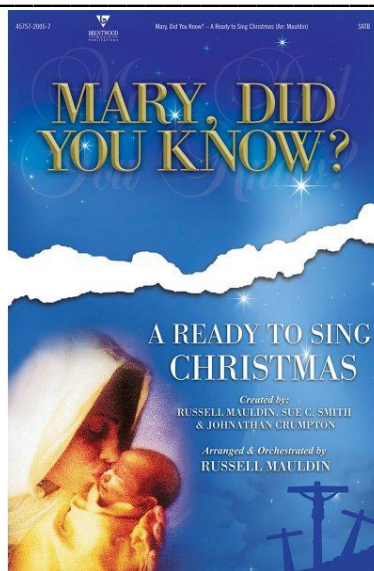
TIME: Be here at 11:30 a.m. and we will eat shortly afterwards

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Night

Monday, December 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Please sign up on the NEW bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Smith. Thank you.



Adult Choir Cantata will be on Sunday, December 14th. Please make plans to join us.