

Celebration of Worship

The Twenty-Ninth Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-Three. Eleven o'clock.
* Please stand unless standing is uncomfortable for you.

Call to Worship Rev. Jonathan Rockness
Pastor
23 Years passed, and the king of Egypt died. But the Israelites continued to groan under their burden of slavery. They cried out for help, and their cry rose up to God. 24 God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.
Exodus 2:23-25 NLT

* Songs of Praise
Hosanna – Praise is Rising..... Screen
Hosanna..... Screen

* Invocation Kyle Cook-McCrary
Youth Minister

Welcome and Announcements Tim Havens
Elder

Moment for Ministry
Children’s Ministry

Children’s Sermon Joleen Smith
Children’s Minister

➤ **Children return to their families.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory
Great is Thy Faithfulness Screen

*DoxologyHymn 668 / Screen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

➤ **Children ages 3 – 2nd Grade may leave for Children’s Church held in Room 204. Snacks will be served.**

The Preaching of God’s Word Rev. Jonathan Rockness
Pastor
Series: Exodus: The Great Rescue
Scripture: Exodus 3:11 – 4:17
Sermon: The God of the Chronically Insecure

* Song of Response
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me..... Screen

* Benediction

* *Now Unto Him*..... Screen
Now Unto Him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling
And present you faultless before the presence of His glory and with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.

- If you need to pray with someone following our services because of a need you have or because the Lord has been at work in your heart during our worship service, Elders are available in the front of the Sanctuary after morning services. Also, feel free to call the church office (304-325-9121) during the week and ask to speak with a member of our ministry staff.
 - Parents are encouraged to use our nursery during the worship service located in Rooms 201/203 in the Children’s Wing.
- All music licensed through Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI #266496).

*The rosebud on the pulpit is given to the glory of God,
And in celebration of the birth of Owen Thomas Hammond,
Son of Kyle and Savanna Hammond,
Grandson of Dave and Pippa Hammond.*

ELDERS

Doug Bourne
Chris Copley
Tim Havens
Chip Hurley
Bob Mahood
Darrin Martin
Larry Mutter
Dave Thomas
Paul Wilkinson

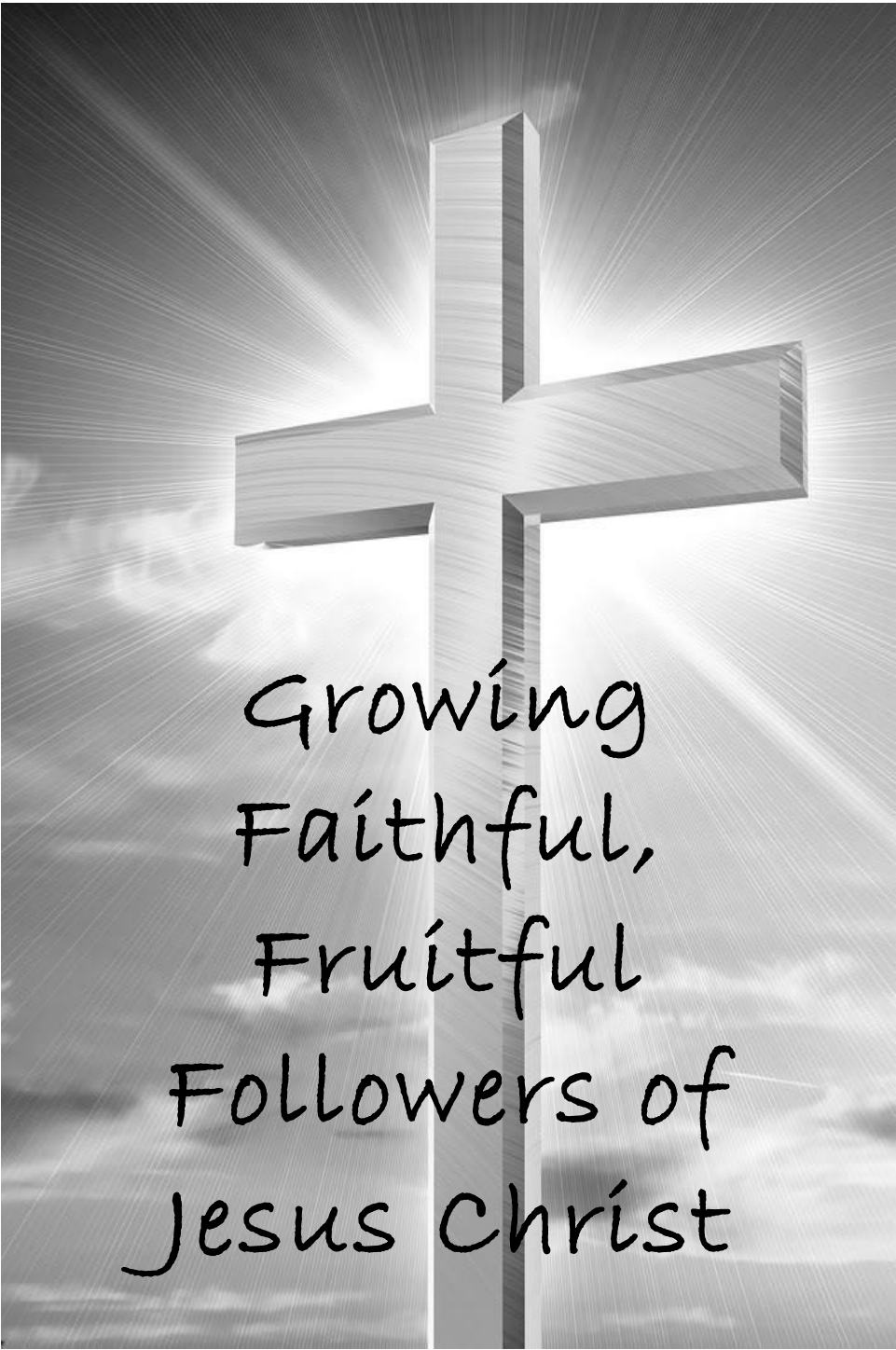
DIACONATE

Tom Carter _____ (304) 320-7620
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Dave Hammond _____ (304) 952-6249
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Westminster Family News...

The church family has an opportunity to celebrate two members that are turning **100!** Today we will have a reception after church for **Rudy Jennings** who turned 100 yesterday. **Betty Scott** will turn 100 on November 7. We would like to send her a stack of birthday cards. Please leave Betty’s card with Sondra in the church office by Wednesday, November 1.

Help is needed with **Operation Christmas Child Drop Off** on Monday, November 13 through Monday, November 20 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., except 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday (Nov 16) and 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. on Sunday (Nov 19). Please Contact Janet Heaton ASAP at 304-467-8872.

Anyone interested in helping in the **Nursery** on Wednesday evenings during **Heart Shapers**, please see Joleen. This can be several people on a rotation, or it could be one individual every week.

Pastor & Staff Appreciation

October is Pastor appreciation month so we want to show our pastor and the rest of the staff how we feel about them. There is a mailbox in the Fellowship Hall. **This will be the last few days to turn in something.**

Westminster Preschool



Westminster Preschool will be selling shirts. Order forms are at the Welcome Center. Please contact Susan or Amanda for more information at (304) 304-0987 or preschooldirector@wpcbluefield.com Orders are due by November 9.

Prayer Needs

Family and friends of **Buddy Parker**
Molly Beavers
Paula Carriker
Michelle Carter
Belva Higgins
Charlie, Pat & Chuck Hoge
Jane Huffman
Nancy Looney
Nancy McJunkin & her father Don Anderson
Roger Phipps
Jonathan Rockness
Judy Spivey

Please contact the church with any prayer concerns at 304-325-9121, secretary@wpcbluefield.com, or the website

Also Remembering:
Mary Raub
Eleanor “Buzzy” Rupp
Betty Scott
Judy (Graham) Webb
Charley Troup

Children’s Church
Chip Hurley and helper

Nursery
Jane Huffman
Paula Fink



Wish them a Happy Birthday

Please let us know if your birthday is not listed

Joe Higgins.....	10/30	Noah Ellison	11/03
Mark Clapp.....	11/01	Eric Wohlford	11/05
Lena Cox.....	11/01		

Welcome Guest

We’re delighted you are worshipping with us today. The entire Westminster family is eager to greet you, answer any questions you may have, and minister to you in any way. After the service, please visit the Welcome Center to learn more about Westminster.

BE SURE TO JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FOR FROZEN COKE AND COFFEE AT 10:30 A.M.

TODAY, OCTOBER 29
After Worship Reception for Rudy Jennings Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group..... Youth Shelter

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30
10:15 a.m. Prayer Fellowship Room 218

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
5:30 p.m. WOW Dinner Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Pack OCC Shoeboxes Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
6:00 p.m. For Such a Time as This Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10:00 a.m. For Such a Time as This Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 Men's Later Than Breakfast
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 OCC Dropoff @ WPC

Dear Westminster Family, Words do not seem to come that adequately express the depth of what I feel, so I'll begin by saying WOW! What a beautiful send off! Your words of love and affirmation, your gifts, the love offerings, the meal, the surprise of naming the playground (though Beverly’s Hill sounded hilarious) all filled my heart with love and gratitude. That love and gratitude didn’t just happen on October 8. It began over a span of 39 years ago when you began sharing your lives with me, supporting me, and loving me! Thank you for all those years and thank you for the past 13 years of allowing me to serve as Director of Children’s Ministry. I know that I grew during that time. I found a purpose and a calling and now God is calling me to carry on that purpose and calling in another place with another group of people.

What joy there is in knowing that my friend Joleen Smith will carry on in the role of Interim Director. I know she will lead the ministry on into new areas of growth and vision.

I feel like I have left a piece of my heart in Bluefield, but I know too that I carry Bluefield with me. You hold a special place in my heart, a very big place!

With much love, Bev Pelts / Ms. Bev

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.” Philippians 1:6

MENU 11/1

(KINDLY RSVP SO JULIE WILL KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE)

Egg Casserole
White Cheddar Grits
Hash Brown Casserole
Biscuits/Gravy
Hot Fruit Compote

W \$7 Per Person

D or

W \$20 Per Family

Opportunities for Ministry and Growth

Sunday School Classes for Adults 9:45 a.m.

- Adult classes meet in Patterson Chapel and the Ensemble Room
- Men’s Class is studying the Book of Isaiah – Room 218

Sunday School Classes for Middle & High School Ages 9:45 a.m.

- Kyle Cook-McCrary is teaching youth in the Shelter across the street. A light breakfast is served.

Sunday School Classes for Children 5th Grade & Under 9:45 a.m.

- All children’s classes are located in the children’s wing on the third floor.

Wednesday Evening Small Groups 6:30 p.m.

- Meets in the Library (4:45 pm) Fellowship Hall, Chapel or Ensemble Room.
- Middle School Youth meets in shelter across the street.

Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

- High School Youth meets in shelter across the street.

Update from World Outreach: Tami Snowden



“In every war or natural disaster, innocent children suffer most: Israel, Gaza, Armenia, Ukraine, Morocco and more. God’s heart breaks over these innocent lives experiencing trauma and loss. It breaks my heart, and I know it breaks your heart too.”

There is Hope for Me!

“This trauma recovery booklet for children and youth is a free resource offered by my ministry, CCTI. It is a powerful tool for children to process their traumatic experience and loss and find hope and healing in Jesus.”

“We have pastors, caregivers and ministries reaching out more than ever before wanting this booklet translated in their language. A ministry in Armenia reached out a month ago. A ministry in Morocco reached out immediately after the earthquake hit in September. We are translating in Hebrew and Arabic. We can’t work fast enough getting this booklet translated in many languages.”

Translations in Process: Arabic, Hebrew, German, Portuguese, Burmese, French, Turkish, Mongolian, Hindi, Japanese, Tagalog, Thai, Kazakh, Italian, Lao, Korean, Uzbek, Chinese, Afrikaans, Polish, Pashto, Dari, Armenian, and ***Moroccan Dialect of Arabic

“I continue to be in awe of all God is doing to bring healing and the hope of Christ to children in crisis. This ministry could not happen without your prayers and financial support. I am so grateful for you. NEVER forget the difference you make in the lives of hurting children!”



Union Mission Toy Drive

During the month of October, bring new, unwrapped toys and put in a bin outside the church office to help brighten a child’s Christmas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have enough items to fill 300 shoeboxes. Shipping is now \$10 per box. To helps ship these boxes, there are several ways you may give:

- Write a check to Westminster. Make sure the memo says OCC.
- If you would like to write a child a special note, please take a card and envelope (beside the tree).

Growing Faithful, Fruitful Followers of Jesus Christ