



WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

November is an interesting month. And that seems true this year more than ever. It is a month that invites us to give thanks, but in 2020 we find ourselves being pulled in two different directions – both of which discourage us from being thankful.

On the one hand, we are all aware of the whirlwind of events that has characterized this year. By the time you read this, we may or may not know who the president will be for the next four years. Looking forward into 2021, there doesn't seem to be much hope for the end of masks and social distancing.

Taken together, these things might make it easy for us to disregard thankfulness entirely. "What is there to be thankful for?" we might ask ourselves. Senior years were cancelled without notice. Vacations were cancelled. Loneliness set in and anxiety was with us whenever we stepped out from the safety of our homes. It is admittedly hard to be thankful when the past year has been so unrelenting.

On the other hand, there seems to be a tremendous push from corporations and from the media to blow through Thanksgiving so that we can go ahead and start celebrating Christmas. And I'm not talking about the important parts of Christmas – the incarnation, Emmanuel, God with us. I'm talking about the largely empty and misguided parts of Christmas – specifically the unchecked consumerism.

Christmas has been on display at Wal-Mart since late September and Amazon's Prime Day in mid-October was billed as good way to get a head start on your holiday shopping. But if we rush forward into Christmas (and especially the unimportant and Americanized parts of Christmas) then we miss out on the important practice of giving thanks.

Wherever you find yourself this November, whether you wonder what there is to even be thankful for or whether you're rushing to Christmas to find some relief from the troubles of 2020, I hope that you will at least take a few moments to name something that you are thankful for.



It doesn't have to be much. It doesn't have to be big. It may be that the mighty oak outside your window has finally changed colors. It may be that you had time to rediscover something you once loved. It may be that you've prayed more sincerely this year than ever before. It may be that you are part of a church that loves and cares for you. But whatever it is, give thanks to God.



Grace & Peace,
Lane



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoeboxes



MBC will be collecting filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. However, we do not have empty boxes available for pick up. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please bring your filled shoebox (or shoebox sized plastic container) to the church by Wednesday November 18th. Also, do not forget to include \$9 to cover processing and shipping costs.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

The annual Murfreesboro Community Thanksgiving service has been cancelled for this year.

But I along, with all of the other local pastors hope to see you next year.

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES WHITE CHRISTMAS BOXES



Donations and Volunteers are Needed!

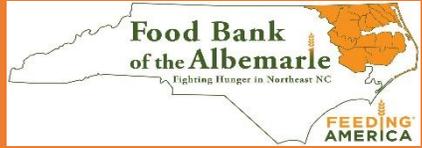
The boxes will be packed and delivered on Thursday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please donate non-perishable food items to help our neighbors have a nice Christmas dinner. Collection boxes will be available in the office and as you enter for worship.

FOOD PANTRY



If you have committed to help us keep our pantry filled for the 2020-2021 year, please remember to bring twelve of your selected items to the church before the third Monday of each month and any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD BANK OF THE ALBEMARLE



Volunteers Needed

The Food Bank of the Albemarle monthly food distribution will now be on the third Tuesday of each month. Volunteers are needed Tuesday, November 17 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.

USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Deacon of the Month
Colon Ballance

Opening the Church
Colon Ballance

Ushers November
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike
Alston, and Kirk Peterson

Ushers December
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown,
Bruce Brown, and Brinson Paul

Radio Ministry Sponsor
Linda Hassell

Worship Leaders
Nov. 1 Jordan Brown; *Nov. 8*
Corbin Robertson; *Nov. 15* Jordan
Brown; *Nov. 22* Corbin

Caregivers
Oct. 25 - Nov. 7 Earlene Futrell and
Lynn Gray; *Nov. 8 - 21* Lisa Forbes;
Nov. 22 - Dec. 5 Lynette Bunch

Flowers
All Sundays are available to place
flowers in the sanctuary. Please call
the church office to reserve a date.

TWO TAX PLANNING STRATEGIES

That May Benefit You When
Giving To The
CHURCH...

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAs

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from a traditional IRA (including an inherited IRA) is a way to potentially reduce the income tax due. While the donor cannot take a charitable deduction for the contribution, a QCD can satisfy all or part of the donor's required minimum distribution and is excluded from the donor's taxable income for the year of the gift.

The requirements to make a QCD include"

- The IRA holder must be age 70-1/2 or older.
- The maximum annual exclusion cannot exceed \$100,000.
- The funds must be transferred directly from the IRA custodian to a qualified charity, generally a 501(c)(3) organization.
- The donor cannot receive any benefits from the charity as a result of the gift.

DONATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

Individuals who donate long-term (held longer than 12 months) appreciated assets such as stocks and mutual funds may receive multiple tax benefits. By transferring the asset to charity - as opposed to selling it and donating the proceeds - the donor avoids incurring capital gains on the sale and removes the asset from the estate for estate tax purposes. Additionally, donors who itemize their deductions generally qualify for a charitable deduction equal to the asset's fair market value., up to 30% of AGI for gifts to public charities and 20% of AGI for gifts to private foundations.

**IF YOU NEED FURTHER
EXPLANATION,
CONTACT YOUR TAX**



Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

252-398-3613

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November 3	Dell Aycok
November 4	Ashley Revelle
November 5	Christiana Sawyer
November 6	Fal Burnette
November 6	Yolanda Faile
November 10	Rebecca Willson
November 11	Dock Boone
November 13	Lynn Gray
November 14	Billy Thornton
November 16	Tim Place
November 17	Aldeen Gatewood
November 20	Gus McLean
November 24	Katelyn Sumner
November 26	Katherine Brett
November 28	Corey Forbes

Don't see your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know when your special day is



You are invited to join us on Sunday, November 22nd at 3:00 to decorate our sanctuary for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This is a joyous and relaxed occasion to be with one another and to ready ourselves and our church for the birth of the Christ Child. Masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced. Please call the Church office and let us know if you will be volunteering to help. We hope you will be able to join us!

UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	Communion All Saints' Sunday
Nov. 10	Deacons' Meeting
Nov. 17	Food Bank of the Albemarle
Nov. 22	Christ The King Sunday Hanging of the Greens
Nov. 30	MBC Food Pantry
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving <i>Church Office Closed</i>

CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL..... ..ORGANIST &
CHOIR DIRECTOR

JORDAN BROWN.....YOUTH MINISTRY
INTERIM

CORBIN ROBERTSON ..YOUTH MINISTRY
INTERIM

TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS

TERESA MARTIN....ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for October 2020

A final report was not available at time of newsletter printing. Totals reflect weekly contributions only.

	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$15,769.24
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$5,001.75	\$5,975.00	\$710.00	\$3,915.00	\$15,601.75	\$15,601.75
Other Income						
Over (Under)	\$1,059.44	\$2,032.69	(\$3,232.31)	(\$27.31)	(\$167.49)	(\$167.49)



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