

The Samaria Beacon... "A Light on a Hill"

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Birthdays

November	14	Nancy Poole
November	15	Reagan Baynard
November	15	Reese Baynard
November	17	Jane Stephens
November	22	Ashley Rose
November	25	Katie Lee
November	26	Jeanette Busse
November	29	Hailey Johnson

If you are not listed please contact the church office 919 231-8035.

Samaria Services

Please plan to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 am.

Sunday Morning Worship service at 11:00 am with all other services live streamed.

Join us on Wednesday nights with meal at 5:30pm, and Bible Study in fellowship hall from 6:30-7:30pm. We will also have kids club at 6:30-7:30pm.

Deacon Meetings 2025

**Nov 02
12:15 pm**

**Dec 07
12:15 pm**

**Jan 04
12:15 pm**



Tuesday, November 18 at 9am

**Triple S Breakfast at
McLean's Ole Time Cafe**

Homebound Members

Maria Sanchez — birthday May 30

Betty Brodie — birthday August 04

Shirley Edwards—birthday June 05

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Ministry Concerns

All Homebound members	Healing/Strength
Ricky Anderson	Healing/Strength
Carolyn Baker	Healing/Strength
Ann Cobb	Healing/Strength
Jerry Hawkins	Healing/Strength
Steve & Hannah Hicks	Healing/Strength
Terry Hobbs	Healing/Strength
Monica Joseph	Healing/Strength
Cherry Parker	Healing/Strength
Eddie Pegram	Healing/Strength
Debbie Strickland	Healing/Strength
Michelle Williams	Healing/Strength
Pat Wilson	Healing/Strength

Pastor's Corner **November 2025**

Dear Samaria Family,

November is a month to honor our veterans and to celebrate God's blessings in our lives, by observing Thanksgiving. It is important to recognize and show appreciation to our brave men and women who served and sacrificed to ensure our liberties and freedoms. It is appropriate that both holidays occur in the same month.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day. World War I, (1914-1918), was known as the Great War, at the time. Major hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. In 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day. Interestingly, the Great War was fought among Queen Victoria's grandchildren. Her grandson, George V, was King of England. Another grandson, Kaiser Wilhelm II, was kaiser of Germany, and her granddaughter, Empress Alexandra, was Empress of Russia. Queen Victoria died in 1901 and did not live to see the greatest family feud in history. Woodrow Wilson was the President of the United States during the war. The Hebrew word for thanksgiving, *todah*, means "confession" and "praise." It involves acknowledging that God is the giver of all good gifts. Jesus gave thanks for the bread and the fish before miraculously feeding the crowds and the bread and wine at the Last Supper. Displaying an attitude of gratitude is a biblical principle for abundant daily living for a Christ follower. Psalm 100:4, instructs us to "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name." As we prepare for our traditional Thanksgiving activities, may we be reminded to express our heart-felt appreciation to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for our salvation and the multitude of blessings he bestows on each of us. On the topic of thanksgiving, I am grateful for our missionaries and the International Mission Board, formerly the Foreign Mission Board. From its headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, the IMB serves 3,577 missionaries on the field. According to the IMB's *Promotional Guide 2025/2026*, the organization provides essential resources for missionaries around the world, including cultural access, missionary compensation, safety and security, health and wellness, ministry tools, and missionary teaming. Last year the IMB recorded 68,628 baptisms, 2,409 churches planted, 144,969 professed Christ, 84,430 new leaders, and 1.6 million heard the Gospel. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides the resources to keep these missionaries serving around the world, in cities, rural areas, hard-to-reach places, and among people who are displaced and dispersed. November 30 – December 7, 2025, is the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Lottie Moon was often discouraged about what she considered a lack of interest in giving to international missions. Amazingly, the 2025 National Offering Goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$210 million! Lottie Moon's legacy is an example of God, honoring faithful service.

Karen and I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Danny

Check out our Website **Samariabaptist.org**

Please use the Samaria Baptist Church website www.samariabaptist.org to monitor church events and to find a copy of the bulletin for each Sunday morning service.

Online giving is also available on the website. We are also on You Tube on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Deacon of Week in November

November 02— Brantley Peoples

November 09— Janice Barlow

November 16— Gilbert Barbosa

November 23— Sally Stallings

November 30— Chuck Harris

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

November 25th—Samaria Thanksgiving dinner at 5:30pm—church will provide the Ham, bring a dish to share

Worship service will be from 6:30-730pm

Happy Thanksgiving

