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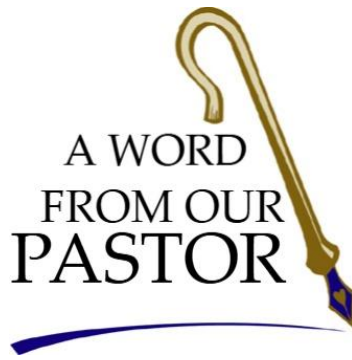
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Greetings Philadelphia,

We are excited to have arrived in beautiful Marshville, North Carolina! This season has been bathed in prayer and we are grateful to God to be present with all of you.

I would like to express my gratitude to the church. The parsonage is absolutely beautiful and the work that has been done has surpassed our expectations. I am so thankful for each person that worked to help make the Parsonage our home.

I am appreciative to Peggy Smith and volunteers for all the meals that were prepared for the parsonage renovation fundraiser. Thank you church family for purchasing the plates of food. Those of you that donated monetarily and gave items needed for the restoration of the home, I am truly grateful. We also appreciate all the pantry items and gift cards that helped us in this transition. This was a great blessing and simplified the moving process.

Philadelphia, you live up to your name. A church of "Brotherly Love." Your kindness and hospitality to me and my family will be remembered in our hearts. I look forward to serving you. I am so honored to be your Pastor and I can't wait to do life beside you.

May we, together, be a Light House for many generations to come. My prayer is we continually shine for Christ in our service to one another.

For His Glory,
Bro. Bo

A Note from Jenks

What a great season we are entering. Fall Back. Leaves are changing. For many, the cooler weather couldn't arrive sooner. Others just love looking at the changing of the colors on all the trees.

As a church we are in a season of transition. Our parsonage has undergone an almost complete renovation. HUGE SHOUTOUT TO ALL THAT PLAYED A PART IN THE RENOVATION. Transitions aren't always easy. With it comes change, which can be exciting and positive but can also be difficult. During these times many questions, thoughts and even fears arise. Can I make it through this transition? What is next? Who will I turn to for help? What will I do now? Why is this happening right now? All valid thoughts but also some of the easiest questions to answer. TRUST IN THE LORD.

As we become more and more obedient to the Lord, we see that the things He asks us to do will not seem to make any sense. It is in those moments we should call on him even more, especially if he has gotten us through things in the past. Scripture says he is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. If he has been there in the past, he will be there today in your current state, and we can look forward to that in the future as well.

This month marks the new chapter in the life of Philadelphia Baptist Church. I am excited at what GOD will do in the coming days, months, and years. Bo and Jamie Hamilton have been called to be our next Shepherd here at PBC. There have been many GOD moments during our initial meetings and during the interview process. Throughout the search, I kept telling myself and others that we were looking for the next Godly man to fill the pulpit. That isn't just the man behind the pulpit, it is also the family behind the man as well. With that being said I wanted to share a comment that was made early in our Pastor search process. As with any transition, there will be change. It is almost inevitable, but TRUST is even more important during those times. The comment made was "They are putting a lot of TRUST in us just as much as we are in them." While I knew that to be true, and I tried looking at things from each pew of church, I often neglected to fully look at it from the other side. The Hamiltons were putting a lot of TRUST in GOD but also in us, as a congregation. Think about that. They were willing to move 2-3 states away from what they have known all their life, to continue the work God had prepared them to do. What a big leap of faith and trust that is. Trusting in GOD is one thing but to trust those you have only known for a short while requires TRUST AND FAITH.

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A Note from Jenks, continued

Now as we welcome a new PASTOR and FAMILY into a newly renovated parsonage, I want to challenge us a congregation, myself first, to have a renewed LOVE for what the Lord will do here in our community and state and around the world. I joked with a few members that I saw an Inflatable balloon outside the Bojangles in Marshville a few months back. They were remodeling the inside, and it had these words. "NEW DIGS, SAME BO"

WELCOME HAMILTONS, to your new digs. We know we will get the SAME BO, a GODLY MAN THAT LOVES THE LORD AND SERVING HIM. *Jenks*



**Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 2nd.**

**Turn clocks back one hour on
Saturday night, November 1st.**



November 2nd: Regular Class

November 9th: Paper Airplane Night

November 17: Regular Class

November 23rd: Glow Night

November 30th: Regular Class

Lottie Moon Week of Prayer

Sunday, November 30 – Sunday, December 7

Ingathering

Sunday, December 7th

We will receive the Lottie Moon Offering throughout the month of December.



NC Baptist Children's Home Week of Prayer: Nov. 9 – 16 ***Ingathering: Sunday, November 16th***

Chad and Alicia Hinton were out of excuses. The couple reached this conclusion as they sat in their home church, Englewood Baptist in Rocky Mount, where they had just finished hearing a sermon series that would forever impact the direction of their family. The messages included two Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) guest speakers who shared about the EVERY CHILD foster care initiative, where BCH trains and licenses Christian husbands and wives to become foster parents. Chad and Alicia knew God was leading them to foster vulnerable NC children.

The Hintons live in Tarboro, NC, not far from their church. They are parents to four children, two sons and two daughters, whose ages are from four to 13.

In late December 2022, the Hintons received a call that a newborn baby was in need of a foster family. On Christmas Eve, with Chad remaining home with their children, Alicia drove to the hospital, put on a pair of scrubs, and held baby Ian for the first time. Church friends and neighbors provided all of the physical items needed so the Hintons could care for him.

In the days ahead, Chad and Alicia made a connection with Ian's great aunt and uncle who were raising Ian's two half-sisters. A deep friendship evolved between the two families—one that allowed Ian to remain connected with his biological family.

Chad and Alicia's plan to foster as many children as possible arrived at a crossroads when they learned Ian's parental rights were to be terminated and Ian would be eligible for adoption. When they discussed this with Ian's great aunt and uncle, they all agreed that the bond formed between their two families was special. Adopting Ian would not only allow their relationship to grow even stronger but would ensure he and his siblings would be involved in each other's lives.

Ian became a permanent member of the Hinton Family during the week of Valentine's Day in February 2023. They hosted an adoption celebration at their church where family—including 10 members of Ian's biological family—friends, and BCH team members attended.

Today, the Hintons have moved into a bigger home—one that allows them the room to foster more children while having extra space for future sleepovers with Ian's sisters. The Hintons see the move as an extension of the ministry God has given them through the prayers and support of NC Baptists and the EVERY CHILD initiative through Baptist Children's Homes.

November 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

						1
2 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Parsonage Fund Raiser Meal 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AWANA	3 75 Plus RSVP to Bonnie Oster	4	5 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends in FLC, GA, RA, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ 8:00 p.m.: Choir Practice	6 Still Waters Learning; Men's Supper at Napoli's 6:00 p.m.	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Church Conference 1:00-3:00 p.m. 75 Plus 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AWANA Paper Airplane Night	10	11	12 6:00 p.m. GA Shoebox Shopping Night 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, RA in FLC, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ 8:00 p.m.: Choir Practice	13 Still Waters Learning	14	15



Ladies'
Prayer
Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, November 18th

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Beth's Restaurant

November Blessing Bags Item:

Men, women, and kids toboggans.

November Nursery Workers

2nd: No Nursery

9th: Jill & Kathy

16th: Lisa & Aurianna

23rd: Leigha & Jake

30th: Taylor & Ryan

**TRUTH
SEEKERS**

DATE: Twice a month

TIME: Following Children's Sermon

PLACE: Fellowship Hall

Ages 7 to 11

November Mission Friends

5th: FLC-Mrs. Lisa snack & lesson

12th: Lisa & Karoline; Snack: Karoline

19th: Lisa & Amanda; Snack:

Amanda-We are Thanksgiving
Celebration

26th: No Mission Friends



Happy Thanksgiving

November

Children's Church Workers

2nd: Kim & Lisa

9th: Jana & Malorie

16th: Billi & AJ

23rd: Michelle & Valerie

30th: Jeff & Mindy



**Samaritan's
Purse
Operation
Christmas Child**



Shoeboxes and labels are here in the vestibule!

All shoeboxes are due back Wednesday, November 19th.



Because Hunger Doesn't End on Friday

Philadelphia's Responsibility: instant oatmeal and grits, individual boxes of cereals, and Pop-Tarts. Please drop off in the vestibule. Thank you.

75 Plus Newsletter November 2025

We had 16 present for our meeting. We're always joyful to see each other. It's a real blessing to me. We were missing some and pray for each other. Many have medical problems and you're in our prayers.

Our November meeting will be very different. Joyce Ashcraft has a Big Birthday. Our group has been invited on Sunday November 9th in The Family Life Center 1pm to 3pm. **Please call me if you plan to attend by November 3rd.** (This invitation is just for our 75 Plus group). They need to know how many to plan for. No presents. Hope to see you soon. Thank you for your support.

Bonnie Oster



It's that time of year again to begin thinking about the Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 13, 2025. We faithfully depend on our churches in the Union Baptist Association to supply new toys for our much needed families. We also depend on your help working that day as volunteers and providing snacks. I know we have a mighty God and He has never failed us. There are so many wonderful opportunities to help spread the word of Jesus. Please pray for this mission as it will be our 19th year. If you have questions, please feel free to call Teresa Polk, 704-634-0530. **Please drop off toys in the vestibule here at Philadelphia by Sunday, December 7th.**

Union Elementary School Christmas Shopping Volunteers

December 15th – December 19th from 7-9 AM or 12-2 PM

To volunteer, sign up at <https://ucpsvolunteers.com/>

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND RAISER

November Fund Raiser Meal – Sunday, November 2nd

In the Family Life Center following the morning worship service. You will need to sign up by Wednesday, October 29th. Thank you!

Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, homemade biscuits, and desserts!!

Men's Supper at Napoli's Restaurant

Thursday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Dates for Live Nativity: December 13th & 14th

Still Waters Learning

Whitney Beard's homeschool group will be meeting in the Family Life Center on Thursdays. Group began meeting on August 28th and will continue through May of 2026.

2026 Ladies' Retreat at Fort Caswell

Theme: Girl! Shut Your Mouth and Open It

Friday, February 27 - Sunday, March 1

Cost: \$170.00 and is due by December 1st

See more information on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School Office or contact Sheri Bradshaw or Luisa Price.



We will begin working on the Christmas Musical.

We need any and all that can join us! 😊

GA SHOEBOX SHOPPING

We will be going Operation Christmas Shoebox Shopping at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12th. We will meet at the church, go eat supper, and then go to the Dollar Tree in Pageland to shop. The girls will need money for shoebox items only. We will take care of the meal. Please talk to your daughters or granddaughters and remind them that we are only buying for the shoeboxes. We are doing ministry work. Please let us know if your daughter is going to ride with us or will be meeting us there. Thank you.

Dear Philadelphia Baptist Church,

I'm so grateful for your partnership with me in the ministry to build resilient child disciples. Thank you for the value you place on child discipleship. Your support allows me to reach out and encourage leaders in North and South Carolina.

I had an opportunity to attend the Child Discipleship Forum with two members of my church on September 25-26th. One of the speakers was Shawn Thornton. Shawn is a member of the Awana Board of Directors. He is also the President of the Board of Directors for Joni and Friends. Every time I hear Shawn tell his story, I think about all the children who are part of our Awana clubs now and wonder if they may be living in a situation similar to Shawn's. Shawn's mother was in a bad car accident as a teenager and suffered from a traumatic brain injury when she was 14. She had to relearn how to walk and talk, and when it took too long for her to arrive at class, she had to drop out of school. Shawn's mother and father married when she was just 18 years old. His dad worked in a factory, and his mom was a stay-at-home mom. Because of his mom's brain injury, life was hard while Shawn and his brother were growing up. His home was a place of chaos and mess. His mom could be calm one minute and extremely violent the next. His dad would say, 'under the table, boys,' and they would go under the table to escape another violent outburst of flying dishes. No one knew what his home life was like, not his immediate family, nor his church family.

However, his entire family loved Jesus, and they attended church every time the doors opened. Then, his father got a job as the church custodian, and they were there even more. And yes, Shawn attended Awana and was discipled by the loving, caring adults in their Awana club. Those adults made a difference in Shawn's life. He loved going to church because it allowed him to escape his home life. Both Shawn and his brother became pastors.

Whenever I hear Shawn's story and think about how hard life was for him as a child. I reflect on the situations our children face as they grow up. I'm so thankful for the loving, caring adults in our Awana clubs. I'm grateful to you for your continued prayers and financial support of \$150.00 to my ministry. Praise God for the children who are finding Jesus at a nearby Awana club!

May God richly bless you! Kathy Brock, AWANA Carolinas Missionary



November

2-Jeff Forester, Hailey Guadarrama
3-Jack Rollins, Brenda Wallace
4-Cecil Helms, Donald Sullivan
5-Grayson Helms, Mitchell Wilson
6- Aubrey McGriff
7-William Glidewell
9-Joyce Ashcraft, J.D. Query
10-Robbie Huggins, Vanna Rutledge
13-Bonnie Newland
14-Noah Porter
18-Beth Atkinson
20-Baylor Ross
23-Austin Hamilton
23-Dawn McClain
23-Jerry Moore
25-Ava Strawn, Caitlyn Davis
26-Rebecca Davis
27-Tonya Huggins
30-Jerry Davis

December First Week Birthdays

1-Travis Cox, Belinda Goodman, Wyatt Helms, Cameron Knight, Timothy Pressley
2-Skylar Clay, Jack Ellison, Case Gouch
4-Shirley Rorie, Sherry Severt
5-Jake Taylor
6- Darrell Jenkins
7-Kevin Ciucevich, Veronica Freytag, Briar Gouch, Amelia Moore



Happy
Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!



Thursday, November 27th

November 2025, continued

16 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AWANA	17	18 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast @ Beth's at 9 a.m.	19 Shoeboxes due 7:00 PM: Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA Shoebox Packing Night in FLC, RA, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ 8:00 PM: Choir Practice	20 Still Waters Learning	21	22 Church wide Thanksgiving Meal 6:00 p.m.
23 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. AWANA Glow Night	24	25 Deacons' Meeting 7 p.m.	26 No Classes or Services tonight	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
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