November Birthdays

Nov 3: Crystal McCoy Nov 5: Rocky Million Nov 10: Will Dobbins Nov 10: Davy Eaves Nov 11: James Weeks Nov 12: Holly Maddox Nov 16: Slade Pennington Nov 17: Pat Smith Nov 21: Ryan Eaves Nov 23: Keith McCoy Nov 23: Julisa Eaves Nov 27: Elmer Thomas Nov 28: Robin Spann Nov 28: Mary Nell Johnson Nov 29: Richard Cantrell Nov 30: Baylor Jones Nov 30: Richard Million

Children's Ministry

I always look at November as the month of Thanksgiving and this year is no different. We have so much to be thankful for. I want to say that I am thankful for our church and the growth in our children's program. If you haven't taken the time to count, we have over 50 kids that we have been blessed with! I am thankful for all the volunteers that take the time to pour into these children. Most of all, I am thankful for the opportunity to spend time in God's word with the kids and watch each one of them grow in their faith. I can't put into words the love I have for the children of our church and pray that we, as a church family can recognize the opportunity we have been given to love them, serve them, teach them and most importantly lead them to salvation!

Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

In Christian Love,

Mrs. Rhonda



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November Events

- ➢ 14th: Fifties Forward Outing
- > 17th: Thanksgiving Meal
- > $18^{\text{th}} 25^{\text{th}}$: OCC Collection Week
- > 20th: Business Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- > Refer to calendar for more meetings & events.



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SUNDAYS:

- Sunday School @ 9:30 am
- Worship @ 10:30 am

Children's Church after Praise & Worship

WEDNESDAYS:

- Children 6:30 pm
- Youth 6:30 pm
- Adult Groups 6:30 pm

BUS SCHEDULE:

Call the office for a ride.

November Servants

Security Team

3^{rd:} Richard Dobbins
10^{th:} David Rhudy
17^{th:} William Simpson
24^{th:} Scott King

Children's Church

3^{rd:} Rhonda Eaves
10^{th:} Rhonda Eaves
17^{th:} David & Robin Spann
24^{th:} Kelli Jo Prescott

Toddler Children's Church

3^{rd:} Teresa Sullivan
10^{th:} Marcia Bozeman
17^{th:} Julia Persons
24^{th:} Jamie Corbell

Counting Team

Angela Simpson & Katrina Rhudy

Mid-Week Kids Helpers

6^{th:} Scott King 13^{th:} Steven Sloan 20^{th:} Matt Persons

Wed. Night Nursery

6^{th:} Teresa Sullivan
13^{th:} Michelle Hattaway
20^{th:} Sharon Brown

From the Pastor's Study

What is God's will for my life?

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

What is God's will for my life? If you have ever asked that question, you are in good company. King David asked God twenty-five times, "Show me your way." The prophet Habakkuk spent his entire ministry asking God, "How can you use a wicked nation such as Babylon for divine purpose?" The disciples often challenged Jesus's plan to die on the cross, even attempting to rebuke him. The desire to know God's will is normal.

I understand that specific circumstances in life necessitate much prayer, study, and discernment to know God's will. Some challenging moments, like in the case of Habakkuk, require faith without understanding.

However, in the book of Thessalonians, we learn of God's general will for all circumstances in life. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Church of Thessalonica to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Did you catch that? Paul said the will of God for everyone—including you and me—is to give thanks in all circumstances.

This month offers the perfect opportunity to obey the will of God. November is National Gratitude Month. A month designated to express thanks for our blessings and protection. We would all benefit from reflecting on God's blessings in our life, family, and church. So, will you obey the will of God? Let me start. I am thankful for you!

In Christ,

Bro. Brandon

November 2024	SAT	2 Awakened @ 8pm	o	16	23 OCC Serve Day 10am – 2pm	90
	FRI	-	ø	15	22 OCC Serve Day 9am – 11am	29
	THURS		2	14 50's Forward will eat at Front Proch in Sulligent @ 6:30 pm	21 OCC Serve Day 9am – 11am	28 Office Closed Thanksgiving
	WED		6 WMU @ 11 am	13 Wee Wisdom @ 5:30 pm Stewardship @ 6pm	20 OCC Serve Day 4pm – 6pm Deacons @ 5:30 pm Business Meeting @ 6:30 pm	27 Office Closed No Mid-Week Services
	TUES		ъ	12	19 OCC Serve Day 9am – 11am	26
	MON		4	11	18 OCC Serve Day 9am - 11am	25 OCC Serve Day 8am - 10am
	SUN		m	10	17 Thanksgiving Meal	24 OCC Serve Day 2pm – 4pm