



## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

For my birthday this year I received as a gift something I had long thought about getting, but had never actually purchased - a radio scanner to use at NASCAR races. With this piece of technology, I would be able tune in and listen to the conversations between a driver and his crew chief. I'd be able to hear their thoughts about on-track incidents as well as their unfiltered reactions to things that didn't go their way.


Needless to say, I was excited to get to the track to try it out. And it did not disappoint at all. In fact, I don't know how or why I went for so long without one. But what struck me (and stuck with me) is what the drivers and teams talked about during the pace laps at the very beginning of the race.

Every single one that I listened to - from champions straight through to the rookies - were all talking about the basics. Don't forget the pit road speed limit. Remember which switches control which things. Don't pass the leader before you get the green flag. These are things that most drivers didn't need to hear. They'd been doing this for years and shouldn't need to be reminded of these simple, basic things. And yet, their crew chiefs still told them.

But that's the way it is with simple, basic things. We never get so good at something that we don't need to be reminded of those things we learned when we were first starting out. It's true of racing and cooking and writing and everything else. Which means, it is true of our faith as well.

It's never a bad time to remember some of the primary lessons of our faith - God's good creation, humanity made in God's image and likeness, the incarnation of Jesus sent into the world for our salvation, the crucifixion and resurrection, the promise of a second coming, and the sure hope of a new heaven and new earth.

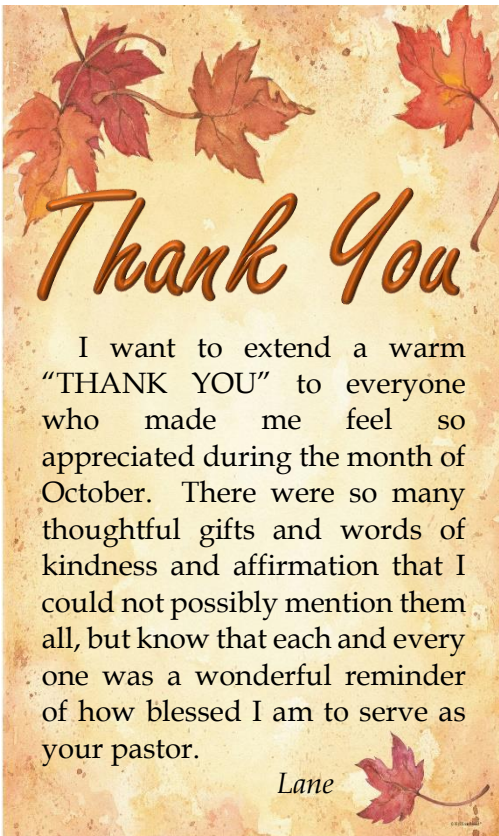
There is of course a time and a place to discuss minutia and secondary issues and different opinions. And we should never get to the point of being unwilling to dig deeper and grow in faith. But we should always remember to remember these first things, for they are at the core of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

 Grace & Peace,  
Lane

# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the  
Murfreesboro Baptist Church

November 2021



*Thank You*

I want to extend a warm "THANK YOU" to everyone who made me feel so appreciated during the month of October. There were so many thoughtful gifts and words of kindness and affirmation that I could not possibly mention them all, but know that each and every one was a wonderful reminder of how blessed I am to serve as your pastor.

Lane



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## Shoeboxes

Fall has arrived and that means that Christmas is just a few short months away! So, beginning Sunday, October 17, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be available in the sanctuary and in the church library. Each box will come with labels and information on how to pack a shoebox. If you prefer to use your own shoebox or a shoebox-sized plastic tote, extra labels will be available.

Shoe boxes will be due back by Sunday, November 14 so that they can be delivered as part of OCC National Collection Week. Our goal this year is to pack 50 shoeboxes. Thank you for your help with this exciting mission project.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS...

**FALL BACK**

Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

**CHANGE** your fire alarm's batteries!



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

BLESSING

Tuesday, November 23  
At

## NEW VISION MINISTRIES

(Across from Hertford County Middle School)

Light Refreshments & Fellowship  
6:30 p.m.

Worship  
7:00 p.m.

Offering to Benefit Family Resource Center in Ahoskie



## USING THEIR GIFTS TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

**Deacon of the Month**  
Lynette Bunch

**Opening the Church**  
Tommy Bird

**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. 7* Jordan Brown; *Nov. 14* Corbin Robertson; *Nov. 21* Jordan Brown; *Nov. 28* Corbin Robertson

**Acolytes**  
*Nov. 7* Ned Snyder; *Nov. 14* Charlotte Cole; *Nov. 21* Jack Cole; *Nov. 28* Mary Welch Gallop

**Caregivers**  
*Oct. 24 - Nov. 6* David and Carole Farnham; *Nov. 7 - Nov. 20* Mary Etta Flowers; *Nov. 2- Dec. 4* Lisa Forbes

**Nursery**  
*Nov. 7* Susan Bass; *Nov. 14* Elizabeth Brown; *Nov. 21* Children's Church; *Nov. 28* Molly Brown

**Flowers**  
*Nov. 7* Available; *Nov. 14* Bruce and Liz Brown; *Nov. 21* Available; *Nov. 28* Gertrude Revelle

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

### Church Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**  
**8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

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Office Closed November 25 & 26  
For Thanksgiving Holiday

## BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

### FOODBANK OF THE ALBEMARLE



Volunteers are needed Tuesday, November 16 by 2:30 p.m. in the church parking lot to distribute food.



### FOOD PANTRY

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

### Thanks be to God For the Life of Lorene Bennett Paul

October 14, 2021

### Thanks be to God For the Life of Carol Marie Piper

January 6, 1933 - October 9, 2021

### UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 7 Communion  
All Saints' Sunday
- Nov. 9 Deacons' Meeting
- Nov. 14 Christmas Shoebox Deadline
- Nov. 16 Food Bank of the Albemarle
- Nov. 21 Christ The King Sunday  
Hanging of the Greens
- Nov. 23 Community Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving  
*Church Office Closed*
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving  
*Church Office Closed*
- Nov. 29 MBC Food Pantry



### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

- November 3 Dell Aycock
- November 4 Ashley Revelle
- November 5 Christiana Sawyer
- November 6 Yolanda Faile
- November 8 Tommy Bird
- November 10 Rebecca Willson
- November 11 Dock Boone
- 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 21st 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!

### CHURCH STAFF

REV. LANE BASS  
PASTOR

PAULA PRESSNELL.....ORGANIST &  
CHOIR DIRECTOR

JORDAN BROWN.....YOUTH MINISTRY  
INTERN

CORBIN ROBERTSON .....YOUTH MINISTRY  
INTERN

TOM CAULKINS.....PASTOR EMERITUS

TERESA MARTIN.....ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

### Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for October 2021

	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$19,711.55	\$19,711.55
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$8,054.90	\$3,832.00	\$2,071.00	\$2,049.00	\$6,496.00	\$22,502.90	\$22,502.90
Other Income							
Over (Under)	\$4,112.59	(\$110.31)	(\$1871.31)	(\$1,893.31)	\$2,553.69	\$2,791.35	\$2,791.35



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