



The Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church **ANNOUNCER**

OCTOBER 2025

*Mankind, He has told you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you:
to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

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The last month has been a difficult one with much of the good overshadowed by two school shootings (Minnesota and Colorado), 1 military shooting (Ft. Stewart, GA), and the assassination of Charlie Kirk, a skilled apologist for both conservative values and the Gospel. While all of these are tragedies, the one that has clearly received the most media attention is the Kirk assassination. Many are in an uproar over the brutal murder of someone who has opened dialogue and championed values. Every news station has carried the story as people search for who to blame. Certainly, his murderer receives a significant portion of the blame. However, the accusations have not stopped there. People have turned to blaming video games, talk shows, the political left, the 2nd amendment, and even Charlie Kirk himself.

What we are really seeing is confusion on all sides. Everyone is asking "What do we do now?". How do we handle the frustration, anger, and sadness we are feeling? Do we hold a candlelight vigil for Charlie? Do we look at changing gun control laws? Do we fire the people who have publicly rejoiced in Charlie Kirk's death? Do we take to the streets with signs saying, "I am Charlie Kirk"?

On Saturday (September 13th) I received an email from the Southern Baptist Convention asking pastors across the nation to sign their "Statement of Lament and a Call for Justice." So far 4,197 pastors have signed. This statement talks about the evils of murder, condemns retaliatory violence, and seeks to mourn with Charlie's wife Erika and their children. All of these I wholeheartedly agree with. However, it also states "We call for righteousness and justice and for the lawful prosecution of the assassin...". While we should seek justice and righteousness, we should also be instruments of mercy and grace.

Does Charlie Kirk's murderer deserve punishment? Of course! Law enforcement will take care of that. Should he get the death penalty? Maybe. That's not for us to decide. The choice that we have to make is if we will respond as instruments of judgment (most of which is rooted in our hurt and anger), or if we will choose to be instruments of mercy.

Let's mourn for the Kirk family. Let's strive for a nation that is more in-line with biblical principles. But let us not cross over into anger. Let us be instruments of mercy and forgiveness, just as Jesus, Stephen, Peter, Paul and so many others were ("Father forgive them..." Luke 23:34). We can condemn evil while being instruments of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.



WORSHIP MATTERS

Pastor Scott

A September to Remember

I'd like to take a brief look back at the month of September. Not surprisingly, like so many at this time of year, your calendar gets filled to overflowing. Yes, it can be overwhelming and draining, but if I asked if you have wished that you wouldn't have done any of those things, the answer would have been "Naah".

Early in the month, I helped lead and participate in the JHBC Golf Tournament. It's something I've been involved with for several years now and is a favorite event of mine. I was pleased my brother Doug was able to come over from Iowa to play on my team, along with Gary McCollough and Richard Brunson (Baptists on Men, Exec. Director). It was an outstanding day. We were privileged to have Sandy Marks, Pastoral Ministry Strategist with the Baptist State Convention of NC as our guest speaker. He did a great job sharing the gospel in the context of the game of golf, explaining how Jesus can cover our mis-hits into the sand trap or rough of life if we ask Him to. That's my 20-word summary of his 15-minute talk. We had possibly our largest group ever (67) participate, which included 3 women, which was also great.

The very next day after the golf tournament, I was privileged to be a part of the 13-member group that headed to Swannanoa, NC to take part in the Hurricane Helene Rebuild that has been going on now for about a year. Baptists on Mission is making a huge investment in time, money, and labor in that area. There are five 'rebuild centers' spread across western NC, designed to assist homeowners affected by Hurricane Helene. One is temporarily located at FBC, Swannanoa (where we stayed), but there is a larger facility being completed in nearby Black Mountain. I happened to work on a team of five men from JHBC at that facility. It was originally a senior living center but eventually came into disrepair. Baptists on Mission has purchased it, is investing hundreds of thousands of dollars, and both paid and volunteer labor into it to get it ready to house future volunteers who will be working and serving the people of that area, helping them get back into their rebuilt or new homes. Estimates are that it will take at least four to five years to address all the needs that were created when Hurricane Helene came through. So far, more than 16,000 volunteers have been a part of this critical ministry. I am excited to say that we will be seeking to schedule additional dates where the people of JHBC can go serve those on both the east and west sides of the state, who continue to be impacted by the devastation of recent hurricanes. Consider how you may be able to be a part of that effort.

The last thing I want to highlight is the "Pig-Pickin' and BBQ Sauce Contest", held on Sunday, Sept. 21. I have to admit that as we got closer to the date, our "Pig-Pickin'" turned into a "Pork-Pickin'". We determined that the smoker we had access to may not be quite large enough for a whole hog, so we ended up just smoking 10 port butts. I just didn't feel right using the term "Pig-Pickin'" when we wouldn't have a whole hog with an apple in its mouth laying out on the table. In the end, it was a wonderful event, thanks to the work of the members of the Family Ministry Team, Ray Carter and a group of guys who oversaw the smoking of the meat, and a host of volunteers who led the games and ran the kitchen (we have an awesome Social Committee!). There were 13 entrants in the BBQ Sauce Contest which was judged by four firemen from Station 2 across the street, as well as Annette and Brad Schlitz of BS BBQ. First place went to Jay Mitchell, and second place went to Patrick Snipes. In addition to the eatin', there was a high-action kickball game, corn-hole, golf putting and chipping, axe-throwing, bingo with prizes, and a sing-along led by the Crooners. I'd have to say it was one of the best examples of an all-church event I've seen. Around 140 people from every age group were there, having a great time and loving on one another. It was a great thing to see.

Not every month is like this, but I am happy this one was, and a little relieved it's over. But I can't wait to see what God has in store for October!



Deacon's Corner – October 2025

Submitted by Belinda Bond

As we look around the world today there seems to be a new focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many may disagree with that statement, but be encouraged and take time to intentionally look for God moving among us at JHBC, Sanford, and the world. The image of God walking with his people dates back to the Garden of Eden, and it continued with the Israelites. The prophet Ezekiel recorded God's promise, "I will make my dwelling among you... And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people" (Ezekiel 37:27). Stop, look, and listen. Now more than ever, more and more people are hungry for the hope, and peace that Jesus will provide. God moves in mysterious ways. For example, he used a pagan king's decree to move Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, fulfilling a prophecy that the Messiah would be born there (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-2). He also used crises, such as famine, to relocate Jacob and his family to Egypt for their preservation (Genesis 45:5-8). Yes, we live in a world in which we brace ourselves for the next unknown upheaval that may arise, but rest assured, God is moving! It is an exciting time to be a believer in Jesus Christ, the Risen Savior!

Deacons's Meeting Summary: September 9, 2025

- Opening Guided Prayer
- Devotional: "Making Godly Decisions" Belinda Bond
- Pastor/Staff Reports
- Financial Budget/Overview
- Family Ministry Contact Discussion/Prayer
- Outreach Ministry Reports
- Bylaws/policy revision for Associate Searches (strategic direction for personnel/church needs & vision guidance)
- Business Meeting Preparation
- Ordination of Ray Carter/planning
- Leadership Retreat/Planning/Nov. 1st
- Strategic Planning- Deacons' Goals
- Next Deacon's Meeting - Monday October 6, 2025



Thank You!

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
Thank you for your continued support of Meals On Wheels of Sanford. Your generous donations make it possible for many clients to receive a hot meal who cannot afford it themselves. We also provide extra meals for the weekend when meals are not delivered. May each of you be blessed as you have blessed many.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Meals On Wheels of Sanford

Dear JHBC,
Thank you from CUOC for your faithful giving over the years. What a blessing you are to CUOC.

Sincerely,
Teresa Kelly

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
On behalf of the Breadbasket of Lee County and our team, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to help feed the hungry of Lee County. It is truly uplifting to know that donors like you make a significant impact on the lives of those we serve. Your support enables us to continue our mission of serving the community and we could not accomplish this without your help.

Thank you again for your generosity,
Sue Vester
Treasurer
Breadbasket Board of Directors

Dear JHBC,
Thank you for your generous gift to Operation Mobilization. Your generosity supports our worldwide effort to see a vibrant community of Jesus followers within reach of everyone. Together we will continue this mission until all have heard.

Sincerely,
Andrew Ginsberg
President and CEO
Operation Mobilization



Thank You!

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
Your generous gifts bring dignity and hope to almost 2800 retirement-aged Southern Baptist ministers, workers, and widows. Many recipients describe your kindness as "gifts from above". With every gift to Mission Dignity, you offer more than financial assistance - you offer dignity, encouragement, and a reminder that recipients are not forgotten.
Gratefully giving with you,
Denny Gorena
Manager, Donor Relations
Mission Dignity

Dear JHBC,
Thank you for your generous gift. Your gifts help us to continue offering free life affirming services. Thank you for your partnership.
Sincerely,
Reach Out Pregnancy Center

Dear Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church,
Thank you for your donation to Family Promise of Lee County. Your donation will be a great help to the families of our program. It is because of support from churches like yours, that we have been able to serve over 528 families since 2011. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Tamara Brogan
Family Promise of Lee County





Prayer

for Our Pastor

O almighty God, who by Your Son Jesus Christ
gave to Your holy apostles many excellent gifts
and commanded them faithfully
to feed Your flock, we ask You to bless
our pastor that he may diligently preach Your holy Word,
and grant us grace to believe Your saving Gospel
and obediently follow the teachings of Your Word,
that we may receive the crown of everlasting glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar



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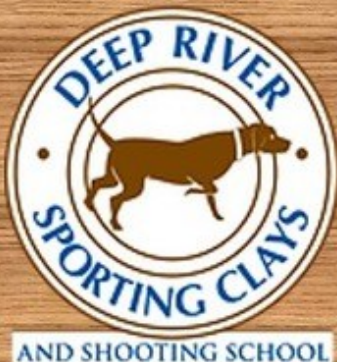
Mark Your Calendar

A promotional graphic for a 'Loaded Potato Bar Fundraiser'. The background is a light-colored wooden surface. In the top left, a silver knife and fork are partially visible. In the top right, there are green leafy vegetables. The main title 'LOADED POTATO BAR' is in large, bold, black letters, with 'FUNDRAISER' in white letters on a red banner below it. Below the title, a line of text reads 'NOTHING BETTER THAN A BAKED POTATO—HELP OUR YOUTH ATTEND SUMMER CAMP!'. To the right of this text is a circular inset image showing two baked potatoes topped with melted cheese, bacon, and green onions. Below the text, the date 'SUNDAY 10.19.2025' is displayed in large black letters. To the right of the date, it says 'IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP' and 'MCDOWELL HALL'. At the bottom left, a red banner contains the text 'TICKETS \$10' and 'Tickets go on sale Sunday, Sept 21'.

JHBC Baptist Men Shooting Event

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2:30 pm

**Deep River Sporting Clays, Sanford
Sporting Clays Course – 50 shots**



- Register on Bulletin Board by Sunday, Oct. 12
- \$35 per person
- Arrive by 2:30 pm – 284 Cletus Hall Rd., Sanford
- Gun rental and ammo available (7.5, 8, 9 shot only)
- Eye and ear protection required (available for purchase)
- Outreach Event - Invite a friend!



Are You on Lookout?

Back in my high school days, I had some friends who convinced me to be a monitoring judge for a road rally. There was a course set throughout the county for contestants to decipher clues and then drive down certain roads ending up back at a designated place. The judges were strategically placed in secret spots recording which cars who were in the rally actually passed by them. This was set up into a point system from which the winners would be determined.

When the time came, I was driven to my spot which was a very remote road in the county. I was tucked away in a wooded area and was told to watch every car that drove by between certain times and simply record it on the official score pad. I was given final instructions to be very vigilant. It seemed easy enough.

The problem was that the cars that drove by that day on that lonely country road were few and far between. Due to that, I became very bored and began to become distracted. I could hear squirrels rustling in the leaves behind me. I noticed the sounds of birds piercing through the silence. I surmised that if I went and did a little exploring in the woods, I would still hear the sound of vehicles coming from a distance and would have time to make it back to my post to record them going by. So I temporarily abandoned my duty to check out the fascinating world of the woods.

When I was picked up and taken to the rally finish spot, the chief judge was taken aback by my nearly empty score sheet. After his inquiry as to why my page was virtually blank, I had to fess up. Apparently, I had become so engrossed with the flora and fauna that I missed several cars going by. They had no recourse but to ignore my section of the contest. I was thoroughly embarrassed.

How many people today, I wonder, are distracted by the things of the world and will be totally unprepared when Jesus comes back? Make sure that you are ready – waiting and watching – every day for Jesus' return. Peter reminds us that we are to be looking for, hastening, and even looking forward to the day Christ comes back (1 Pet. 3:11-14). Are you on the lookout?

*Edd Sterchi
Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY*

NEWS FROM WMU (Women's Missionary Union)

It is still 90 degrees outside, but it is time for us to already be thinking about Christmas and the needs of others. For the ladies of the WMU (and all church members) it is also time to start collecting items for the Red Box Ministry through our state WMU for the women incarcerated in our state women's prison. For many women this is the only Christmas present they receive. We need your help to fill these boxes with basic supplies. JHBC will be collecting shampoo 16-20 oz plastic bottles (NO conditioner in the shampoo, only shampoo and only this size) and lotion 8-11 oz plastic bottles, NO pump bottles. Our goal is to collect **150** bottles of **shampoo** and **100** bottles of **lotion**. These items can be found at any dollar store (Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Family Dollar). There will be a red container in the Mission Depot to collect these items. Our collection period is **September 1 through October 5**. If you do not want to shop but are willing to help, we will shop for you if you give us the cash. See Mary Hawley Oates or Sheila Stevens if you have any questions. Just another way to show the love of Christ to those who need to see and feel his love through your kindness.

Operation Christmas Child Mission Project 2025

It's never too soon to start your Operation Christmas Child 2025 shoebox packing. November collection events and deadlines are quickly approaching. Our generous JHBC congregation packed over 610 shoeboxes in 2024 which became part of the over 11 million shoeboxes packed last year. Shoeboxes bring small toys, clothing items, hygiene products and school supplies to children around the world - many of whom have never received any type of gift. More important than the small gift is the message of hope and salvation that each box brings. The OCC shoeboxes are truly GO boxes - Gospel Opportunity boxes - for each box contains "The Greatest Gift", a Gospel story booklet in the child's native language.

How To Get Involved:

- Pack a shoebox
- Help with packing events
- Donate funds or shoebox items
- PRAY!



Dates To Remember:

- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - AWANA packing 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 13, 2025 - Senior adult packing 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 16, 2025 - Blessing of OCC shoeboxes 11:00 a.m. worship service

Thank you for your participation in Operation Christmas Child. Please contact Alice Gilchrist or Sheila Stevens with any questions.



October 1 - Sarah Griffin

October 4 - Angie Wood

April Charland

October 5 - Karen Holt

October 6 - Jo Ann Vance

October 8 - Jeanette Al Habib

Albert Buchanan

Belinda Bond

Addison Warren

October 11 - Phillip Fields

October 13 - Mickie Rebello

Kevin Young

Marley Criss

October 14 - Tom Janysek

October 16 - Sara Criss

October 17 - Lynne Janysek

October 21 - Ray Carter

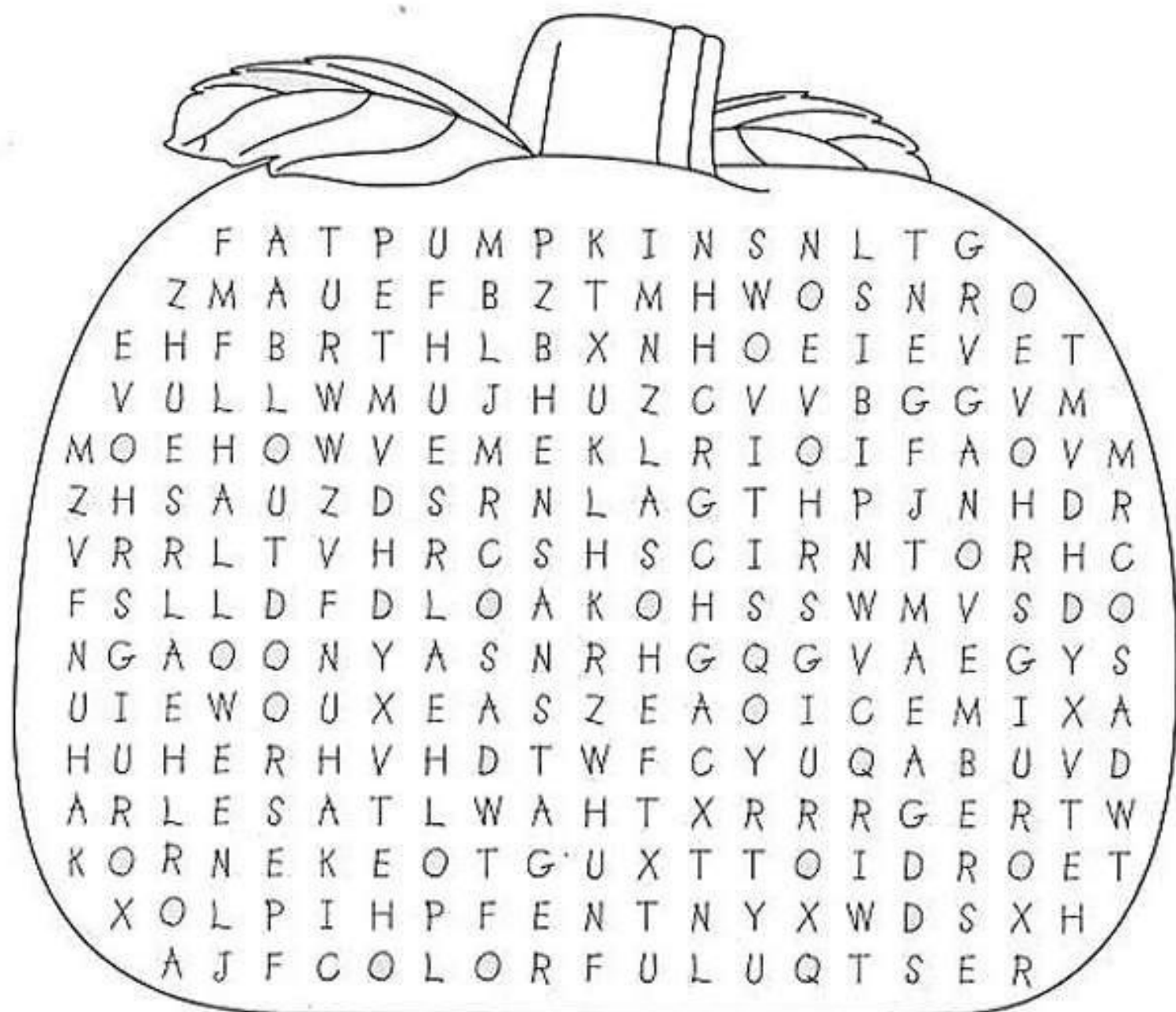
Reagan Davidson

October 26 - Calvin Sayles

October 27 - Tina Largent



Find and circle the fall words from the word list.



Word List

AUTUMN
COLORFUL
FARMERS
FIELDS

GOURDS
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYRIDE

LEAVES
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
OUTDOORS

PUMPKINS
SCARECROW
THANKSGIVING



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
August 2025

Accounts		Amount	
Assets			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	\$85,507.18		
General Fund	\$67,597.94		
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$60,197.18		
Facilities Funds	\$104,334.96		
Money Market			
Total Checking/Savings	\$317,637.26		
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed			
Investments/Endowments	\$16,546.21		
	\$917,988.33	\$1,252,171.80	
Total Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97		
Contra Asset Account	(\$7,942.44)	\$3,090,580.53	Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled
Total Assets		\$4,342,752.33	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payroll Liabilities	\$3,021.64		
Facilities	\$0.00		Total facilities security deposits
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,021.64		
Mortgage Payable			
BB&T Loan Land	\$0.00		Loan has a zero balance.
Total Mortgage Payable	\$0.00		
Total Liabilities		\$3,021.64	
Equity			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$4,205,898.82		Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$45,228.72		Total revenue minus expenses for the year
Total Unrestricted	\$4,251,127.54		
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$88,603.15	\$4,339,730.69	
Total Equity		\$4,342,752.33	
Total Liabilities & Equity			
Income August 2025		\$54,128.86	
Expenses August 2025		\$51,335.03	
Net (Loss)		\$2,793.83	
2024-2025 Total Income		\$620,549.36	
2024-2025 Total Expenses		\$575,320.84	
2024-2025 Net		\$45,228.52	



October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
		<div>Happy Fall Y'all</div>	<div>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:45 pm AWANA 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
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<div>9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Christmas Choir Luncheon and Rehearsal 2:00 pm Lauren Floyd Baby Shower</div>	<div>6:30 pm Deacons Meeting</div>	<div>10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Missions and Outreach</div>	<div>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:45 pm AWANA 5:45 pm Youth Worship 6:00 pm Band Rehearsal 6:15 pm Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>3:00 pm HHCT 6:00 pm BMCT</div>	<div>Office Closed</div>	<div>5:30 pm Bonfire and Snores Children's Event</div>
<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>
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<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
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RETURN SERVICE REQUEST



GREETERS

Brian & Amy Barnes

LOCKUP & SECURITY

October 5 - Patrick Snipes
October 12 - Preston Perdue
October 19 - Tony Rebello
October 26 - David Largent



Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 150
11 AM Worship Service - 207

Sunday, September 14, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 143
11 AM Worship Service - 186

Sunday, September 21, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 145
11 AM Worship Service - 187

Sunday, September 28, 2025

9:45 AM Sunday School - 132
11 AM Worship Service - 190