

# Philadelphia Baptist Church

5709 Philadelphia Church Road  
Marshville, NC 28103

## Children's Church

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Luisa Price & Sara Clay  
November 13<sup>th</sup>: Michelle Query & Jenny Taylor  
November 20<sup>th</sup>: No Children's Church  
November 27<sup>th</sup>: Kim Outen & Lisa Stutts  
December 4<sup>th</sup>: Sheree Jenkins & Whitney Beard

## MISSION FRIENDS

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lesson-Lisa & Vanna; Snack-Lisa  
November 9<sup>th</sup>: Lesson-Michelle & Lisa; Snack-Ava  
November 16<sup>th</sup>: "We Are Thankful Party"

Lesson-Lisa & Vanna

Snack: Parents, I will get in touch with you to help bring snacks.

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: No Mission Friends. Everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving.  
November 30<sup>th</sup>: Lesson-Chad & Lisa; Snack-Sara

## NURSERY WORKERS

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Whitney Beard & Mindy Jenkins, Lindsey  
November 13<sup>th</sup>: Kelly Gouch & Skyla Anderson, Avery  
November 20<sup>th</sup>: No Nursery  
November 27<sup>th</sup>: Jana Turner & Sheri Bradshaw  
December 4<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge, Kelci & Alyssa

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# The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

**"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has." – Epictetus**

They lived a comfortable life in the upscale part of town, the children were teen and pre-teen then and had most anything their hearts desired. They had begun to recite their Christmas expectations of late, never doubting their every wish would be fulfilled. The woman had begun to notice a jaded air they had about the things they owned and the lifestyle they lived. Her thoughts turned to earlier years, years when they had lived far from the lap of comfort.

As she watched her children go off to school that morning, her thoughts rushed ahead to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Off they would all go to the mansion, where close relatives lived in luxury, where every comfort and convenience abounded. The woman thought back to her childhood and she remembered barer Thanksgiving Days, there was food, but sometimes the house was cold, the clothing old and tattered, always though there were smiles and hugs, no jaded looks or boredom like she now saw in the eyes of her children.

The following week on Thanksgiving morning, the children rose and dressed for the festive occasion, then presented themselves for the ride to the mansion, already anticipating the smell of roasting turkey, pumpkin pie and other holiday treats. Every year it was a contest to outdo the previous one, with every possible treat served underneath a crystal chandelier on the finest china. Every year they would proclaim, "This was our best Thanksgiving yet!" When the woman turned the car in the other direction, eyebrows raised, and the children began to question why their feast was being delayed.

Across town, she pulled the car in to the local mission house parking lot and took the children inside, explaining they would share this Thanksgiving dinner with those less fortunate than themselves. Making her way back to the kitchen area of the building, she removed her many diamonds and bangles, washed her hands and began deboning turkey with the other ladies, who stared, clearly shocked at her presence. Her very surprised children were directed to help serve plates to the hungry waiting in the dining area.

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(Pastor Carroll's letter, continued)

At first the children were subdued, not understanding why they were not being allowed to enjoy their normal feast with their own family. All throughout the meal, they worked side by side, the woman helping with food preparation and the children serving. By the time two hours had passed, the children's faces bore looks akin to awe. It was as though a light had come on in their spirits, suddenly their understanding was enlightened and...they knew.

As they returned again and again to the kitchen area to fill more plates of food for the hungry they were serving, they began to relate stories – stories about those down on their luck, stories those they served told of having lost it all, stories of being homeless, jobless, and without hope. Stories of hope filled words they had begun to speak to those who had so much less but appreciated it so much more.

As they left hours later to return to their home after having eaten their Thanksgiving meal on paper plates with those who had so little, the woman smiled at the change she saw. They came, they served. They saw and now they understood. They understood just how blessed their lives really were, how much they really had to be thankful for.

The best was yet to come, however, as one of them looked at the mother and said, "I think this was our best Thanksgiving yet, Mom." (*Excerpted from Sidewalk Flowers, Vol. 1*)

Let's find a way to make this "*The best Thanksgiving yet.*" May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

RCA



*the*  
**FAMILY  
SOWELL**

**DATE:** Sunday,  
November 20<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 10:30 AM

Who is The Family Sowell? Why do we play music together as siblings? Simple. Music is our calling. We use this universal language to share joy and hope with everyone who comes across our music. When you invest in us, you are investing in other people as well, especially this new generation—our own generation—because we feel drawn to reach people of all ages. This is not just about us. We get to share what God has given us with special people like you. As believers, we are all a part of God's family, and we're inviting you to invest and become a part of our family as well.



# Thanksgiving Dinner

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

**Family Life Center**

**Please bring desserts. Thank you!**

## **Donna Pittman Toy Store**

**Saturday, December 10 at the UBA**

If you would like to volunteer at the toy store, please contact Teresa Polk at 704-634-0530.

Also, we have a box in the vestibule if you would like to donate toys. Please turn in by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## **Girlfriends in Christ**

**Wednesday Nights • 7:00 PM**  
at Pastor Caroll & Sherrie's house.

## **Ladies' Prayer Breakfast**

**DATE: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 9:00 AM**

**PLACE: Beth's Restaurant**



**ITALIAN KITCHEN**

**Men's Dinner-Monroe Location**

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:30 PM**



**Our Float in  
the Parade!**

## **Marshville Parade**

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 PM**

**See Lauren Davis if you would  
like help or ride on the church float.  
Thank you.**

## November

Jeff Forester	November 2
Hailey Turner	November 2
Doris Williams	November 2
Raleigh Hinson	November 3
Jack Rollins	November 3
Brenda Wallace	November 3
Cecil Helms	November 4
Donald Sullivan	November 4
Grayson Helms	November 5
Mitchell Wilson	November 5
Aubrey McGriff	November 6
William Glidewell	November 7
Joyce Ashcraft	November 9
J.D. Query	November 9
Vanna Rutledge	November 10
Bonnie Newland	November 13
Noah Porter	November 14
Oakley Hinson	November 15
Beth Atkinson	November 18
Tommy Pittman	November 18
Riley Benton	November 20
Baylor Ross	November 20
Dawn McClain	November 23
Jerry Moore	November 23
Ava Strawn	November 25
Rebecca Davis	November 26
Tonya Huggins	November 27
Jerry Davis	November 30

# Happy Birthday!



**Please contact Sheri at the church office to update the Birthday List. Thank you.**

The Christmas Play will be on Sunday night, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch bulletins for more details and practice information.

## LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER

December 4-11, 2022

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve.

We invite you to join us in this season of prayer, December 4-11, 2022.

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world.

## December

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week

Travis Cox	December 1
Belinda Goodman	December 1
Wyatt Helms	December 1
Cameron Knight	December 1
Timothy Pressley	December 1
Skylar Clay	December 2
Jack Ellison	December 2
Case Gouch	December 2
Shirley Rorie	December 4
Sherry Severt	December 4
Jake Taylor	December 5
Phillip Bowers	December 6
Darrell Jenkins	December 6
Kevin Ciucevich	December 7
Veronica Freytag	December 7
Bryar Gouch	December 7



## 75 PLUS Meeting

We Gather  
Together



We're very excited about our *75 Plus* group. We had 16 present at our October meeting along with two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond (Mr. Hammond is the writer of our upcoming church history book.)

We enjoyed the fellowship and food. Ralph and Bob are great cooks and servers. Thank you. Marie Autry baked a delicious cake and Catherine Davis made brownies (our two favorites.) Thank you.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center at 11:00 AM. Our menu: Ham, Turkey & Dressing, Apple Cake. Please attend if you're *75 Plus* and are able 😊. God bless you all.  
Bonnie Oster



★ **Veterans Day:** ★  
**Thank You for Your Service!**  
**November 11, 2022**



### CLOTHES CLOSET

We are now accepting children and teen clothes and shoes. We are not accepting adult clothes/shoes at this time.

We have a special request for Boy size 4T and Boy size 5/6. Please drop off the special request items outside of Sheri's office so that she can contact the family in need. Thank you.

### FOOD PANTRY

**FOOD ITEM THIS MONTH:**

**Canned Peaches**

**Other Items Needed:**

Body Soap, Shampoo,  
Laundry Detergent

SUNDAY	MON- DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY	SATURDAY
<div>November</div>		1 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	2 <b>6:00 PM</b> GA Shoebox Shopping Eat Out Night <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Girlfriends in Christ, Mission Friends in FLC, RA, Youth; <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice 8:00 PM	3 <b>Golden Age</b> Break-fast at Beth's 9AM; <b>Men's Dinner</b> at Olive Garden 6:30 PM	4	5
6 <b>Daylight Savings time ends</b> <b>Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Homes of NC</b> <b>9:30 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM:</b> Morning Worship <b>4:30 PM:</b> AWANA <b>5:00 PM:</b> Youth	7 NC Baptist Con-vention in Greens-boro 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 <b>Election Day. Please vote.</b>  <b>75 Plus Group</b> 11:00 AM in the FLC	9 <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs in FLC for shoebox packing, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	10	11 Vet-erans Day	12
13 <b>CHURCH CONFERENCE</b> <b>Baptist Children's Home Ingathering</b> <b>9:30 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM:</b> Morning Worship <b>4:30 PM:</b> AWANA <b>5:00 PM:</b> Youth <b>Last day to turn in Christmas Shoeboxes</b> FLC: L. Davis	14	15 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast 9 AM at Beth's Restaurant	16 <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, RAs in FLC, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice	17 Men's Worship Rally in Stanfield See Pastor Carroll for details.	18	19 Marsh-ville Parade 2:00 PM; Church-wide Thanks-giving Dinner 6:00 PM
20 <b>9:30 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM:</b> The Family Sowell in Concert <b>4:30 PM:</b> AWANA <b>5:00 PM:</b> Youth	21	22	23 No Services/Classes	24 <b>Happy Thanks-giving</b>	25	26
27 <b>9:30 AM:</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM:</b> Morning Worship/NC Children's Home Presentation <b>4:30 PM:</b> AWANA <b>5:00 PM:</b> Youth	28	29 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	30 <b>7:00 PM:</b> Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Girlfriends in Christ, Youth in FLC <b>8:00 PM:</b> Choir Practice			

you all truly brought

Joy

to so many faces.



Philadelphia Baptist Church  
& Girlfriends in Christ  
Group,

Thank you so much for all  
the toy donations. We really  
appreciated it. One thing that  
is hard about our job is seeing  
kiddos scared of us. So, when  
we give them a toy/activity  
their fear disappears and  
makes us nurses happy.

Thank you, thank you, **THANK YOU!**

- Atrium Health Children's  
Center - Union



### FOR LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Please alphabetically sort your cards, rubber band together  
and drop off in the vestibule. Please put your Lottie Moon Christmas  
Offering on the top of your card stack. All cards are due on Sunday,  
December 4<sup>th</sup>. Cards will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you.

We need volunteers (Ladies' Prayer Group, Girlfriends in Christ, Sunday  
School Classes) to come out to the Family Life Center on Monday,  
December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM to help sort cards. Thank you!





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We have SHOEBBOXES, labels, and *How to Pack a Shoebox* brochures for you to use. Please pick up at church office or vestibule. 😊

**Shoeboxes Due: Sunday, November 13th**



## GA SHOEBOX SHOPPING/EAT OUT NIGHT

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**TIME:** Meet at church 6:00 PM

We are meeting at the church at 6:00 PM to go eat and then go shopping for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We will return at 8:00 PM. We will provide the meal. Girls, please bring money for shoebox gifts! Please let us know if your GA(s) will be joining us before November 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can make sure we have transportation covered...thanks! On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> we will meet at our regular class time at 7:00 PM in the FLC to pack the shoeboxes. We will work on posting a list of acceptable items for the shoeboxes...in case anyone would like to pick up items in advance 😊 As always, thanks for letting your girls come be a part of GAs to learn about missions and do missions! We hope to see everyone each Wednesday night!

Again, if you can please let us know if your girl(s) will be joining us on our shopping trip that will be a great help! Thank you!

# Golden Age Group

Attention Golden Age Group  
50 years and older

We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month to give our members that are ages 75 and up an opportunity to attend the *75 Plus* group meeting; therefore, having two different dates to enjoy fellowship 😊.



## GOLDEN AGE BREAKFAST

(Everyone 50 years and older are welcome to join us!)

**DATE:** Thursday, November 3, 2022 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Beth's in Pageland

**Come join us and enjoy a hot breakfast!** Hope to see y'all!

Golden Agers, maybe we can plan a day time trip to the Billy Graham Library in December. If planned, we will announce details at a later date.



**Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Annual Offering**

**Your Offering Changes Children's Lives!**

**Week of Prayer-November 6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>; Ingathering-November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Every day through Baptist Children's Homes (BCH), Christian men and women answer God's call to care for "the least of these" (Mat. 25:40). NC Baptist churches, like yours, answer the call in many ways including being a part of BCH's Annual Offering. Your offering gift impacts the lives of children, families and individuals served through BCH ministries across NC, SC and Guatemala. Most importantly, your gift empowers the gospel to be shared as more than 80% of those we serve come to BCH unchurched and unreached for Jesus.

**NC Children's Home Presentation-Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

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FOR...

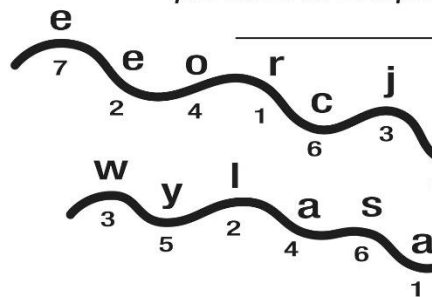




# GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

*Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.*



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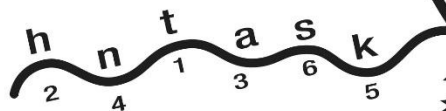
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in all circumstances; for this  
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks