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*We exist because of Jesus Christ and for His glory;
to love God completely, to love others sincerely,
and to make disciples continually*

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Thankful for Christmas! It is officially November which means we can start talking about Christmas right?? Well, yes and no, in my opinion. While I think Candace would celebrate Christmas beginning in September, I have fought to give each holiday its due. I've always said Christmas music before Thanksgiving was just wrong. It feels like Thanksgiving is an afterthought. Don't get me wrong, I think it's kind of sad that we need a holiday to remind us to be thankful – but at the same time – it is good to be thankful! So, I don't want to breeze past the opportunity to be thankful. At the same time, Christmas is an amazing, beautiful, gracious celebration of light and life and it deserves more time! Certainly, all the plans and activities demand more time! After all, we are celebrating the birth of our savior! We ought to do both that and be thankful all year long! So, in the spirit of this newsletter, I submit that we be thankful for Christmas!

If you have heard me preach about Christmas at all you will likely know that my favorite part of the Christmas story, is an often-overlooked person by the name of Simeon. Luke 2:25 tells us Simeon was a "righteous and devout" man, that he was "waiting for the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him." High praise coming from Scripture. Then we learn that, "it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." Wow! That's huge. Mankind had been waiting since the garden of Eden, for this promised redeemer! Simeon, too, waited, but he is told his waiting will not last forever – he is told that God will keep His promise and it will happen in his lifetime. So, one day when Simeon is in the temple, Mary and Joseph walk in with their baby boy, and the Spirit told Simeon this is the one! The wait is over – salvation has come! While it would be another 33 years before that salvation was realized, this story reveals yet another reason that we have to be thankful for Christmas, because it is proof that God is a God who keeps His promises. He calls normal, faithful, righteous, and devout people to be a part of the story.

What about you? Salvation HAS come; His name is Jesus. Do you know Him? Have you surrendered to Him as Lord and Savior? If so, then let us be thankful together.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalms 107:1

So Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! I look forward to celebrating both together!

In Christ, Pastor Justin



December 7 at 6pm
The Christmas
S.O.C.C.E.R.
Team
Kids play and fellowship
Bring your favorite Christmas
snacks and treats!

Dec. 14 at 6pm
What A Glorious Night
Choir musical presentation

Dec. 21 at 6pm
Carols, Candlelight
and Communion

Christmas at Cross Road

CR Kids

One of my favorite things of working with children is hearing their prayers and praises. They are thankful for every little thing, as we all should be.

They are thankful for sunshine, family, music, friends, the playground, and the stars. We are thankful for all our volunteers who help make Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights a success. We're thankful for all the prayers spoken between those days for our children and ministries to grow. As we reflect during this time of year on what we're thankful for, don't forget even the smallest of things. Jesus wants to hear from us. Be bold like the children in your prayers and praises.



Awana (2yrs—6th grade) Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17

Nov. 12 is Club Color Night Wear your club colors (sparks - red, puggles/cubbies - blue, TNT - Green)

Dec. 10 Ugly Christmas Sweater Night Wear your ugliest Christmas themed shirt, sweater or make your own!

Wednesday Play Practice: Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3 at 4:30pm in the sanctuary.

Saturday Dec. 6 Dress rehearsal at 9am followed by our Christmas party.

The play is on Dec. 7 at 6pm. Invite your family and friends! - *Taylor Ferrer-Diaz*



CR KIDS ACTIVITY!! Nov. 16 We will be going to Air Bound following the morning service. We will have a pizza lunch together in the CLC and head to Greensboro. The cost of the activity is \$20 and it includes lunch, 90 minutes of jump time, and a bottle of water for the event. See Pastor Andrew or Taylor to sign up!

CR Students

The teens have been diving into the book of James this past month and plan to wrap up this study in November. We have covered topics that have been key for growing in our Christian walk. James is full of practical wisdom to help us grow.

We have discussed topics such as learning that our words have power and we can either choose to use that power to encourage and lift up others or to tear down others. James goes on to tell us that if we are believers in Christ that we should not do both, but rather choose to let our words build up others. James also encourages us to continue to seek wisdom, not just any wisdom, but true wisdom, Biblical or heavenly wisdom. We do this by staying in God's Word and making our relationship with Christ personal and to cherish our time in His Word. - *Pastor Andrew Wells*

Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17 6:15-7:45pm - Wednesday Bible Study

Nov. 16 5:45pm Students will be joining Journey Church for a night of fun and a challenge from God's Word. We will be playing a big game called "Operation: Mother Hen". Think Mission Impossible meets Chicken Run for a massive outdoor strategy game.

Dec. 10 CR Students Christmas Party!

Young Adult Ministry

Nov. 20 The Young Pros class will be going to Greensboro for Top Golf and lunch. We will leave after the morning service.

**THERE WILL NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ON NOV. 26 OR DEC. 24 & 31
THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 27 & 28, DEC. 24, 25, 26**

Worship Ministry

It's been a year of seeing God continually showing Himself faithful.

I am grateful, thankful, and in awe of His provision this year in my own life and family and for our church. This Psalm below is my prayer for CRBC for the remainder of 2025.

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:1-2 ESV

Please mark your calendars for **December 14th at 6pm** for our CRBC Worship Choir Christmas musical presentation of ***What a Glorious Night!*** This Gospel-centered presentation is sure to prepare your heart and mind to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many of our church's talented vocalists will be featured soloists in this presentation and will lead you in a meaningful time of rejoicing and worship!

Abiding in Christ, Danielle Kelly



Discipleship/Outreach

We have several exciting opportunities to serve this November!

Nov. 8 Appalachian Christmas Outreach Project: We're traveling to Red Springs Mission Camp at 6:45am to help sort and prepare 3,500

backpacks, blessings for children across NC, VA, WV, and KY.

Nov. 22 Habitat for Humanity: We're painting the interior of a newly built home in Asheboro. Come any time after 8:30 a.m. and stay as long as you're able. Sign up sheet is in the church foyer.

Nov. 29 Operation Christmas Child: Traveling to Charlotte to serve at the shoebox processing center - an incredible way to build friendships while blessing children around the world. We will leave from church at 8am and returning around 4pm. 25 spots available! Sign up sheet is in the church foyer.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Saturate 27205 this year! We've already delivered 1,016 gospel-filled bags, and we have one final push to complete Section 2 with 400 homes remaining. Join us in the CLC on **Sunday, November 23rd at 4:00 p.m.** for a joyful time of service—bring your family and help us finish strong as we share the love of Jesus right here in Asheboro. - *Pastor Roger Brittingham*

Men's Ministry

Nov. 4 Randolph Christian Men's Night out:

This month it will be HERE in the CLC! The meal starts at 6:15pm. The speaker this month is our own Justin Curry!

WOW Moms Ministry

Nov. 20 6-8pm WOW Moms Monthly Meeting:

We are learning about the "wow" in WOW Moms, and women of the bible This is our Thanksgiving meal. the meat will be provided, just bring a dessert or favorite side.

Dec. 18 6-8pm WOW Moms Monthly Meeting: We are learning about the "wow" in WOW Moms, and women of the bible. This Is our Christmas party! Bring your favorite finger foods, Christmas treats and a gift for the exchange.

Bring a friend! Our meetings are for moms of all ages! If you need childcare, please contact Candace Curry.



WHEN you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be painful.

Our seminar will help you discover: how to deal with emotions, what to do about traditions, tips for surviving social events and how to find home for the future. Light refreshments will be served.

See Carolyn Winters for more info!

Register for the FREE class at griefshare.org/holidays



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HELP US LORD Oh, dear God, we live in the time when Your Kingdom is preached. (Luke 16:16) Thank You for Your promises in The Word.

May I not try to help You by my own strength. Forbid that LORD! Uzzah died because he tried to stop the Ark of the Covenant from falling. (I Chronicles 13) Not by my strength do I want to witness the Gospel; rather by The Holy Spirit! Jesus commands us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15) Help us to be obedient so that others hear the Truth and are saved. Overcome us Father God because You are mighty and Your will is perfect. I cry out to You that You have **Your** way- and that I be obedient, LORD. I am incapable of good without You. I repent of sin and ask that I submit perfectly in Jesus' name to Your ways. Give us peace by Your grace. May we speak the Truth to our neighbors. We pray this together in Jesus' name, Amen - *Submitted by Melda Dyer, Prayer Coordinator*



It's time for shoeboxes again!
Help us bless a child this Christmas.

Bring filled boxes back to church by Nov. 23!

Shoeboxes (or you can purchase your own plastic one) and labels are available in the foyer along with info on what to pack on the back of the labels.



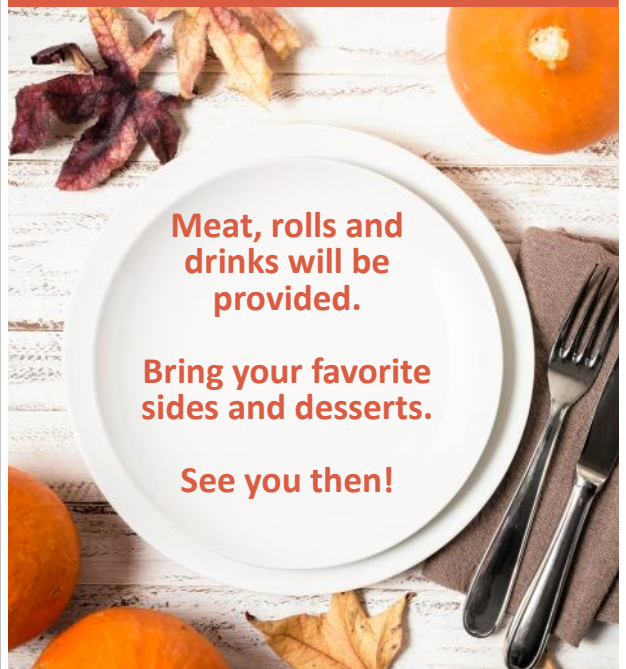
Dec. 2 SENIOR ADULT TRIP to Southern Supreme & lunch



We will leave the church at 10:30am and return around 2pm.

Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer or call the office.

5th Sunday Fellowship Sunday Nov. 30 after service



Meat, rolls and drinks will be provided.

Bring your favorite sides and desserts.

See you then!

If you are interested in smoking or deep frying a turkey, please let the church office know! Turkey will be provided.