

KINGSPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

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Thank you for your expressions of gratitude for our ministry and work during Pastor Appreciation Sunday. I know that I am expressing the same sentiments of all the pastoral staff and ministry team leaders. You are such a loving and generous group of people. We cannot thank you enough for your gifts and cards.

It is a delight to have Victoria Odundo from Kenya with us each year. She shared last Sunday how the orphanage has grown from its beginning with 4 children to over 115. She and the children go into the city every other week and prepare a meal of beans and rice for other children living on the streets to eat with them. As they gather, her children welcome and talk to others about what is going on in their lives and that conversation continues through the meal. They get involved in cleaning and bandaging the wounds of the street children. They share their life stories of how they, too, used to live without hope on the streets. They go on to tell how the difference Christ has made in their lives and how He has helped them by giving them a home and family. What a beautiful example of peers reaching peers. Share your hope with someone today.

The children's home is now beyond capacity and they must make room for more. You have been so generous in supporting this by your annual offering. This year our gift to them was over \$1,000 as of Monday, October 24. During the pastor appreciation meal after service in the Family Life Center, Vicki said that the kids would really be excited about sitting down to such a plentiful and delicious meal as we were enjoying. I asked how many meals they eat daily. Vicki said right now they only eat one meal a day to stretch the food to include all the newer children. In the past they have eaten 2 and occasionally 3 meals a day. I thought about how committed

those children are to give up meals to be able to bring other children into the home to a safe and loving place. Thank you as well for being so generous in you giving to make their ministry possible.

During November we celebrate THANKS-GIVING. I think I will do it on a daily basis.

In His Service,
Ron Lowe, Sr. Pastor



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Every year millions of children around the world are touched by the power of a simple gift...a gift-filled shoebox that is a warm and real expression of God's unconditional love for a child in need. More than 135 million shoeboxes have been packed and sent to children in over 150 countries and territories since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993.

Shoeboxes are on the tables in the church narthex. Please read and follow the instructions. OCC needs to get more shoeboxes for older children (10-14). A list of suggested items can be found at www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

Don't forget to enclose \$7 to pay for shipping your shoebox. An additional \$6 will supply materials for the child to take The Greatest Journey, a dynamic, 12-lesson Bible study course guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

We will collect shoeboxes Oct. 30 - Nov. 13.

Mills & Nancy Dyer



Music ReMarks



Coming November 19: DECEMBER NIGHTS!

This is the Advent Tour of a new group in our region – **TRIO** from Radford, VA. Chris McMurray (former minister of music at Heritage First Church of God & pastor of First Church of God in Dublin, VA) and his wife, Kelly, have joined with a friend, Amanda Shephard to create this new group – TRIO. They have just cut their first album which will be available that night. Heritage First Church will be joining us to host this event which begins at **7 o'clock in our sanctuary**. I personally heard this group at the Virginia State Camp Meeting and they are top-notch! A couple of other groups, including HIS Singing Servants, will share as well. You'll be inspired and blessed by this program.

Rehearsals for our Christmas musical have begun. YOU are needed to help sing. Please come to practices on Wednesday nights at 7:30 or just join the choir to help us on Sunday mornings and come to practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Let's fill **ALL** the chairs in the choir loft! We need and want You! The Christmas musical is entitled: "*Celebrate the Gift*" and is scheduled for presentation on December 11. Sunday rehearsals are at 5 o'clock in the evening in the sanctuary.

Praise Team ministry is beginning with rehearsals on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month. This month's rehearsals will be November 7 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have any questions about this ministry, please see me.

Please **PRAY** with us because we **really are in need** of **more singers** in the choir, **accompanists** to play piano/organ/keyboards, **guitar players and drummers** for the band, and **technicians** to work in the A-V-C (audio/video/computer) room. See me to participate. Training is available.

His Singing Servant,
Mark



ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAROLING TO THE SHUT-INS

The Adult Fellowship Group will visit our shut-ins & sing Christmas carols to them on Thursday, November 17. We will leave the church at 11:15 and have an early lunch, then visit the shut-ins. We encourage you to join us for this event.

It is such a blessing to those we visit but even more of a blessing to those of us who go.

Please let the church office know if you would like to join us, so we can make sure no one gets left behind.

Larry & Doris Gawn

Ripley's Aquarium & Pigeon Forge Shopping (Youth Jr & Sr. High) - November 19 :

We'll leave that morning around 9 am and will stop at Cracker Barrel for breakfast (provided) then we'll head to Ripley's in Gatlinburg. After that, we'll grab lunch in Gatlinburg, walk around, and then on to Pigeon Forge for more shopping or fun. Cost is \$30. Let Chelsey or me know if you want to go.

Nashville New Years Retreat (Young Adults 18-30) - December 30 - January 1:

Join us to ring in the New Year! We'll have a spirit-filled and fun weekend in Nashville & Cookeville. All young adults & college students are welcome. **Deadline to sign up & pay is NOVEMBER 20!** Cost is \$75. Lodging, meals to and from, & breakfast will be included. You'll need to pay separately for Saturday lunch in Cookeville & dinner on Saturday evening in Nashville. We'll be staying at a cabin in Cookeville. We'll be hiking a few waterfalls (weather permitting), indulging in some of the best donuts & coffee around (seriously Cookeville has two of the highest rated donut shops in the country!), exploring Opry Mills, the Opryland Hotel, and the greater Nashville area. Bring extra \$ for food, shopping, and other activities. Further details will be sent to those who sign up.

Christmas Party (Youth & Young Adults) - December 18:

Will take place at the Smith House (433 Merman Rd.) at 6 pm. Join us for a fun evening with food, games, and fellowship. Bring a \$5-10 gift to exchange.

Praise Team (every 1st & 3rd Monday):

If any youth or young adult is interested in joining the praise team, playing an instrument, or helping out in the sound room, let Pastor Mark or me know. Currently, we're meeting/practicing every 1st and 3rd Monday evening at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. For more details on the praise team, contact Pastor Mark.

*God Bless,
Michael*

A Grateful Heart

Thou hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more — a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.



—George Herbert



It's time to fall back...first, let's fall back into one of our favorite events - our annual Pumpkin Patch Party. It will take place in the Family Life Center from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 30. Grab your costume (not scary, please) and come join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Next, it's time to set our clocks to fall back one hour. Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6 so be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Our Children's Church lessons during November will focus on thankfulness. The kids have done a wonderful job with their memory verses. We're going to keep learning new verses each week. Be sure to be here so you can get the verse of the week. You might even win a prize! Our focus verse for this month is Psalm 107:1 ***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."***

We'll start the month by packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. **If you would like to contribute any items to the Children's Ministry shoeboxes, please bring them on Sunday, November 6** so we can include them in our packing party. If you are packing shoeboxes on your own, please be sure to bring them to the church by Sunday, November 13.

The Children's Ministry Team will be meeting soon to plan for the first part of 2017. If you have ideas to share with us or would like to attend, please join us in the Board Room at 5:00pm on Sunday, November 6.

Finally, it's time to fall (back) in love with Jesus. We all have much to be thankful for today and every day, no matter the circumstances. As we head into this month, let's have an attitude of gratitude for all the good things in our lives.

*See you Sunday!
Teresa*



Hanging of the Greens

**Hanging of the Greens Service
Sunday, November 27, at 6 pm
Kingsport Community Church**

Help is needed for decorating the church for the Holiday Season on Sunday, November 20 at 5 pm. Any time you can give will be appreciated. The more help we have the sooner we can finish.

Please contact the church office if you can help decorate and/or bring a snack for the decorating party break.

October was a month where we had to spend additional monies above our normal expenditures:



- We replaced a portion of the church's roof & repaired deteriorating outside electric lines - \$33,000
- Replaced some rusty gas lines - \$675
- Bought a new tankless water heater for the Family Life Center - \$2,375
- Had both the bus and the van repaired. The bus cost was \$1,275; the van was \$938
- And we had the dishwasher repaired - \$597

Several have asked for a financial update on the cost of these repairs, against our special collections (the green envelopes we have included in the bulletin over the last few weeks). As soon as we have our October financial summary completed, we will give that update.

We know we are coming up on the holiday season and things can get even tighter, but please continue to pray for our church and as you are able, please continue to support these financial needs.

*Thanks,
Board of Elders
Kingsport Community Church*



**ADULT FELLOWSHIP TRIP
CHRISTMAS PLAY/DINNER
"The Spirit of Christmas"
First Baptist Church in
Blountville
Saturday, December 3, 2016**

The bus is full for this trip, but there is an alternate sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to add your name in case of cancellations. Or, you may call the church office (246-2212) to add your name/s. We will leave the church at 2:00 pm sharp.

The cost of the dinner & drama is \$12 per person, non-refundable. **The deadline for paying for the trip is November 2.** Make your check payable to KCC & bring it to the church office.

We will be glad to pick up tickets for anyone who wants to go and drive their car.

Larry & Doris Gan

WELCOME BABY BOY PEARMAN

*Elijah Brooks Pearman was born on
Tuesday, October 25 at 10:59 am,
weighing 8 lbs., 15.5 oz., 21" long.
Son of Daniel & Sarah Pearman
Grandson of Frank & Glennie Begley
Great-grandson of Doris Buchanan*



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Weekly Schedule:

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm
Celebrate Recovery meetings
Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Oasis Bible Study
Wednesdays 11:30 am

Our Vision is "To Know Christ & To Make Him Known."



Kingsport Community Church
Sunday, October 30, 2016
5:00 - 7:00pm

Bring your family and join us for the annual Pumpkin Patch Party. There will be games, food, cake walks, fun and fellowship for all.

Join area Churches of God for
The Advent Tour of
DECEMBER NIGHTS!
Saturday, November 19 at 7 pm
Kingsport Community Church
(See Mark's article on page 2 for further details)



**You're Invited To A
Baby Shower**
For Courtney & Kevin Love
Sunday, November 13
2-4 pm
Fellowship Hall - Kingsport Community Church
It's a Girl!
(Registered at Babies "R" Us and Target)



<p>Sunday, October 30 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Pumpkin Patch Party</p> <p>Sunday, November 6 Daylight-Saving Time ends 5:00 pm - Children's Ministry Team meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, November 8 Election Day</p> <p>Friday, November 11 Veterans Day</p> <p>Sunday, November 13 2:00-4:00 pm - Baby shower for Courtney Lowe</p> <p>Monday, November 14 7:00 pm - Board of Elders meeting</p> <p>Thursday, November 17 11:15 am - Adult Fellowship caroling to shut-ins</p>	<p>Saturday, November 19 9:00 am - Students leave for Ripley's Aquarium & shopping trip 7:00 pm - The Advent Tour of DECEMBER NIGHTS! with local Churches of God at Kingsport Community Church</p> <p>Sunday, November 20 5:00 pm - Decorating for Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed</p> <p>Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent 6:00 pm - Hanging of the Greens Service</p>
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