



# November 2023

## Newsletter

### Our Memory Verse for November is:

Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Jude 1:2 KJV

### November 2023 Reading Schedule

Day 1	Jeremiah 22-24	Day 16	Ezekiel 9-12
Day 2	Jeremiah 25-27	Day 17	Ezekiel 13-15
Day 3	Jeremiah 28-30	Day 18	Ezekiel 16-18
Day 4	Jeremiah 31-33	Day 19	Ezekiel 19-21
Day 5	Jeremiah 34-36	Day 20	Ezekiel 22-24
Day 6	Jeremiah 37-39	Day 21	Ezekiel 25-27
Day 7	Jeremiah 40-42	Day 22	Ezekiel 28-30
Day 8	Jeremiah 43-45	Day 23	Ezekiel 31-33
Day 9	Jeremiah 46-48	Day 24	Ezekiel 34-36
Day 10	Jeremiah 49-52	Day 25	Ezekiel 37-39
Day 11	2 Peter 1-3	Day 26	Ezekiel 40-42
Day 12	Lamentations 1-3	Day 27	Ezekiel 43-45
Day 13	Lamentations 4-5	Day 28	Ezekiel 46-48
Day 14	Ezekiel 1-4	Day 29	1 John 1-5
Day 15	Ezekiel 5-8	Day 30	Daniel 1-3

# SAVE THE DATE

## Meetings/Gatherings this Month:

- Saturday, November 4th: Fall Fest 8:00am to 2:00pm  
Friday, November 10th: Youth going to Judgment House in Goldsboro leave at 5:30pm  
Sunday, November 12th: Veteran's Recognition Service  
Monday, November 13th: Levada Driver Circle Group @ 2:00pm in the FMC  
Monday, November 13th: Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC  
Tuesday, November 14th: O.W.L.S. going to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory @ 9:00am  
Tuesday, November 14th: Baptist Men Meeting @6:00pm  
Friday, November 17th: Children going to Kennedy Home for Fall Party and Balloon Twisting  
Monday, November 20th: Vera Hocutt Circle Group  
Monday, November 20th: Administrative Team Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC  
Tuesday, November 21st: Pie Night; After Bible Study groups we will have desserts and fellowship  
Monday, November 27th: Deacon Meeting @ 7:00pm in the FMC  
Tuesday, November 28th: O.W.L.S. Meeting @ 9:30am in the FMC

## Every Wednesday:

- Mission Marketplace Open for Shopping 7:30am to 12:00pm  
Wednesday Night Meal 5:00pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study at 6:00pm  
Wednesday Bible Study Groups at 6:30pm (Adult & Children)

## Future Events coming up:

- Sunday, December 10th: Christmas Cantata during 11am Worship Service  
Saturday, December 16th: Live Nativity at 6:30pm  
Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Communion Service at 10:00am



**Fall Fest**  
Baptist Tabernacle Church  
1599 NC Hwy 231  
Wendell, NC 27591

**Saturday, November 4th**  
8:00am to 2:00pm

Flea Market-Craft Shop-Country Store-Live Auctions-50/50  
Raffle-Children's Activity Corner-Balloon Animals-Face  
Painting-Prayer Time

Breakfast-8:00am-10:00am Biscuits (Bacon/Ham/Sausage/Cheese) & Grits	Lunch-10:30am-1:00pm Hot Dogs/Chips Pints of Pork BBQ & Brunswick Stew
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Live Auctions start at 1:00pm after 50/50 Raffle Drawing

All proceeds go to assist in our local mission outreach.

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<p><b>First Responders &amp; Healthcare Worker's Appreciation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Sunday School</li> <li>11am Children's Church</li> <li>11am Worship Service</li> </ul>		<p><b>O.W.L.S. Bus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am O.W.L.S. Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>8-12 Flea Market</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Wednesday Night Meal</li> <li>6pm Youth</li> <li>6:30pm Adult Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Children's Programs</li> <li>7pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>			<p><b>8-2 Fall Fest</b></p>
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## November Birthdays

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| 1st  | Colin Creech<br>Jane Strickland                                   | 21st | Danny Hocutt<br>Joan Watson                            |
| 2nd  | Anthony Hill  | 22nd | Lucas Lane<br>Leon Jones                               |
| 3rd  | Kaitlin Glover<br>Tammy Pruden<br>Ricky Watson                    | 23rd | Tim Davis  |
| 4th  | Isaac Worley  | 25th | Lillie Marie Scott<br>Scott Stewart<br>Ryan Hargreaves |
| 5th  | Carrie Sellers  | 26th | Annette Brock<br>Noah Justice                          |
| 6th  | Jamy Wheeler<br>Brittany Mack                                     | 27th | Kayla Scott<br>Kenneth Jones                           |
| 9th  | Pam Earp<br>Greg Gidding<br>R.J. Sellers, Jr<br>Allie Ann Sellers | 28th | Lewis Carroll<br>Wesley Dunbar<br>Tommy Perry          |
| 10th | Cathy Farriss<br>Scarlette O'Neal                                 | 29th | Jacob Worley   |
| 12th | Kenneth Driver<br>James Ray Ferrell                               |      |  |
| 14th | Hannah Norwood<br>Celia Horton<br>Jessica Hill                    |      |  |
| 15th | Brandon Peebles   |      |  |
| 16th | Phyllis Langston<br>Shelley Morris<br>Nancy Watson                |      |  |
| 18th | Cheryl Whitley  |      |  |
| 20th | John Butler   |      |  |



## November Anniversaries

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| 1st  | Gene & Jenny Butler                         |
| 2nd  | Carl & Anna Creech                          |
| 3rd  | Glen & Celia Horton                         |
| 5th  | Randy & Ashelyn Briggerman                  |
| 7th  | Randy & Dale Driver<br>Fred & Carol Flowers |
| 13th | Mike & Susie Peoples                        |
| 15th | Richard & Kathy Smith                       |
| 22nd | Wayne & Kelly Currie                        |
| 24th | Ricky & Patsy Narron                        |
| 25th | Ray & Dana Hocutt                           |
| 29th | Ray & Donna Smith                           |

## What are our Ministry Teams up to?

### Pastoral Team (Ricky Narron-Team Leader/Jimmy Faison-Co-Leader):

The Deacons continue to visit shut-ins with calls, cards, and prayers. God is good today, tomorrow, and all the time!

### Administrative Team (David Hughes -Team Leader/Ricky Watson -Co-Leader):



The Administrative Team continues to meet monthly to discuss and manage our required responsibilities of reviewing the previous monthly financial report, including the income, expenditures, all Ministry Team's expenditures for the month, as well as the investments we have through Edward Jones. Specifics discussed at the past meeting were the increases in the deductibles in the Church Insurance for 2024 and the increase in the premium. Also, we discussed the need to add an Errors and Omissions rider to the Liability Insurance. We also discussed the continuing emails received from Church Mutual about who the property manager is. It was decided that this should be one of the Building and Grounds Team. We will discuss that with them. We also decided that we would deposit \$10,000 from our general checking account in a CD at KS Bank in Wendell that will allow us to get a credit card from them. The credit card was applied for on October 17. As of now, they have asked for additional information prior to approval. At the request of the Leadership Team, we made some changes to the Rayford and Lillian Driver Scholarship Guidelines and updated the Guidelines for use of the Church buildings to allow dancing at wedding receptions in the FMC for father/daughter, mother/son, and bride/groom dances only. These changes were provided to the Leadership Team at the October meeting for their review and approval.

This month we will provide the change to the Guidelines for use of the Sanctuary, Family Ministry Center, and the Education Building. The change is specifically to allow for dancing at weddings in the FMC. This was approved at the October Church Conference. New pages will be provided to all holders of the Constitution and By-Laws.

**If you do not have a copy of the Constitution & By-Laws, please contact the Church Secretary for a copy.**

If you have any questions concerning the Administrative Team or our meetings, please contact one of the members. They are: **Chair, David Hughes, Members:** Ricky Watson, Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, Juan Trippe, Crystal Baker, and Joyce Creech (ex-officio).

### **Guidelines for use of the Sanctuary, Family Ministry Center, and the Education Building.**

The change applies only to the Family Ministry Center. It is included in Section A: Basic Guidelines paragraph 3. General, paragraph o, which now states the following:

- o) The Traditional first dances are permitted (that is dancing by the bride and groom, father and daughter, mother and son and parents) at a wedding reception held in the Family Ministry Center. Dancing is not permitted at any other location on church property.  
All music, live or otherwise must be approved by the Worship Ministry Team. Music selections must be appropriate for a Church setting. A BTC trained sound team member will operate the sound equipment if the sound equipment is to be used. At the close of the traditional dances, dancing will cease. Soft music of the same kind may continue. At no time are D/J's permitted.



## Discipleship Team (Susan Andrews-Team Leader/Tonya Bailey-Co-Leader):

**Sunday School is available from 10:00-10:50 in the following locations:**

### Children's Classes: Location: Education Building

Nursery I: Ages birth - 2 years old (Room 101)

Bible Beginners: Ages 2 - 4 years old (Room 102)

Bible Learners: Ages 5 - 7 years old (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade) (Room 201)

Bible Discoverers: Ages 8 - 11 years old (3rd - 5th Grade) (Room 202)

Youth: Ages 12 - 18 years old (6th - 12th Grade) (Room 208)

### Adult Classes: Location: Education Building

Journey: Young Singles & Couples (Room 205) Studying Books of the Bible

Mildred Driver Class: Singles & Couples (Room 108) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

J.O.Y.: Ladies Class (Room 103) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

Andrew Batten/Gary Hocutt Class: (Men's Class) (Room 104) Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway

### Adult Class: Location: FMC

Growing in Jesus: Singles & Couples: Studying Bible Studies for Life series from Lifeway (KJV)

**Visitors to Sunday School may check in with Susan or Tonya to help you locate a class. Everyone is welcome!**

## Worship Team (Dana Hocutt-Team Leader/ -Co-Leader)

### Save the Dates:

- November 12th: Veteran's Day Recognition Service

## Mission Team (Annette Ragan-Team Leader/Sandy Trippe-Co-Leader):

Fall Fest is here! Come out on Saturday, November 4, from 8:00 am- 2:00 pm for a great day of food, fun, and fellowship. There'll be a biscuit breakfast, hot dog lunch, downstairs shopping in the flea market, desserts and crafts for sale, 50/50 raffle, crafts, children's activities, and the cake and specialty items auction. Hope to see you there!

## OWLS-Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors (Patsy Narron-Team Leader/Olivia Cooke-Co Leader):



The O.W.L.S. have been on the move during October with a couple of trips and a meeting. On October 16th, 17th & 18th we joined others from our Church and several other Churches for a trip to Kentucky to see the Ark. It was an enjoyable and memorable trip to see a replica of one of God's masterpieces in person. On Saturday, October 28th we went to Bentonville Battleground to enjoy their Fall festival. There was a 15 minute film to explain what happened at the battle and also several demonstrations of weaving, blacksmithing, rope making and preservation and curing during the period of war. Also at our regular meeting on Halloween we had a devotion on the 37th Psalms, played Bingo and went to Wigg's restaurant in Middlesex for lunch.

Coming up on November 14th we will be going to Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory to purchase our items for the upcoming holidays and also to Siler City to have lunch at the Bestfood Cafeteria and Gift Gallery.

As always we invite all Seniors to come out and join us on our trips and our meetings which are on the last Tuesday of each month.

God Bless,

Patsy and Ricky Narron & Olivia Cooke



### **Children's Team (Wayne Batten-Team Leader/Pam Batten-Co-Leader):**

The children from Baptist Tabernacle Church have a very active fall planned. So far, they have been in the Wendell Harvest Festival parade, twisted balloons and ministered to over 350 young people at the Harvest Festival and participated with 20 vendors at our annual Trunk or Treat. We had over 150 who signed up for Trunk or Treat. Thank you so much to all who helped make these events such a huge success. Be looking forward to seeing more activities at Fall Fest.

Children's Church continues to GROW. Each week we have a Bible Lesson followed with a craft to enhance the lesson. We will soon begin the Christmas Story. That will be several weeks of studying the events leading up to and including the Birth of Jesus. That is always a special season for all our children.

Wednesday night programs continue for Mission Friends and Journey Kids. These programs introduce the world of missions to our children. Thanks for bringing your children on Wednesday night.

Thank You All the parents for bringing your children to Church for these events. We are looking forward to many new adventures in 2023.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a wonderful Church.

Wayne & Pam

### **Youth Team (Danielle Gidding-Team Leader/Christin Brown-Co-Leader):**

We have had a lot of interest in Youth Camp for next year. We are excited about the lives that can be impacted with Camp. We have some upcoming fundraiser to help with the cost of camp. We have also had a great response wanting to go to the Judgement House in Goldsboro, we are taking at least 40 youth and parents on Friday, November 10th. We plan to leave the Church at 5:30pm for our 6:30pm time slot.



### **Property Management Team (Steve White-Team Leader/Ricky Andrews-Co-Leader):**

We hope this finds everyone doing well. We have had the new fence installed next to the road, it looks great. In the near future we will be having the fence next to the playground replaced to match the new fence. New doors for the front of the Sanctuary are installed, we will be working on the wood work around the doors and the stoop. In Church Conference it was decided on to go ahead with purchasing the digital sign for out front of the Church, that should be in by 6 months. The wall that fell behind the Church should be getting replaced soon. Work is going to be done by the Baptist Men & Property Management Team members. The wall was removed in the Journey Class in order to make room for their growing class size. Maybe we can move more walls or whatever it takes to get more people to hear the word of God.

All the lights in the Educational Building have been updated to LED. We will be changing the ones in the Sanctuary next. Eventually the whole Church will be changed over to Led and hopefully see a difference in the electric bill. The kitchen in the FMC was professionally cleaned and a very good job was done. Please try to keep the kitchen clean after it is used. Also all the carpet was cleaned, please try to clean up anything that gets spilled on it.

Remember this is God's house and we all need to take care of it. If you see anything that needs to be repaired let one of the Property Management Team members know. Team Members are: Steve White, Ross Carroll, Ricky Andrews, George Creech, Fred Coates, H.E. Edwards, Danny Ayscue, Joe Bloniarczyk, Wes Dunbar, Brandon Baker, & Jackson Morgan. May God Bless You and your family!

### Update on the New Church Directory

The Church Directories are in and have been passed out to some of those that had their pictures made for the Directory. If you had your picture made for the directory and have **not** received your copy, contact Ashelyn at the church office at 919-365-5558. If you did not get a picture made, you may purchase one copy of the directory per family for \$5.00 each until the supply is used. We are planning to keep a supply for new members as they join the Church. Also, if you had your picture made for the directory, you should have received an email on how to download the Directory APP to your phone. If you didn't receive an email, call Ashelyn at the church office. Thanks again to all that participated in this project. The Directory Team enjoyed working on the directory and hope that everyone enjoys it. The next one should be in 5 years.

The Directory Team: Ricky Watson, Joan Watson, Lou Holland, Jean Hocutt, Carrie Sellers, David Hughes

### Children's Director Search Committee

The Church approved the job description for this important position at our October Church Conference. We will start advertising and accepting applications and resumes in the coming weeks. Please pray for us to find the PERFECT person to fill this important job.

### Recurring Prayer Needs

Shawn Allen	Shirley Earp	Grady Johnson	Christi Sasser
Larry Anderson	Kim Eatmon	Kenneth Jones	Gracie Pippin Searcy
James Bailey	Jeremy Edwards	Oscar Lane	Betty Seibert
Nancy Batchelor	Phyllis Edwards	Denise Lewis	Mykayla Smith
Wayne Batten	Gayle Haines	Jack Lofton	Donna Smith
Judy Boswell	Anita Hales	Pam Maynor	Lori Stokes
Lester & Fonda Boyd	Randy Hales	Karl Mesloh	Eldie Strickland
Bruce & Judy Brantley	Linda Hammett	Nancy Morse	Kenneth Strickland
Natalie Brock	Mike Harris	Ricky Narron	Julie Swinson
Greg Clay	Doug Hahn	Jonathan Newell	Sue Thomasson
Patsy Coates	Janice Hill	Hannah Norwood	Cameron Thompson
Helena Coffey	Mike & Georgia Himmel	Carol O'Neal	Annette Walton
Linda Coffey	Elizabeth Hocutt	Mike O'Neal	Ann Waters
Tim Cooke	Roger Hocutt	Teresa O'Neal	Jerry Watkins
Brian Cox	William Hocutt	Vic Pace	Dale Weathers
Tim Craig	Carl Holt	Clarice Peterson	Celia Whitley
Anna Creech	Jax Hopkins	Pat Pettit	Lee Williford
Randy Creech	Donna K. House	Donna Pippin	Robert Williford
Wayne Currie	Eric House	Larry Price	Doug Vaughan
Angela Curtman	Joan Hunter	Joan Privette	Bruce Young
Ray Davis	Bruce Jacobs	Annette Ragan	Israel
Charles Driver	Aaron Johnson	Cameron Richardson	

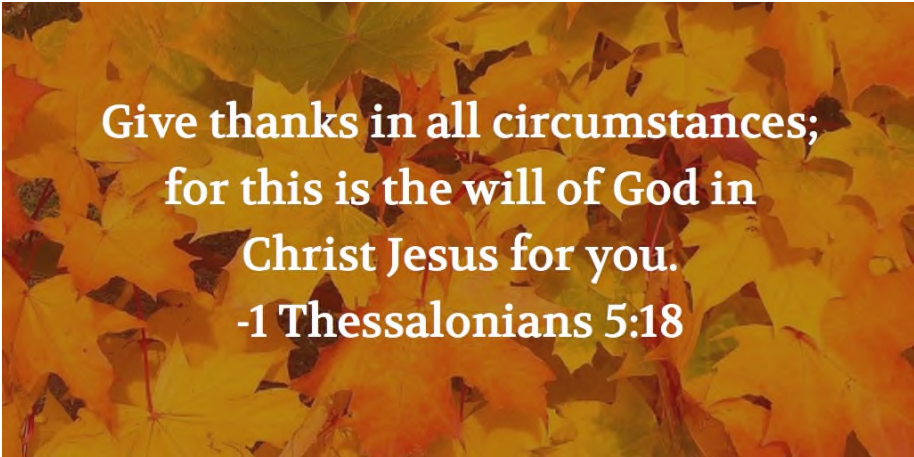
### New Prayer Needs

Aurora	Randy Doll	Connie Scott
Mike Bailey	Tim & Laura Ford	Ray Smith
Alice Baker	Douglas Hinton	Brian Stanley
Elaine Barham	Pat Horton	Jane Strautnieks
Dena Brannan	Shirley Lane	Marie Strickland
Kay Capps	Linda Lee	Debbie Wall
Jason Champion Family	Jimmy Lewis Family	Mattie Wheaton Family
Heather Cooke	Cathy Maynard	Tempie Whitley
Faye Creech	Ken Moore	Betty Williford
Russell Denton Family	Kay C. Perry	Unspoken Requests

### From the Pastor's Desk:

*"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

As we enter another season of Thanksgiving, we truly, have so much to be thankful for! We are living in the greatest country in history, and we enjoy the blessings of bounty, freedom, and opportunity for personal prosperity, yet there are so many that are ungrateful and grumpy about their situations. The world and all that it offers, encourages ingratitude, and blame for others and when someone comes along and appears to be grateful for life and the simple things around them, there is an immediate offense by those who choose to be miserable and thankless! My dear Mama used to teach me that I needed to be thankful for each new day and she would find something, in each new day, to thank God. I observe this ungrateful and hate-filled world and I am sad for the despair that exists. What can I do? The answer is simple! I can live my life with gratitude, and I can share the GOOD NEWS of Hope and Grace and Gratitude, and by being an example of HIS GRACE, I can show this lost and dying world that Hope is available, and that Gratitude is possible! Take your eyes off your situation and place your eyes on the Cross! Embrace His Love, His Life and His Promises, and you will have much to be Grateful for!!! My 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Business Teacher made the most amazing statement, and I quote it, daily! She said, *"It is your ATTITUDE, not your APTITUDE, that will determine your ALTI-TUDE!"* May this Thanksgiving be a time of renewal and re-commitment to witnessing and expressing GRATITUDE for His Amazing Grace! We are grateful because of His Amazing Grace! Be Grateful, and act like you are the Child of THE KING! Stay Strong, Stay Focused...THE BEST IS YET TO BE!



**Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.  
-1 Thessalonians 5:18**