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***Remember: " Only one life will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last."***

The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

In my walk of faith through the years, I have learned that there are very few non-negotiables. And I try to live my life simply based upon these five foundational truths.

**1. We are saved by grace alone through faith alone.** In Luke 10, an expert in God's law asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Even though this question came before the cross, this man stumbled upon something profound. Our inheritance does not come because we do something. Our inheritance is a gift that is given because of the work and sacrifice of another. Our only requirement is to be a part of the family. "*The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Romans 6:23 NKJV

**2. The gift of salvation is available to everyone.** Almost every Sunday I will make a statement similar to this one: "*No matter who you are, where you have been or what you have done, if you are willing to repent, God will forgive you of every sin you have ever committed and adopt you into HIS family.*" No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. Our job as Christ Followers is to make this Good News known to the world.

**3. We were created to bring glory to God,** and we can never be all that God intended us to be until we make this our highest priority. We may do many good things; we may be successful and achieve some measure of fame. But until our lives reflect the light of Jesus, we have not accomplished what we were born to do. "*For we are HIS workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.*" Ephesians 2:10 CSB

**4. The greatest commandments in the Bible are these:** "*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as you love yourself.*" (Mark 12:29 – 31 CSB) You have never looked into the face of anyone that God does not love. If HE is willing to love them, so should we. If HE is willing to forgive them, so should we. If HE is willing to lay down HIS life for them, so should we.

**5. The Bible is God's Word.** Every sermon/lesson we teach, every decision we make and every action we take should be in harmony with what is written in the Scriptures. Far too often, we make decisions and then try to find a Scripture to support them. Instead, we should seek the Scriptures for guidance first, and make our decisions based upon what we find there.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA

## **A NOTE FROM JENKS...**

For the last 2 or 3 months I have questioned myself more than at any other time in my life. Don't get me wrong, I have had a very blessed life but I have spent many sleepless nights pondering the "What if" questions, And of course a few "Will I" questions. Here are just a few.... "What if I am making a mistake?" --- "What if the timing isn't right?" --- "Will I get worn down?" "What if I am making a quick decision?" --- "Will this be something that lasts?" "What if I change my mind?" --- "What about the pros/cons?" --- "Will I be able to make a difference?" --- "Will I be able to survive physically, mentally or even financially?" We all have asked these questions and a lot more like them at one time or another. How do we ever know if we made the right choice or decision? Sometimes the thought of just answering that question, keeps us from ever truly knowing the answer.

For those of you that don't know, I have been an employee at Lowes for close to 30 years. A job I really liked and enjoyed. A job that I had grown accustomed to and could probably do in my sleep. A job that allowed me to the opportunity to do the things I loved, coaching and being around youth, all while working full time.

For over 30 years I have been an Assistant Coach and Head Coach on different levels of school and sports. From Elementary football to High school Basketball, Baseball and Football.

During most of that time, I have been blessed to be a small part of the Youth here at Philadelphia. What an incredible journey it has been. I have so much to be thankful for and have made so many memories during the process. Since that time, I have gotten married (2<sup>nd</sup> best decision I ever made), had 2 beautiful kids, able to form friendships and relationships with good people. I have been a part of some successful sports teams and been a part of some not so great sports teams. It's been an overwhelmingly awesome experience.

With that said, I recently was approached by several people to consider taking another job. A job they said would fit perfect into my lifestyle and one that they really wanted me to take. One that would require me to switch up my everyday routine. A job that had many Pros as well as many cons. A job that may bring up more questions instead answers.

Sometime during the decision process, I fell asleep for what felt like hours but was only for 30 minutes, I had a dream. In this dream, I found myself running on a baseball field, football field and running up and down a basketball court. The more I ran, the more I found myself with a different backdrop. It was if I was on a treadmill with a screen in front of me changing backdrops every few minutes. There were people running along with me. Some in front that I could never catch up to and some running beside me with some behind me. That dream stayed with me for several days. Over that course of time, I thought I knew the meaning only to discover I had more doubts and concerns. Thankfully, I remembered a passage of scripture in Hebrews that brought it all home to me.

I thought I would share some of what I learned from the dream as well as the Scripture. Hebrews chapter 12 starts out with a THEREFORE. Any time you see that, you need to understand or find out what it is there for. The writer of Hebrews has just highlighted some great moments of Faith from a wide variety of people. It is known as the Hall of Faith. By Faith these characters, despite their flaws and shortcomings decided to trust in GOD and turn to

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## **A Note From Jenks (continued)**

Him. In doing so, they are there as a reminder that God can use anyone to accomplish great things.

So, therefore, we need to do the things God has in place for us.

As I read verses 1 and 2, I see this passage in a whole new light. We all have a race that we need to run. A course marked out for us. Within any race there will be difficult times and dangers.

Notice in the verse, it says to lay aside anything that hinders us. It also says to get rid of any sin that easily entangles us. This tells me that not only are we in a battle against our sins but also the everyday hindrances that keep us from quitting and giving up. There are so many things we allow to weigh us down. Money, time, sports, friendships and the list goes on. It could be things like not getting our way or not being heard. If that isn't enough, we also have that one sin we hold onto that we think we can control.

The writer goes on to say we should run with perseverance. Against all odds, we should strive to continue on with our run. Not only does he give us great examples for the past, he gives us the ultimate example in verse 2.

Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What a great example for us all. Jesus, the one we should always focus on and look upon in times of struggle and in the good times, also ran His own race. It says that He **endured** the cross. He could have quit or given up or even said that's enough. He chose to endure it until the end. Why? Why would he choose to go through so much when He, of all people, could have opted out at any time? He very easily could have said, "I'm done, that's it". I, for one, am glad he chose to run His race not somebody else's race.

It's always easier to finish the race when you can see the goal. Even though there are things we allow to weigh us down or to doubt God, we still need to run with perseverance. Are there still obstacles in our path, troubling times coming our way? Sure, there are. But look back at the scripture...it says, "for the joy, set before Him." So, what exactly is this joy? What could possibly help Jesus go through such a violent, painful death. I believe it to be You and I, I believe we are what Jesus set or focused his eyes on during this time in his life. How awesome and incredible is that? Jesus was thinking of US and Fixing his EYES on us. **Jenks**

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### **WMU Christmas Card Delivery**

Our WMU Ladies will "deliver" Christmas Cards again this year to raise money for Lottie Moon. Please turn in your alphabetically sorted cards by Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Cards will be ready to pick up on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you 😊

## AWANA MEAL VOLUNTEERS

3<sup>rd</sup>: Kelly Baker & Peggy Smith; 10<sup>th</sup>: Jen Myers  
17<sup>th</sup>: Sheree Jenkins & Sherry Nash; 24<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Glidewell & Whitney Beard  
**\*The Youth will not eat with us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.**

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### AWANA-DONATE TO A MISSIONARY

As you know, Kathy Brock has been called to be an AWANA missionary. To be able to serve in this capacity, she must raise her own support. If you would like to help her in this, please make your checks payable to AWANA #207 and mail them to: AWANA Clubs International, 15877 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693-0158. You may also give online to [Awana.org/donate](http://Awana.org/donate) and click on "Donate To A Missionary" then go to North Carolina and click on Kathy Brock.

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### Ladies Prayer Breakfast

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 8:30 AM

**PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant in Pageland

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### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS: For ages 2 to 5 years old.**

**2/3 Year Old's**

**4/5 Year Old's**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Katherine & Michael  
10<sup>th</sup>: Kim Outen & Ashlyn Porter  
17<sup>th</sup>: Jenn Myers & Kat Rapp  
24<sup>th</sup>: Sheri Rodgers & Ava Strawn

No Class due to Christmas Play Practice at this time.

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### Children's Devotion Class

No Classes until January due to Christmas Play Practice during this time.

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### Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner

**DATE:** Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> **TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** Family Life Center

The meal will be provided. Please bring desserts.



## *Coffee & Canvas*

**DATE:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> **TIME:** 9 AM – 12 Noon

**PLACE:** “Old” Fellowship Hall

**COST:** \$20 per person

We will have a devotion time and paint the above picture.

**Please sign up on the bulletin board!**

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## **Mission Friends**

### **November**

6<sup>th</sup> - Sheri, Ava and Karlie (FLC); 13<sup>th</sup> – Carla Bowers and Lisa Stutts

20<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Smith and Kelly Baker; 27<sup>th</sup> – No Classes, Happy Thanksgiving 🍂

### **December**

4<sup>th</sup> – Skyla Anderson and Kasey Wallace; 11<sup>th</sup> – Sheri, Ava and Karlie

18<sup>th</sup> - Carla Bowers and Lisa Stutts; 25<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday Jesus ❤️

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## **Golden Age Christmas Luncheon**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> **TIME:** 11:00 AM **PLACE:** Family Life Center

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### **Week of Prayer:**

November 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Ingathering:**

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

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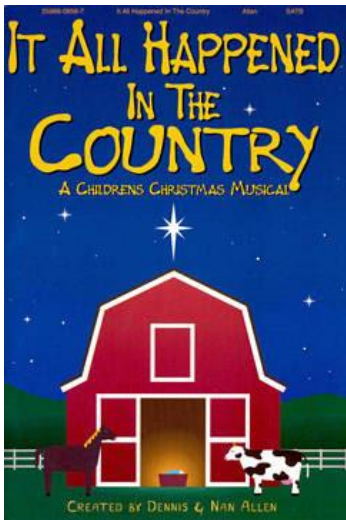
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<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Time ends  4:00 PM Children's Play Practice  AWANA Parent Night	4 Ladies Bible Study Conference Room 7 PM	5	6 WMU & Regular Classes 7 PM; GA & RA Operation Christmas Child Shoebox shopping	7 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	8 FLC: Reserved	9 FLC: Reserved; <b>Coffee &amp; Canvas</b> Devotion & Painting in the Old Fellowship Hall 9 AM–12 Noon
<b>10 Church Conference; Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Home;</b> 4:00 PM Children's Play Practice; AWANA CAMO Night/Veteran Night	11 Veterans Day;  NC Baptist Convention in Greensboro	12 NC Baptist Convention in Greensboro	13 Regular Classes 7 PM  (GA & RA Shoebox packing night)	14	15	16 FLC: Reserved
<b>17 Baptist Children's Home Offering Ingathering;</b> 4:00 PM Children's Play Practice	18	19 Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Beth's Restaurant in Pageland 8:30 AM	20 No Classes/Services	21	22	23 CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING SUPPER 6:00 PM (Please bring desserts.)
24 No Children's Choir Practice, please attend Christmas Play Practice 4:00 PM; AWANA Crazy Hair Day	25	26 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	27 <b>No Classes tonight</b>	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29	30 FLC: Reserved

### CHURCH SCHEDULE

**Sunday:** 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:00 PM Children's Choir Practice on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays During Traditional School Year (Exception: Christmas Play Practice); 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA; 6:30-AWANA Supper During Traditional School Year; 6:00 PM Youth, Adult Bible Study; 7:00 PM Evening Worship.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC; WMU on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night; Adult Bible Study on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Nights

**Family Life Center Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month: Mission Friends; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of Month: GA Class; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of Month: RA Class; 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Month: Youth Class



## Children's Christmas Play It All Happened in the Country

**DATE:** December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ages 4K-Youth. We will practice on Sundays during Children's Church and from 4:00-4:30 PM before AWANA (unless otherwise announced). In December, we will practice a little later than 4:00-4:30 and also on some Wednesdays.

Dress: All kids need country attire (overalls, jeans, plaid shirts.) Please see Lauren Jenkins for more details.



### **NOVEMBER**

2-Jeff Forester, Jack Rollins,  
Hailey Turner, Doris Williams  
3-Raleigh Hinson, Brenda Wallace  
4-Cecil Helms, Donald Sullivan  
5-Grayson Helms  
5-Mitchell Wilson  
7-William Glidewell  
9-Joyce Ashcraft, J.D. Query  
10-Vanna Nash  
13-Bonnie Newland  
14-Noah Porter  
15-Oakley Hinson  
18-Beth Atkinson, Tommy Pittman  
20-Riley Benton  
23-Dawn McClain  
25-Ava Strawn  
27-Tonya Huggins  
29-Frances Baker  
30-Jerry Davis

### **DECEMBER (1<sup>st</sup> Week)**

1-Travis Cox, Belinda Goodman,  
Wyatt Helms, Cameron Knight,  
Timothy Pressley, Sadie Tarlton  
2-Dale Evans  
3-Butch Zimmerman  
4-Shirley Rorie, Sherry Severt  
5-Carlynn Rushing, Jake Taylor  
6-Phillip Bowers, Darrell Jenkins, Ava Tarlton  
7-Kevin Ciucevich, Veronica Freytag