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THE GOOD NEWS



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Happy Thanksgiving



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise; give thanks to him
and praise his name. — Psalm 100:4

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MULTIPLYING OUR IMAPCT:

A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND STEWARDSHIP

This October, Penny and I had the privilege of spending time with two of our church's vital mission partners: Samaritan's Purse and Operation Mobilization (OM Ships). Witnessing their work firsthand was a powerful reminder of how our collective giving and serving multiply our impact on a global scale. We are eager to share more of the stories and lessons from this trip with you during Church Family Night on November 11th.

During our visit, we were struck by the core mission of Samaritan's Purse: "Helping in Jesus' Name." This is a critical distinction; it is not simply about doing good deeds, but about understanding that ultimate, lasting good only occurs when people encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

This spiritual transformation is vividly seen in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Joey White, Senior Director of the program, asked us to share with you that these shoeboxes are far more than simple gifts. They create a spiritual moment that opens a child's heart to a lifelong, transformational relationship with Christ.

Joey shared a moving story from a recipient pastor who learned to "choose prayer over despair." After Muslim authorities initially refused permission to plant a church in his community, the pastor persisted in prayer. Eventually, the Lord softened the heart of a local Muslim Imam, who provided the land necessary to establish a church. The distribution of Christmas boxes served as the pivotal spiritual moment that opened the door for the Gospel in that community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sunday

Sunday, November 1, is Peanut Butter and Jelly Sunday. Please help restock the shelves at The Lord Cares ministry. A container is located near the table at the foot of the balcony stairs.

Newlywed

Congratulations to Betty Privette and Robert Fulmore who were married on Tuesday, September 29, at The Manor in Florence.

Newborn

Congratulations to Jason and Rosie Mayne on the birth of their daughter, Emma Rose, born Monday, October 19.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Emily Magnus and Joey Tucker and their family following the death of our dear friend, Engrim Tucker.

Ladies' Circles

Circle 1 meets Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10am in the McCown Bldg. Circle 3 meets Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10am in the McCown Bldg. Circle 4 meets Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11am in the church library.
TLC Items: canned potatoes, canned carrots, vegetable soup

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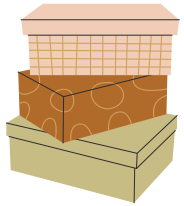
Help Prepare for Communion Sunday

We are looking for volunteers to help prepare for Communion Sundays! This is a meaningful eay to serve our church family and help prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. If you are willing to lend a had, we would love to have you join the team. Every helping hand makes a difference!
Interested in serving? Please contact Edie in the church office for more information

OPERATION

CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join us for our Shoebox Packing Party on Sunday, November 8 at 3pm in the McCown Building. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship! If there are items you have been meaning to bring, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.



Daylight Savings Time

Reminder ~ time changes on Sunday, November 1.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour the evening before.

While these global stories are inspiring, I also want to encourage you to see how serving within our own church in Jesus' name impacts our members, our community, and your own spiritual walk. Serving in His name means expecting Jesus to do great things through our unique gifts as well as the work we bring.

While touring the disaster relief operations for Samaritan's Purse, we learned something that may encourage those of you who feel unqualified to help. Many people hesitate to volunteer because they lack construction or technical skills. However, we were told that the greatest need is not actually for builders, but for prayer warriors. If you can sit with someone who has lost everything and pray with them, you are performing the most important work of all.

These two weeks reinforced for me that true stewardship encompasses both giving and serving in Jesus' name. As you prepare to turn in your pledge cards, please know that your financial stewardship has a massive ripple effect. Our Mission Committee prays and discerns carefully to ensure our giving reaches those who need it most, and it was exciting to see exactly how your generosity is impacting the world.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. Please join us in praying in 2027 that our "giving and serving in Jesus' name" will continue to create spiritual moments that lead others into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

– Pastor Kevin, "Onward and Upward in Christ" (Phil. 3:13-14)

Family Focus:

Prayer is for Sinners Like Us

by: Kelly Hayes

John Bunyan, the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, famously stated, "The best prayer I ever prayed had enough sin to damn the whole world." This great saint had been imprisoned for preaching, but he still understood the weight of his own sin. He had given up much for the gospel, but still grasped that he was in desperate need of that gospel. Even his most godly acts, like prayer, were tainted by sin. And this is true for all of us.

But the reason our prayers make it to God's ears is not our own merit. We can't earn an audience with the King. But He still loves to hear us. Why? Because of the righteousness of Christ that is applied to all who trust in Him. Listen to how Bunyan came to understand this:

"But one day as I was passing into the field, with some dashes on my conscience, fearing yet that all was not right, suddenly this sentence fell upon my soul, 'Your righteousness is in heaven.' I thought I saw with the eyes of my soul Jesus Christ at God's right hand. There was my righteousness. Wherever I was, or whatever I was doing, God could not say of me that I lacked His righteousness, for that was ever before Him. Moreover, I saw that it was not my good frame of heart that made my righteousness better, nor yet my bad frame that made my righteousness worse, for my righteousness was Jesus Christ Himself, 'the same yesterday, today, and for ever.'"

Why would God hear a sinful man's prayer? Because all who are in Christ have the righteousness of Christ and have been made right with God. Therefore, if you are a believer, you have free access to God's ear. He loves to hear you pour out your heart. And He loves to respond with mercy and grace.

RightNow Media

In a digital world, having access to video Bible-studies, Christian kids-shows, songs, and other digital-discipleship tools can help you and your family follow Jesus. So sign up (for FREE) to access thousands of biblical resources on your phone, tablet, smart-TV, or computer through RightNowMedia! To register on your phone, simply text DPC to 49775. Or visit darlingtonpres.org and click the RightNowMedia button on the homepage.

Help for At-Home Discipleship

Our church believes that "the spiritual nurture, instruction, and training of the children of the church are committed by God primarily to their parents." So, we are providing an at-home Bible guide that you can use to lead your family in a short time of daily devotion. It takes no preparation and is for all-ages. (And if you don't have kids at home, it is good for individuals and couples too). Just scan this QR code to find it online. A printed version is also included in the bulletin.



2 Wesley Oates
5 Mike Harris
7 Wayne Howle
8 Sarah S. Blackmon
8 Eliza Dargan
9 Grace Cauley
10 Davis Ivey
11 Echo Macdonald
12 Corey Flowers
13 Edwin Dargan
15 Denise Butler
15 Jim Carroll
16 Wynde Edwards
16 Bentley Oates
17 Ben Balazs
17 Madalynne Orr
18 Frank Cole
19 Wil Matthews
20 Elle Fleming
20 Randy Haynes
22 Bill Abbott
22 Julian McLennan
22 Mary Scott
23 Ryan Weaver
25 Rob Jordan
26 Kristie Flowers
27 Tracy Mitcheltree
28 Stephen Carroll
30 Susan Flowers

Psalm 34:17-18 says,
"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit."

The Lord hears your cry. And your sins and failures can't overcome the righteousness applied to your life. God loves to hear the prayers of saints who are still fighting sin. The devil wants to condemn you and say that God would never listen to your sin-stained voice. But how false that lie is! Do you remember the "tax collector, standing far off, [who] would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'"? (Luke 18:13). He walked away that day justified.

God was pleased to hear his prayer.

So let me challenge you today: let your house be a house of prayer. Pray alone. Pray with your family. Pray at meals. Pray at bedtime. Pray when you get bad news. Pray when you watch the news. Pray. Pray. Pray.

How would your home be different if it was constantly connected to God's throne room in heaven? How would your home be different if you were constantly leaning on the righteousness of Christ to come before your Lord? How would your home be different if sin didn't keep you from praying, but drove you to your knees to seek God's mercy?

And how would our church, our city, our world be changed by the work of God in response to the prayers of the families of our church? In 2 Corinthians 1:11, Paul urged the church to pray, saying, "You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many."

You must help us by prayer. Because God's blessing can be granted through the prayers of many sinners like us.



Ladies, Save the Date!

DPC Women in Ministry invite you to our third biennial Women's Spiritual Event on Saturday, February 27, 2027 in the McCown Building.

This special day will include morning and afternoon sessions, lunch, fellowship and time in God's Word, led by our guest speaker, Elizabeth Poplin of Charlotte, N.C., founder and teacher of Awaken Charlotte. Elizabeth is passionate about helping women deepen their understanding of Scripture and is a frequent speaker at churches, conferences and retreats.

Attendance will be limited to 120 women, so watch for registration information coming soon!

When: Saturday, February 27, 2027
Where: McCown Building

Lunch will be provided! Save the date & invite a friend to join you!



Love a Mom by Inviting Her to MomCo!

Our church has a group for discipling and encouraging moms called MomCo, and you can make a difference by inviting a co-worker, friend, child, or neighbor. This is a simple way for you to help connect moms (and families) to the church, and to love moms who are in need of Christ-centered support. The group meets during Church Family Night which means there are many family-benefits. Do you know moms that would love to join us for a meal that they don't have to cook or clean-up, a discipleship program for their kids, a great study for spouses, and a meaningful group to support them through motherhood? Take a moment to invite. You can make a difference.

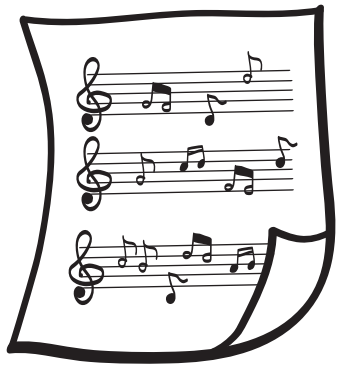
MUSIC MINISTRY

by: Cole Davis

Consider supporting our music ministry! Whether it be through participation or attendance at one of our special events, we welcome you! The Chancel Choir helps lead worship every Sunday morning and rehearses every Wednesday at 7:00pm. The next major event for the choir is our annual Christmas concert, scheduled for Sunday, December 20. Our Handbell Choir will also make an appearance in the Christmas concert. The Praise Team leads Wednesday evening devotionals and sings once a month during regular morning worship services. Our Youth and have the opportunity to join any of these ensembles as well as sing as their own group when necessary.

We have many opportunities for you all to get involved and we welcome ALL levels of ability!

Rehearsal Times for Choir
Wednesday, October 28 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, November 4 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, November 11 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, November 18 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 2 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 9 @ 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 16 @ 7:00pm
Saturday, December 19 @ 10:00am



Rehearsal Times for Handbells
Saturday, December 5 @ 10:00am
Saturday, December 12 @ 10:00am
Saturday, December 19 @ 9:00am

Thank you, DPC, for your love and support!

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." –Matthew 5:16

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT
JANUARY 15-18,2027

Register by: 11/23

Cost: $250 (scholarships are available- see Kelly)

Who? Middle and high school students are invited.

What? Activities at Ober Gatlinburg (skiing, skating, and more!) along with a worship service, hiking, and fun at our AirBnB. Additionally, there will be intentional discipleship experiences designed specifically for our church's youth.

Where? We will be traveling to Gatlinburg, TN on Friday. Our Saturday activities will be at Ober Gatlinburg. On Sunday, we plan to attend a church service and experience Great Smoky Mountain National Park. On Monday, we will return home.

When? This will happen on MLK weekend (Jan 15-18, 2027). The deadline to sign up is November 23.

Why?
- **Fellowship:** We are working to build a community of spiritual friendships among our youth.
- **Faith:** We want to spend focused attention on what it means to know, love, and follow Christ.
- **Fun:** We want to have a great time!

How?
Register on our website by 11/23. You will need to choose the Skiing track or the Adventure Pass (non-skiing) track because we will need to purchase different tickets for skiers and non-skiers.

After the registration deadline, Kelly will send additional waivers and information to those who have signed up.

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion ***PB&J Sunday*** Officers' Breakfast 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Worship - 11am Youth Group 5-7pm Daylight Saving Time Ends	**2** WM Council – 5:30pm (McCown Bldg)	**3** Men's Prayer Breakfast–7am (Taki's)	**4** Church Family Night - 5:15pm Bible Study - 6:15pm MomCo, Kids & Youth - 6:15pm Praise Band Practice - 6:15pm Chancel Choir - 7pm	**5** Exercise Class - 11am (McCown Bldg) Study Club 3-5pm (McCown)	**6**	**7**
8 Shoebox Packing Party - 3pm (McCown Bldg) Youth Group – 5-7pm	**9**	**10** Men's Prayer Breakfast – 7am (Taki's) Circle 1 – 10am (McCown Bldg)	**11** Church Family Night - 5:15pm Bible Study - 6:15pm MomCo, Kids & Youth - 6:15pm Praise Band Practice - 6:15pm Chancel Choir - 7pm	**12**	**13**	**14** Circle 3 - 10am (McCown Bldg) Circle 4 – 11am (Library)
15 Deacons – 4:30pm (Library) Thankful for Youth 5-7pm	**16**	**17** Men's Prayer Breakfast – 7am (Taki's)	**18** Church Family Night - 5:15pm Bible Study - 6:15pm MomCo, Kids & Youth - 6:15pm Praise Band Practice - 6:15pm Chancel Choir - 7pm	**19** Exercise Class - 11am (McCown Bldg)	**20**	**21**
22 Thanksgiving Offering Concert – 4pm (sanctuary) Youth Group – 5-7pm	**23**	**24** Men's Prayer Breakfast – 7am (Taki's)	**25** No Church Family Night Office Closes at Noon	**26** Thanksgiving Office Closed	**27**	**28**
29 First Sunday in Advent No Youth Group	**30** Session – 5:30pm (Library)					