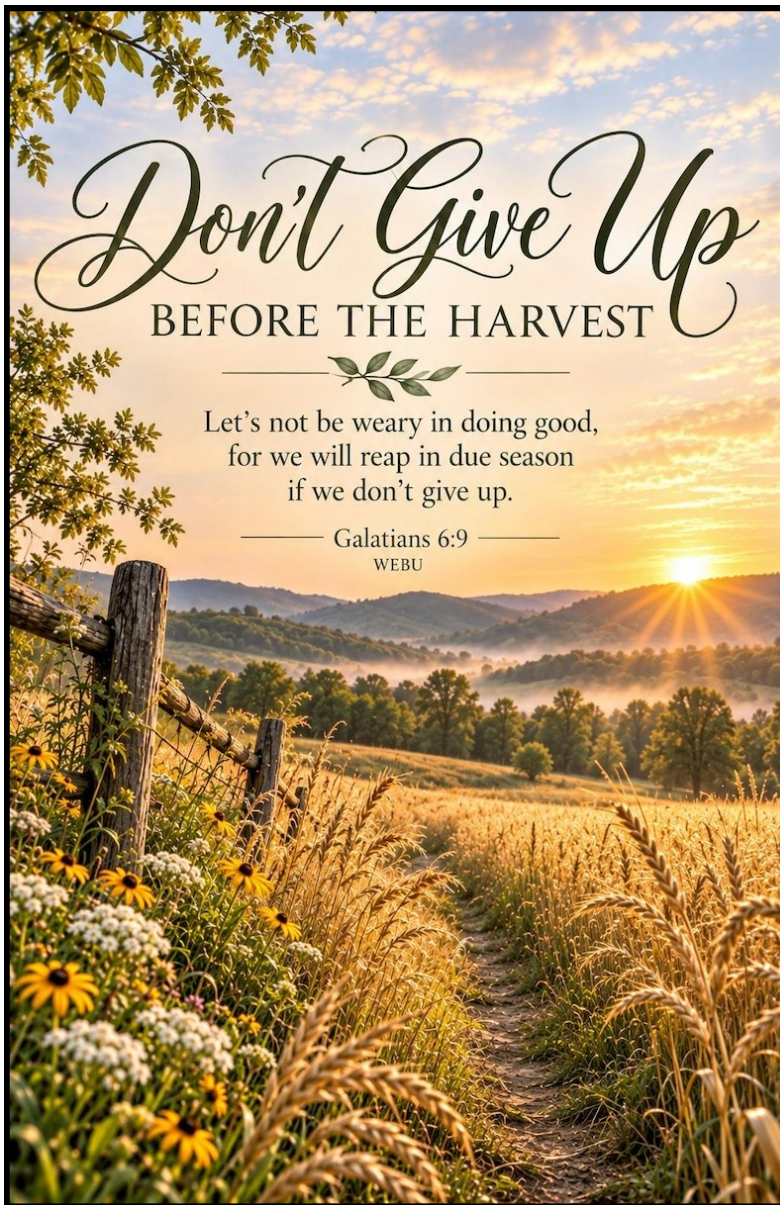


Calvary Baptist Church Senior Saints Newsletter

October 2026



October

Birthdays

02	Anna Wayne Tritt
03	Ann Harris
	Faye Jones
04	Fran Conner
	Fran Lyles
05	Gene Daniels
08	Bruce Davis
	Gene Jordan
10	Tim Davis
13	Pam Smith
	Mike Wood
14	Scott Griffies
15	Wendy Arthur
18	Maxine Stutmann
19	Jerry Bailey
	Ray Brabble
21	Wendy Holt
24	Ann Harp
25	Debbie Archer
	Pat Coons
28	Gail Hagan
30	Wanda Matthews
31	Donna Griffies

Anniversary

20	Jim & Patty Kuroski
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Pastor Andy's Thoughts

October brings a beautiful shift in creation. The crisp air, turning leaves, and earlier sunsets remind us that God designed seasons not only for the world around us but also for our lives. **"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness"** (Psalm 24:1). Many of you have walked through countless seasons with the Lord, and each one has shaped your faith in meaningful ways. Fall invites us to slow down and notice His handiwork with renewed appreciation.

This month is a wonderful time to reflect on God's goodness across the years. Your stories of perseverance, answered prayers, and quiet trust can be an encouragement within our church family. You have the opportunity to show us what it means to build a life on Christ's foundation. Scripture reminds us, **"I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember Your wonders of old"** (Psalm 77:11). May your memories of God's faithfulness encourage younger generations to trust Him deeply.

October also encourages us to stay connected and engaged. Fellowship is a gift, and your presence can bring warmth and wisdom to every gathering. When you participate in worship, when you send a card to someone who's hurting, when you simply offer a kind word, you can strengthen the body of Christ. **"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another"** (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Your ministry of encouragement can bless our church in powerful ways.

As we move through this autumn season, may your hearts rest in the Lord's steady care. He sees you, knows you, and walks with you each day. Even when life feels uncertain, His promises remain firm. **"Even to your old age, I am He... I will carry you"** (Isaiah 46:4). May October bring you peace, joy, and renewed confidence in the God who has never failed you.

Love you Senior Saints! Pastor Andy



Devotion by Charlie Carter

A New Season

The Apostle Paul wrote in **Philippians 3:12-14** ***"Not that I have already obtained all of this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."***

The seasons have changed. We have gone from summer to fall. There are seasons in our lives as well and they always bring change. Paul tells us in this verse to press on toward the goal, no matter what season we are going through. He also says there is one thing he does, forgetting what is behind. I do not think this means that he completely forgets what happened in the past, rather he doesn't dwell, he doesn't live back there. He doesn't lament over the failures or try to hold onto the victories. I believe he calls for us to learn from those things, repent when necessary and then press on toward the future and the prize God has waiting for us.

Jesus said in **Luke 9:62**, ***"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*** In order to plow a straight furrow, you must keep your eyes looking forward. To win the prize you must keep your eyes on the prize and press on. Paul says straining toward what is ahead. This implies that it may not be easy and that it will require effort, sometimes great effort. But let me assure you that the prize is worth the effort. And just what is the prize? Nothing less than Jesus, God the Father, heaven, eternal life. No, you cannot earn eternal life. That only comes through a relationship with Christ Jesus through his shed blood, and Jesus gives freely. From that point forward we press on toward the goal.

My friends, yesterday is gone. Tomorrow isn't promised to us. Today is all we have. So, don't stand around thinking, lamenting, dreaming about the past. Press on toward the goal in Christ Jesus. And always remember God has been good to you in the past and He has good things in store for you in the days to come.

God bless you, my friends. And press on into this wonderful new season. **Pastor Charlie Carter**

The following information and Bible verses were copied from the biblestudyforyou.com website. There are many topics of Bible studies that can be found on the website. I included most of the verses with this, but due to lack of space, some were omitted. Please check out the website if you would like to read the ones that were not printed.

Change and Transformation In our lives, we often experience moments of change and transformation. Just as October brings a shift in seasons, we too might find ourselves in times of growing, learning, and adapting. The Bible teaches us that change can be a part of our journey towards spiritual maturity. We can find strength in knowing that God is with us, guiding us through these transformations. As we embrace the changes in our lives, we can reflect on the following verses that remind us that God's love never changes, even as we do.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." – Romans 12:2

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – Philippians 1:6

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."—Galatians 6:9

Harvest and Abundance October is synonymous with the harvest season, a time to reflect on the blessings we've received throughout the year. In the Bible, abundance often serves as a reminder of God's provision and generosity. As we gather our harvest, we can recognize the fruits of our labor in both the literal and spiritual sense. God teaches us that when we are grateful for what we have, we are encouraged to share it with others. Let's embrace the spirit of gratitude and generosity this October with these verses.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." – Galatians 5:22-23

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." – Proverbs 3:9-10

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.'" – Matthew 9:37

God's Guidance in Uncertain Times As the leaves turn and uncertainty fills the air, we may feel hesitant about what the future holds. October can stir a mix of emotions, but thankfully, we don't have to face the unknown alone. Throughout scripture, God promises to guide us and lead us on paths of righteousness. By trusting Him, we can navigate life's uncertainties with peace and confidence. Here are some verses to remind us of His unwavering support during times of ambiguity.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." – Psalm 32:8

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." – Psalm 119:105

Faith and Trust October marks a time when we are encouraged to reflect on the concept of faith and trust in God's promises. Every day, we are faced with opportunities to trust God in various situations, whether big or small. Maintaining a steadfast heart and committing our plans to the Lord allows us to see His faithfulness in action. During this month, let us draw strength from the following scripture verses as they inspire us to grow in our faith.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." – Hebrews 11:1

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." – Psalm 46:10

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." – John 14:1

October Bible Verses continued

Thankfulness and Gratitude October brings a beautiful reminder of thankfulness and gratitude. As we reflect on our blessings, we should celebrate with a heart full of praise. The Bible instructs us to be thankful in all circumstances, reminding us that our attitude of gratitude can change our perspective. As we count our blessings this month, let's dive into the following verses that encourage us to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness in our lives.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." – Philippians 4:6-7

Community and Fellowship In October, as we transition into the season of harvest, we're reminded of the importance of community and fellowship. We are meant to support one another, just as the Bible encourages us to bear each other's burdens. Surrounding ourselves with supportive believers can enrich our faith and bolster our spirit. Together, as a family of Christ, we can uplift one another through life's ups and downs. Let's explore these scriptures about community and fellowship during this month.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
– Hebrews 10:24-25

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Joy and Celebration October is also a wonderful time for joy and celebration! Fall festivals and gatherings fill our calendars, as we enjoy the gifts that life has to offer. The Bible teaches us that laughter and joy bring strength to our spirit, and celebrating with those we love can deepen our connections. As we take time to rejoice, let's reflect on these verses that inspire us to enjoy the joyful moments in our lives.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" – Philippians 4:4

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." – Proverbs 17:22

Hope and Future As we traverse through October, we may ponder the future and the blessings that lie ahead. The Bible encourages us to remain hopeful even when the present circumstances seem daunting. God has a beautiful plan for each of our lives, and our hope is what sustains us through difficult times. Let's look to the scriptures for assurance and inspiration regarding the hope that God provides.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." – Romans 5:5

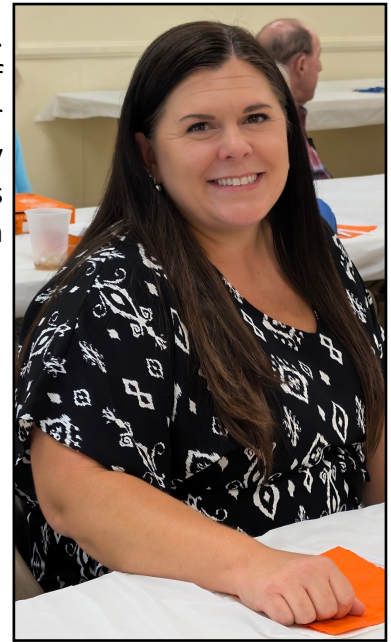
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28

Final Thoughts As we have explored the Bible verses about the month of October, we are reminded of the various themes that accompany this season. From change and transformation to gratitude and community, each scripture offers us a guiding light on our journey of faith. October provides us an opportunity to reflect on our blessings, nurture our relationships, and renew our hopes. Let us embrace the messages in these verses wholeheartedly, allowing them to inspire us as we go about our days. We can trust that God is with us, steadying our hearts and guiding our steps. Let us carry these lessons into our interactions with others, ensuring that we build each other up during this beautiful season. May our hearts be filled with joy, and our spirits lifted as we walk together in faith. As October unfolds, let us remember that we are not alone, and we can always turn to God's word for encouragement and direction. May God's love and grace be evident in our lives this month and always. Amen.

Pizza Lunch Memories



We enjoyed our speaker, Mrs. Ashley Bobbitt-Rook, Director of the Jo Story Senior Center for Active Adults. She shared many opportunities for senior adults going on at the center and in the Roanoke Valley community.



2026 Roanoke Valley Aging Expo

Thursday, October 1, 9am - 1:30pm

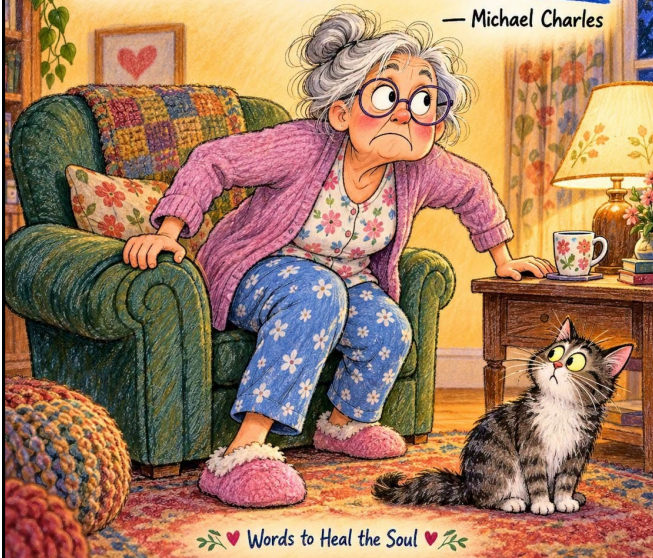
Meet Calvary's Senior Saints at 8:40am
outside the Center. Lunch will be provided.

Transportation will not be provided. No cost.

I USED TO BOUNCE BACK.

Now I make a noise,
hold onto the furniture
and wait for further instructions.

— Michael Charles



Words to Heal the Soul

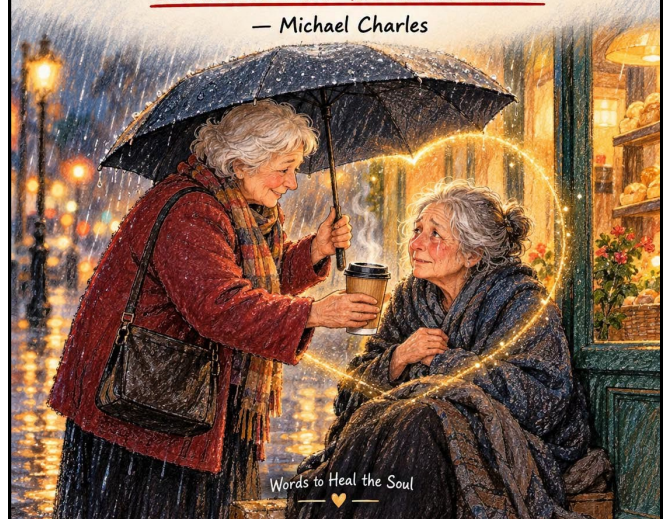
The SMALLEST KINDNESS can remain
in someone's heart for years.

What you barely remember doing may have
helped someone through a day they thought
they COULD NOT FACE.

Never underestimate the COMFORT YOU LEAVE BEHIND.

Someone may still be
GRATEFUL THAT YOU WERE THERE.

— Michael Charles



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Mission Opportunities

OCC Shoebox Meetings

**Every Tuesday in October at 6:30 p.m.
Upstairs in OCC Storage Rooms**

**Anyone who would like to help
pack boxes is welcome to attend.**

Shoebox October Collection

Money for shipping & processing boxes

**Donations of \$10 per shoebox gift is
critical for Operation Christmas Child.**

It provides for:

Collection - After shoebox gifts are dropped off at nearly 5,000 locations around the United States each year in November, trucks transport the precious cargo to eight different processing centers.

Processing - Eight processing center warehouses around the country are secured so that thousands of volunteers can inspect the shoebox gifts and prepare them for international shipment.

Shipping to Over 100 Countries - Ships, trucks, and airplanes transport millions of shoeboxes to the countries where they will be distributed. Once there, local churches use many modes of transportation to get them to children in need as a tangible expression of God's love.

Gospel Materials - Your \$10 donation to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way.

Your donation also provides The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children's language and distributed along with shoebox gifts.

Carolina Rest Home Christmas Store

Items will be needed for the Christmas store so residents can choose gifts for themselves or others. Toiletries, clothing items such as socks, etc. are great gifts. All items are free and will be gift wrapped by anyone who would like to attend.

The date will be confirmed and announced later.

OCC STEW **SALE**

**Saturday
October 10
\$12.00 per quart**



Jerry Moseley's Stew

**Pick up at 44 Vance Street
between 10 am to 12 noon.**

Place your order on the bulletin board at church.

Money goes towards shoebox postage which includes a Bible and the 12 lesson book, The Greatest Adventure, for each child who receives a shoebox.



Littleton Trip

Friday, October 23

**Meet at the
Veteran's Museum at
10:20am for tour at 10:30am.**

**Dutch Treat Lunch at Grandpa's Kitchen,
Browse Union Mission, Book Store,
and other unique shops.**

**Transportation not provided,
but you can carpool with friends.**

A Christmas Carol



**Sunday
November 22
2:30pm**

**Halifax Community
College Centre**

Cost: \$17.00 - Transportation not provided.

**Please sign up on the bulletin board
by October 15.**

2026 - 2027 Senior Saint's Booklet

Senior Saints booklets are available. You can find them on the table outside of Evelyn's office.

Senior Saint's Council

Carolyn Carter, Charlie & Joan Carter,
Linda Moore, Lou Smith, Maxine Stutmann,
and Robie and Brenda Vincent