

From Our Pastor

In 1620, 102 Pilgrims came to this continent to build a new world where they would be free to worship God. Soon fifty-six died due to starvation, disease, and the cold winter. However, the ones remaining did not give up. In 1621, 46 Pilgrims and 91 Indians met together to give thanks for a bountiful harvest and for the preservation of their lives.

Psalm 95:2 says, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." *Gratitude is more than an attitude.* First of all, giving thanks is a decision and an action. The Pilgrims had every reason to be depressed and discouraged, but they chose to give thanks. Sometimes it takes a choice of our will apart from our feelings to thank God in the midst of our difficulties. He never tells us to thank Him for the difficulties but He does ask us to thank Him in the midst of them. The Bible says in Psalm 100:4: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

The other day I came across an African proverb that says, "Even a hen lifts her head toward heaven when swallowing her grain." How sad that many, who are daily recipients of multiplied blessings, never choose to lift their heads or their hearts in thanksgiving to the God who has freely given us everything. In the story concerning the ten lepers in Luke 17, only one of them chose to turn back, and with a loud voice glorified God.

Secondly, giving thanks is an act of humility. The Bible says in verse 16 of Luke 17, "That the healed leper fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks." The leper was willing to take a posture of humility to recognize Him as sovereign in his life. He truly had something to praise God for. God had supernaturally brought healing to his broken body and restored to him to perfect health. Deuteronomy 8:11 says, "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God." May we always choose to give God praise for the things that He does and provides for us continually.




Thirdly, giving thanks draws us closer to God. When we choose to thank God and praise Him for His wonderful works we are choosing to turn our heart towards Him. The Bible says in James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." The scripture states in Psalms 73:28, "But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works. As I turn my heart towards Him I am stating that as I have trusted Him. I also want to proclaim His great power and how it has worked in my behalf. As He answers prayer according to my requests, I want to be faithful to express appreciation to Him.

Fourthly, giving thanks is God's will. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 it says, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." One of God's desires for you and I is to develop a heart of gratitude. It shows character on our part when we learn the quality of expressing appreciation not only to God but also others. Ephesians 5:20 says, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

William Law, in his book [A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life](#), wrote: "Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays more or fasts the most; it is not he who gives the most, but it is he who is always thankful to God and has a heart always ready to praise God for it."

Bro. Terry

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 6:10 pm Band Rehearsal 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm Church Council	<i>2</i> 6 pm Grace A Lot Volunteers Meeting (@ Weal Church)	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Connect Groups/ Joy of the Ark/ FORGE/ Spiritual Parenting	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 6:00 pm WISH 	<i>8</i> 6:10 pm Band Rehearsal 6:45 pm Regular Business Meeting	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Youth Alive Revival 6 pm	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 7 pm @ WHITE OAK	<i>15</i> NO PM SERVICES at Hollywood	<i>16</i> 7 pm Leadership Team Meeting	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
						
<i>19</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Connect Groups/ Joy of the Ark/ FORGE/ Spiritual Parenting	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 7 pm Joint Service @ Marion	<i>22</i> 6:10 pm Band Rehearsal 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting	<i>23</i>  Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 6:00 pm WISH	<i>29</i> 6:10 pm Band Rehearsal 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting	<i>30</i>		

Nursery for November

Children's Church Workers

November 5 Kent and Misty Bishop
 November 12 Madilyn Moss and
 Whitney Burnette
 November 19 TBD
 November 26 Randy and Cassie Gatewood

Wed Nov 1, 2017

6:45 pm – 7:45 pm Brenda Reynolds

Sun Nov 5, 2017

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Stephanie and Sara Weiss, Lori and Caroline
 Doss

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

Wed Nov 8, 2017

6:45 pm – 7:45 pm Mary and Madilyn Moss

Sun Nov 12, 2017

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Randy and Cassie Gatewood, Becky Roberts,
 Mary Moss

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm James and Sylvia Lumpkins

Wed Nov 15, 2017

6:45 pm – 7:45 pm Paige Conner

Sun Nov 19, 2017

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Shelly Lewis, Madilyn Moss, Donnie and Peggy
 Moore

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

Sun Nov 26, 2017

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Lynita Falls, Devin Motley, Mary and Madilyn
 Moss

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

November Birthdays

2 Andy Reynolds
 4 Stephanie Weiss
 6 Gary Matherly
 7 Paula Reynolds
 Mary Bella Easley
 8 Julia Nuckols
 10 Keith Marlowe
 Tracy R. Newby
 11 Elizabeth Reynolds
 13 Matt Doss
 Barbara Robertson
 14 Jim Doss
 19 Nathaniel Aaron
 20 Chuck Easley
 21 Marcus Anderson
 Makailla Davis
 22 John Moore
 Steve Reynolds
 24 Terry Moore
 29 Cassandra Gatewood
 30 David Hayden



Greeters

November 5, 2017 Jared St. John, Emma Walden, Helen Moschler, Judy Reynolds

November 12, 2017 Hailey Doss, Joan Nuckols, Jetty Burgess, Chuck Easley

November 19, 2017 Emmalee Ayers, Melody Collins, Dorothy Fowlkes, Faye Shropshire

November 26, 2017 Jacob Doss, Deborah Reynolds, Julie Ragsdale, Shirley Fisher

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

November 5, 2017 Donnie Moore*, Earl Nuckols, Terry Moore, Larry Weiss

November 12, 2017 Jacob Waller*, Ben Dunn, Chris Falls, Adam Lumpkins

November 19, 2017 Bryan Lewis*, Gary Matherly, James Lumpkins, Hale Crider

November 26, 2017 Bobby Mullins*, Dale McFadden, Chuck Easley, Drake Easley

2017 Lottie Moon Offering

BECAUSE YOU GAVE

- 1.75 million people heard a gospel witness
- 275,000 became new believers
- 14,000 new churches and 4,000 new groups were formed
- 21,000 leaders were trained to start new churches
- 444,263 nationals met in on-going Bible studies



The Mission of the Manger

As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$14,575.00, for the 2017 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of October 29, 2017, the church has collected **\$14,536.00.**



2017 Lottie
Moon Goal
\$14,575.00

Statistics taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report available at imb.org.

Opportunities for Service

Grace A Lot, our local charitable clothes closet is seeking donations and volunteers. They ask that clothing and accessory donations be clean and in good condition (underwear must be new). They

are also in need of plastic storage drawers for smaller items. Donations may be dropped off at their location at 1410 Weal Road (formerly Weal Presbyterian Church), their hours are Mondays from 9 am - 5 pm, Wednesday and Saturdays from 9 am - 12 pm. There will be a meeting for those interested in volunteering on November 2 at 6 pm. Contact Judy Reynolds with questions.



'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25: 34-40 (NIV)

Grace A Lot Ministries

Chatham, Virginia

Building relationships within our community.



Grace A Lot Ministries is a community organization serving Pittsylvania County, Virginia. It serves the county by equipping and empowering those most in need of love and understanding. The ministry encourages both physical and spiritual growth as individuals join a path to self-sufficiency and resilience.

Grace A Lot Ministries goals:

A clothes closet. Donations of new or gently used clothes are collected and provided to families and children in need of such assistance.

Education. Ensuring individuals are aware of state and private programs that will assist individuals to a path of self sufficiency.

Life and employment resources. Budgeting, good nutrition and advocacy reduces anxiety and builds self respect.

Grace A Lot Ministries is an active outreach effort within the local community. Additional support from any community church is welcomed. Grace A Lot thrives on ideas, volunteers and donations. Donations can be both monetary and nonmonetary. Time is the greatest gift.

Grace A Lot is supported by the following congregations:

Chatham Presbyterian Church, Chatham
Hollywood Baptist Church, Chatham
Marion Baptist Church, Chatham
Watson Memorial United Methodist Church, Chatham
White Oak Missionary Baptist Church, Dry Fork

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:14-17

Learn more about building a resilient and successful community. Contact Lisa Wiebking at 434-942-8371. Email gracealotministries@gmail.com. Grace A Lot Ministries is located at 1500 Weal Road (Old Weal Church), Chatham Virginia.

You're Invited!



What: Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Packing Party

When: November 5, 6 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Our church wide goal this year is 200 shoeboxes! We've got lots of wonderful donations, so come help us get them packed to bring joy to children in need!

For those of you packing your own shoeboxes, please remember that all shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by November 12, and toothpaste and candy cannot be packed in shoeboxes this year!



Good News Jail and Prison Ministry will be conducting a training session for new volunteers on Thursday, November 16. The training will begin promptly at 6 pm. Volunteers are asked to arrive early and bring a legal photo ID. The training will be held at Rivermont Baptist Church in Danville (122 Sunset Place). Those interested in attending must register by e-mail or phone. If you leave a message, please include the names of those who you wish to register. To register or request more information please contact one of the following.

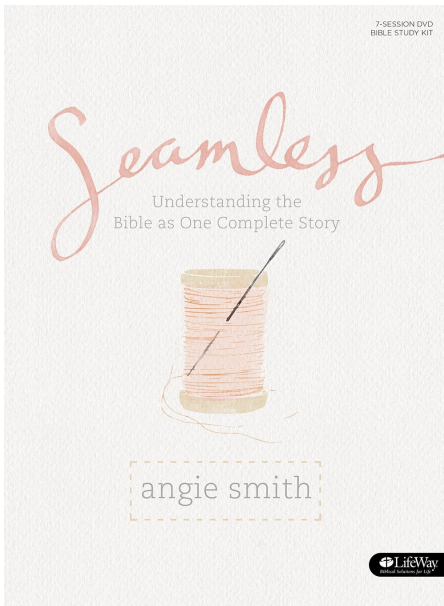
Kelly Herndon	kelly.herndon@goodnewsjail.org	434-822-7139
Chaplin David Abernathy	david.abernathy@goodnewsjail.org	434-432-4350

Family Fall Festival 2017





On November 5, we will be having a High Attendance Sunday for Sunday School! We'd love to see 150 people or even 200 attend! There will be breakfast served in the hallway near the information board at 9:30 am, so come start your day out right! We have a class for everyone. If you haven't been attending, we'd LOVE for you to give it a try! If you already know what a blessing Sunday School is invite your friends and family and come see what blessings God has for you if you give him an extra hour!



In November WISH will be studying *Seamless* by Angie Smith. This series tackles a problem that many Christians have: How do the people and stories in the Bible tie together? Join us as we learn more about our Seamless love letter from our Heavenly Father! WISH meets in the home of one of our members alternating Tuesdays at 6 pm. This study is open to young women of the church, if you have questions or would like more information please see Blair Lumpkins.



On Sunday evenings at 6 pm we will be continuing a series on "Spiritual Parenting" by Dr. Michelle Anthony. Join us as we learn how to raise a child who is firmly rooted in faith in the Lord and ready to serve in God's kingdom. This series can be a valuable tool in helping strengthen your family, and equipping you to have a more spiritually centered parent child relationship.

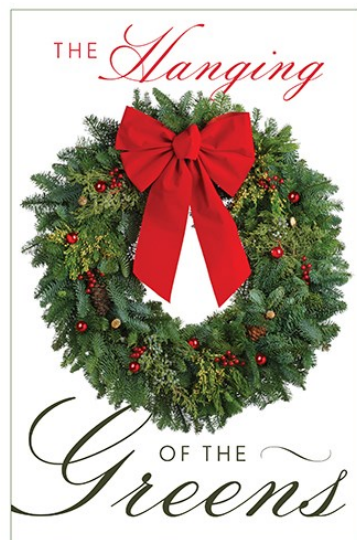


On November 12, will be hosting a Veteran's Recognition Fellowship Luncheon. The luncheon will be held directly after the morning worship service. Chicken and paper products will be provided. We are requesting your help with sides dishes, salads, beverages, and desserts. Join us as we come together and honor these special people!

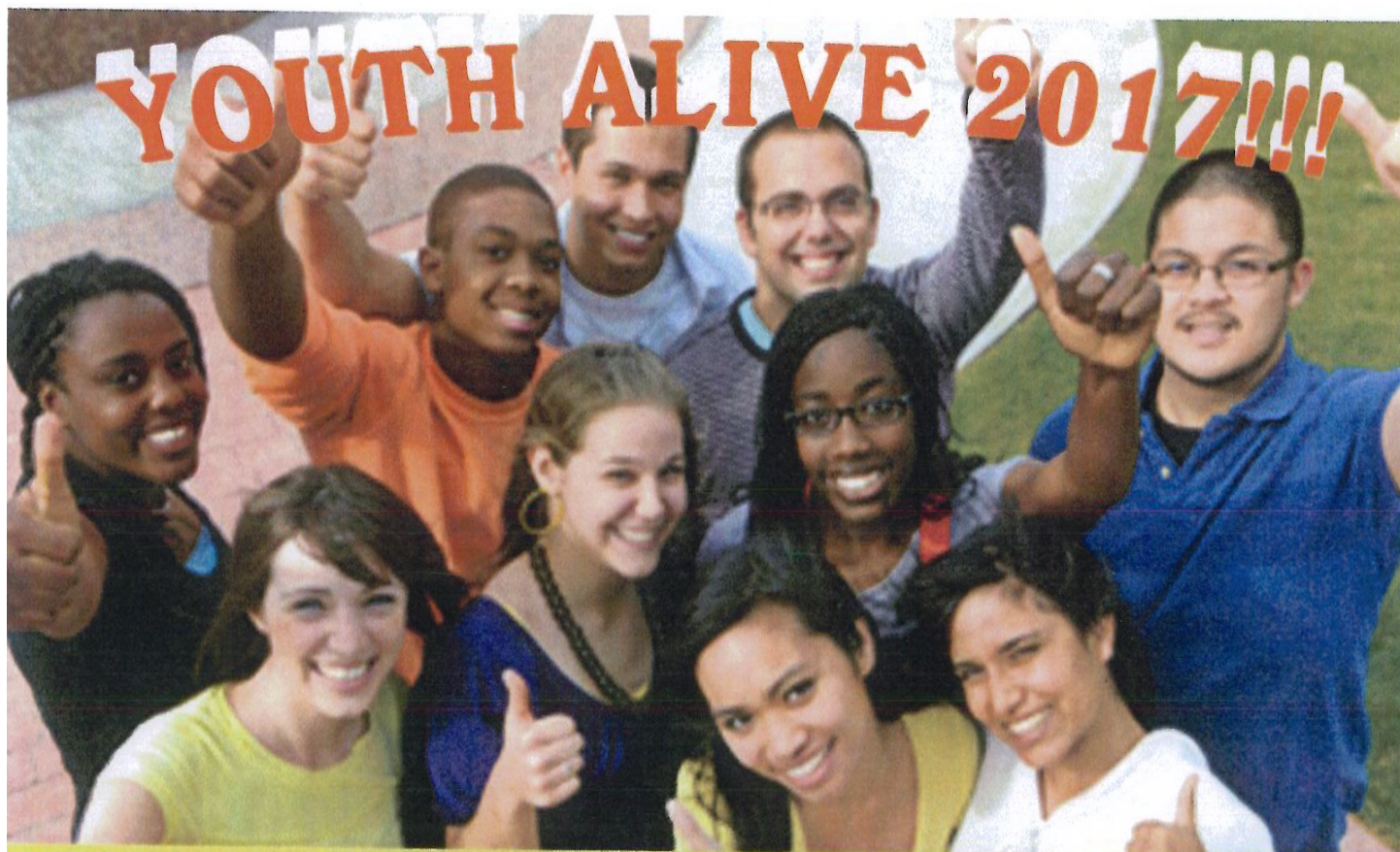


Joint Thanksgiving Service!
Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm

Hollywood Baptist Church, Marion Baptist Church, and White Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be meeting for a joint Thanksgiving service at Marion. This service will feature a combined choir and Pastor Ed Pope will be preaching the gospel. Join us as we come to give thanks to God for all of the many blessings that he has bestowed upon us!



What do you do when Thanksgiving is over? Join us on November 26 for the Hanging of the Greens! This event transforms our sanctuary and prepares us for the Christmas season. The magic starts at 6 pm and the joy lasts all season long!
Save the date you don't want to miss it!



WHITE OAK GROVE OUTREACH CENTER

1461 Dry Fork Road, Dry Fork, VA
Pastor Edward L. Pope, Director



Guest Speaker

Pastor Everett Pope
 United Baptist Church
 New Carrollton, MD

Special Music



WOL Revive Band
 Schroon Lake, NY

COME CELEBRATE with us

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th at 6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 13 -15 at 7:00 P.M. Nightly

Sponsored By The Pittsylvania County Minister's Fellowship

For more information please contact:

Pastor Edward L. Pope, President - (434) 250-1649

Pastor Henry (Hank) Meadows, Vice President - (434) 770-2331

Pastor Terry St John, Secretary - (434) 713-0193

Joy on the Ark



Joy on the Ark hosted a Biblical Character Costume Contest! Everyone dressed up as a Bible Character, then people guessed who we were! We had Ana, David (young and old), Shadrach, Meshach, Moses, two beautiful rainbows, Noah's stick, a wolf in sheep's clothing, a lion, a sheep, and two shepherds! After our contest we had special treats, colored, and heard a special story! It was lots of fun! Come join us on Sunday nights at 6 pm. We've got classes for kids from 2 1/2 to 6th Grade! If you have any questions, please see Paige Conner!



Trunk or Treat!

Thank you to everyone who donated candy, and those who helped at Trunk or Treat! We handed out 1,700 Gospel tracts and almost 50 Bibles! Thank you to everyone who made this night such a great success!

Hello,

I am an officer for the Pittsylvania County Sheriff office. I pass by your church every morning coming to work. I look forward to reading your sign to see what encouragement you have posted.

I was over whelmed when I noticed it thanking the officers of Pittsylvania County Sheriff's office. I just had to respond and say thank you so much, It is nice to know and see that someone does care.

Lately we get a lot of bad things said and thought about us. We have taken an oath to do what is right and up hold the laws of the state of Virginia. It's not always easy.

I didn't mean to be so long winded, but had to say thank you and it was greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless your Church family and ministry is my Prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Deputy Karen D. Motley
Pittsylvania County Sheriff Department
Bailiff of Circuit Court

I want to thank all my church family for the prayers, cards, food, flowers, and visits during my recovery from knee surgery. It is such a great blessing to be a part of such a caring church. My recovery is going well, and I hope to be back in church real soon.

Again, thanks for all the thoughts and prayers on my behalf.

Sincerely with Love,

Grace Allen

I would like to thank you for the "basket of goodies," the cards, gifts and kind words that you expressed to me during Pastors Appreciation Month. You will never know what a blessing they were. Thank you for your generosity!

Terry C. St. John

BILL GAITHER & THE GAITHER CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING



*featuring the
Gaither Vocal Band*

TODD SUTTLES, REGGIE SMITH,
BILL GAITHER, ADAM CRABB
& WES HAMPTON

plus special guests



BUDDY GREENE



THE MARTINS



MARK LOWRY



LYNDA RANDLE



JEFF
TAYLOR



GENE
MCDONALD



CHARLOTTE
RITCHIE



KEVIN
WILLIAMS

Thomas Roads Baptist Church will be hosting the Gaithers for a special Christmas concert on Friday, December 8. The show starts at 7 pm. The church has tickets available for this event, at the special reduced rate of \$22 per ticket. So enjoy a night of music yourself or purchase tickets for someone special as a Christmas gift! See the Pastor to purchase your tickets today!

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

6405 Callands Road

Chatham, VA 24531



Events in December

December 6

Church Council

December 8

Gaither Concert

December 10

Youth Christmas Party

December 11

Packing Food Boxes

December 13

Christmas Caroling

December 17

Christmas Fellowship Lunch

December 20

Candlelight Service