

# BRIDGING THE GAP

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and  
He will exalt you. James 4:10*



## A Letter From the Pastor

BY ANDY WOOD

It's November, which means Christmas is just around the corner. Dania and I were in Lynchburg this last weekend and one of the stores we were in already had the Christmas decorations out and the Christmas songs were playing over the speakers. That also means Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas" will be on repeat on radio stations throughout the world. This is a sad reality, because many establishment seems to skip over the Thanksgiving holiday, as if we need to rush to the consumerism frenzy of Christmas. Of course, that makes sense. If we wake up daily and give thanks for everything we have, odds are that we will find we need less things to make us happy. The commercial world thrives by making us think we don't have what we need. Thanksgiving does the exact opposite. It shows us how blessed we are.

It is good for us to remember and give thanks for everything God has done for us. "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name" (Psalms 100:4). Thanksgiving is a good time to gather as a family and have a wonderful meal. However, Thanksgiving does not require a big fancy meal. Instead, it requires thankful hearts. A large spread with turkey, dressing, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes (and more) is a great meal, but if there is no attitude of thanksgiving behind it, then it is not a true Thanksgiving meal. On the other hand, a tuna fish sandwich enjoyed with an attitude of giving thanks is a Thanksgiving meal. It is not about the food, it is about our hearts.

Dania likes to take this month to post one thing she is thankful for every day on Facebook. As I say on Sunday mornings, if we take the time to count each and every blessing God has given us, we would spend all of our days here on earth naming them. He is good and has given abundantly.

What are you thankful for? I am thankful for salvation. I am thankful for Dania and my kids. I am thankful I made it out of the military in one piece. I am thankful for you and for much much more! Let's enter this season with thanksgiving in our hearts! God bless you all!



# Church Calendar

## November

**04: Food Truck**  
**05: Deacon Meeting 6:30**  
**10: Manly Monday**  
**12: Stewardship meeting 6:30**  
**12: WMU Meeting 6:30**  
**16: Friendsgiving**  
**17: OCC Packing Boxes 6:00**  
**18: Business Meeting**  
**23: Baked Goods Sale**

## December

**02: Food Truck**  
**02: Business Meeting 6:30**  
**03: Deacon Meeting 6:30**  
**07: Potluck after 11am service**  
**08: Manly Monday**  
**10: WMU Meeting 6:30**  
**14: Night in Bethlehem**  
**21: Cantata: combined services**  
**21: Hangout: Christmas Party**  
**24: Christmas Eve Service**

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### Building & Grounds

-We recently had some flow valves installed on the church property. They are in the parsonage, fellowship hall closet, and lower level women's restroom. These valves turn the water supply off if it detects too much water is being used, like when there is a leak. If there is no water or you hear beeping coming from one of the systems, please let a member of the building and grounds team know so we can get it turned back on.

-You may have noticed the scuttlebutts (water fountains) are currently off. When we installed the hydro valves, it created an issue where there is too much pressure and rather than give a refreshing drink, it gives a nice face wash and covers the floor. We are working to get that resolved.

-New power lines will be run to feed the hydro valve units and the sump pump we recently had installed. When that is complete, we will begin the process of encasing the sump pump.

-Jasmyne has been hard at work cataloguing the contents of our library. The library is next on our list for renovation.

-There is always room for one more. If you want to help, please see Larry or Andy.

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*Psalm 95:2*

*Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving;  
let us shout triumphantly to Him in song.*

# The Hangout

7TH-12TH GRADE

The Hangout Youth had fun at our annual corn maze trip to Pungo Farms in October. We are grateful for opportunities to fellowship as a Christian family.

This month as we thank God for our many blessings, we will continue with Bible Study and we will enjoy FRIENDSgiving. This is an opportunity for the youth to bring friends and have some fun with trivia, games and FOOD! We also will go to a concert featuring Zach Williams, Matt Maher, and Crowder.



On November 23, we will have our silent Dessert Auction. More info coming soon!

# KID'S CORNER

Babies-6th grade

This year, our pumpkin carving was with our favorite neighborhood boy! Dillion and Mrs. Wood carved pumpkins while Mrs. Broyes and Ms. Cindy told the pumpkin gospel story. Even when there is just ONE child, the time invested is worth it!



Also, some of our "tween"

students joined us at Pungo farms, they have just started attending youth...graduating from the kid's club.



Mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM- Dec 14



## Upcoming Hangout Events:

Nov 14: Concert in Pikeville

Nov 16: Friendsgiving

Nov 23: Silent Dessert Action

Dec 14: Night In Bethlehem

Dec 21 Christmas Party

## Children's Church & Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Date	Children's Church	Nursery	Pre-K
<b>November 2</b>	9am-Ann 11am-Wanda	9am-Melissa(Lucy) 10am-Vickie	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
<b>November 9</b>	9am- Terri 11am-Dania	9am-Melissa 10am-Ann	9am-Kelli 10am-Kelli
<b>November 16</b>	9am-Terri 11am-Terri	9am-Wanda 10am-Vickie	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
<b>November 23</b>	9am-Alana 11am-Dania	9am-Terri 10am-Alana	9:00-Kelli 10am-Kelli
<b>November 30</b>	9am- Alana 11am- Dania	9am- Terri 11am- Alana	9am- Cindy 11am- Cindy



# MISSIONS: HERE & THERE



## Food Bank

### CURRENT NEEDS:

Peanut Butter  
Canned Meat  
Corn  
Green beans  
Peas  
Cereal  
Dry Beans

Open 1st/3rd Tuesday's 9-11:00



## MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

*Please keep these missionaries in your prayers as they reach the lost all over the world:*

Sergio and Andrea Belloso  
-Woodbury Heights, New Jersey

Solomon and Lizzy Rexius  
-Eugene, Oregon

Larry and Tammy Brant  
-Twentynine Palms, California

Joshua and Brittany Brown  
-Sneads Ferry, North Carolina

Greg and Lisa Alles  
-Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## WMU: Women on Mission Operation Christmas Child

Each month we will collect items for the OCC boxes. The items needed for this month are:

- Jump ropes
- Small dolls
- Colored Pencils

Deadline to turn in shoeboxes(any items or individually packed boxes):

Sunday, November 16

Boxes are to be packed Monday, November 17 at 6:00pm

These items can be left in any red box marked OCC.

**"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."**

**Matthew 28:19 NLT**



# Happy Birthday!!



## November

04- Joshua Helton  
05- Bobbi Marshall  
06- Michael Sutherland  
08 – Malachi Phillips  
09 – Thad Patrick  
11 – Gordon Gross  
11- Sandy Worley Anderson  
16 – Melissa Hamilton  
16- Jan Jennings  
27 – Mary Ann Holbrook  
30 – Raleigh McReynolds  
30- Terri Townes



### **FBC Weekly Opportunities:**

Sunday 5:00: Choir practice

Sunday 5:00 Youth "Hangout" 6th-12th grade

Monday 1:00 Yoga with Glenna -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9:00 Food bank (*1st & 3rd Tue of the month*)

Thursday 6:30 Bible Study & Bible Club K-5th grade (Aug-May)