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**Church-Wide Harvest Dinner
Friday, November 21, 6:30 PM**

The main dish and drinks will be provided and the Church family is asked to bring the following (based on the first letter of your last name):

- A - H Vegetable
- I - Q Dessert
- R - Z Salad

**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service**

**Wednesday, November 26
7:00 pm**

Dear Church Family:

We appreciate your cards, thoughts and prayers. Many visits from you were very much appreciated during my recovery. You are so special to us! In our Lord Jesus' name, *Debbie Maynard*

Dear Church Family:

For all your prayers and expressions of love, the cards and the beautiful flowers, I thank you. Isabel Zanghi was a lovely lady and will be dearly missed. *Joanne Ferguson*

To My Loving Church Family:

Thank you for all of the cards, love and prayers. A special thank you for the cozy blanket that Pastor Glen lovingly delivered. Love, *Janice (Morrison)*

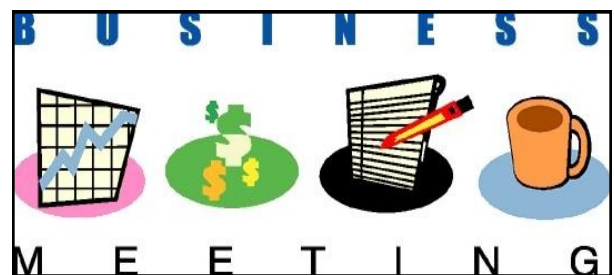
Thank you Church Family for your prayers, cards and food during the recovery period following my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Glen and Barbara for their visit and prayer before my surgery. *Dianne Steen*

During the Red Cross Blood Drive in September, we collected 27 units of blood. Thanks for your life saving donation.



Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, brings joy, and hope to children worldwide through gift-filled shoeboxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Stop by the ministry table located in the Multi-Purpose Room Lobby and pick up a brochure. **Return your filled shoebox, wrapped or decorated, to the display table no later than Sunday, November 9.**

A poster for a church offering. The top part features a collage of diverse people's faces. The text reads: "IMAGINE joining the Author of all history in ONE SACRED EFFORT FIND YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S STORY MATTHEW 28:19-20". Below this, an orange banner says "2014 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING NATIONAL GOAL: \$175 MILLION". At the bottom, it says "WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 7" and "OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$7,000.00". The logo "imb.org | imb" is in the bottom right corner.



Sunday, November 16, 2014

9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Combined Worship
12:15 pm - Business Meeting



As we introduce and welcome our newest members, we praise God for the ways in which we have already been blessed by them and they by us, knowing that all blessings come from God. May we remember what it was like for us to be new members of this church and be sure to encourage them.

Originally from Alabama, **Ben and Van Vincent** are transferring their memberships from Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Massachusetts. They both retired from employment with F. M. Global. Their children's names are Adrienne and Alexander, and they have two granddaughters, whose names are Simone and Charlotte. Van takes part in Community Bible Study and also enjoys cooking, reading, walking, working out at the Y, and crocheting. They both like to travel, and Ben's other interests are exercising, photography, and painting.

Kayla Garland, daughter of Meredith and Debbie, was very excited about her baptism on September 21. She has one brother, whose name is Kyle. She is a third-grade student at Robert Moton Elementary School and her favorite subject is math. She participates in Awanas, and her hobbies are designing clothes, making pictures of her dream bedroom, playing outside with friends, sports, playing softball, and singing and dancing. Her family has several pets; the cats' names are Missy and Mugzy, and the ferrets are called Pluto and Pete.

We rejoice with **Olivia Zellers**, who was baptized on September 21. Her parents are Joe and Suna, and her siblings are Virginia, Megan, Michael, and Ralph. They have a dog named Patches and cats named Bones and Oreo. Olivia is in the seventh grade at East Middle School, and her favorite subjects are gym and social studies. She plays the saxophone and also likes reading, soccer and softball.

Jim and Marlene Comer have three children—Amy, Wendy, and Douglas—nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Originally Jim is from Alabama, and Marlene is from Pennsylvania. They have lived in New Jersey and, before coming here, in Florida. Marlene is retired from Macy's, and Jim is retired from Resorts International Casino, where he was the lead painter and ran the paint shop. Jim likes fishing and shooting pool, and Marlene loves nature and enjoys sewing and painting. They both enjoy traveling, reading and music. They are very easy-going and love to have visitors and to play cards and games.

Josh and Christy Keyes live in Emmitsburg and are transferring their memberships from Stetson Baptist Church in DeLand, Florida. They are originally from New Jersey and West Virginia and met in concert choir at Liberty University. They have been married for six years and have an eight-month-old daughter named Melora Leigh. Christy is assistant registrar at Mount St. Mary's University, and her hobbies are music (she is a classically trained soprano) and decorating. She is accomplished in calligraphy, cake-baking and making desserts. Josh is an assistant women's basketball coach at Mount St. Mary's. They are both avid readers, and Josh also likes music and playing fantasy football. Their pet is a yellow American Lab named River.

Submitted by *Ninette LeGates*



Mission Moments

It's the time of year when we start to think about our Lord's birthday, Christmas. We will be starting the month of December off having one of our very own International Missionary families with us on Sunday, December 7. During the two morning worship services and that evening during our Mission Program, they will be bringing us news of their work in a foreign land. Mark your calendars now to be a part of this special time of worship.

During November and until December 14, we will be filling bags for the men at the Westminster Rescue Mission. The following items are needed: **large white bath towels, white wash cloths, shampoo, large bars of soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, white socks.** Place donated items in the Mission Barrel.

Also in November, we will be collecting twin size sheet sets and pillows for New Life for Girls. Donations are needed by December 7.

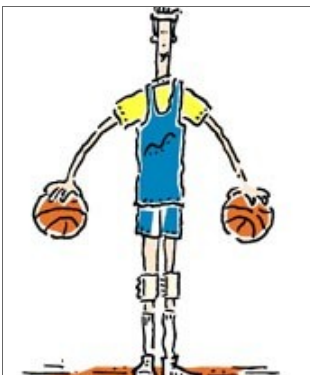
On December 14, we will hold our Annual Secret Pal Luncheon at Noon in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is an opportunity for you to meet your Secret Pal and to sign up for the coming year. The Secret Pal Ministry is an opportunity for the adults to pray and encourage our youth during the year.

In addition to our seasonal ministries, we will be collecting canned and boxed goods year round. Our pantry is bare and there are needs in our church family. These items are also used to fill our Christmas baskets. We are in need of everything; Canned and boxed food, small cans of coffee, cereal, sauce and noodles. Any kind of non-perishable foods are welcome. Also, detergent for clothes and dishes, soap, toothpaste and shampoo and other personal hygiene products.

Remember it is each Christian's duty to do God's work, not just a few. Pray about what God wants you to do to make our church a ministry church.

Mary Reeb, Mission Director

UPWARD Basketball



Register online at <https://ssl.demosphere.com/73848>. Cost is \$67 per child; After **November 1**, the cost will be \$77. Deadline for registration is **November 8**. For more information or to volunteer, contact Crystal Moore by email: cmupwards678@gmail.com.



“But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.” Psalm 86:15

“My grandmother had been praying for our family for decades, but Jesus Christ was not in our hearts or home.” wrote Vicki Jones.

I desperately wanted dad to know that religious affiliation didn't guarantee personal salvation. One day, an urgent inner voice would simply not let me leave the store until I bought dad a Bible. I put a little note on it saying; “This is the best book you can read! I'm saved, are you?”

“A little over 3 months later, dad, who lived over 1100 miles away, was diagnosed with an extremely aggressive form of lung cancer. The doctors said that his prognosis was ‘poor’. His decision to forgo chemotherapy shortened his time with us. Just surviving was his daily challenge. I prayed for him fervently and I asked others in our church to pray also. Still, my anxiety grew with each passing day.”

When I visited him again, he told me that he had asked Jesus to forgive his sins, felt his burdens lifted and was not afraid of death anymore. When he called our family together to pray, what joy filled my heart! Dad became a kingdom man that day and was leading his family the way God intended. Dad died 3 weeks later.”

He lived long enough for our family to say what needed to be said to him and to each other. Knowing that I'll see him again in Heaven someday has made his passing so much easier to accept.”

I realized afresh that blessings often come out of trials. God is good and his plan is perfect. He knows what we need and then blesses us with it. There is no such thing as coincidence. He moves people into place to carry out his will. Each time believers listen—and respond—to the Holy Spirit urging them to act, they will be blessed. How wonderful that dad's salvation included grandmother's faithful prayers, a birthday gift, terminal cancer and prayers of fellow believers”.



The following books will soon be available in the Media Center:

“*I Never Thought I Would See the Day*”
(Culture at the Crossroads) by David Jeremiah

“*What Are You Afraid of?*”
(Facing Down Your Fears with Faith) by David Jeremiah

15 New Illustrated Bible Stories for Children (by Arch Books)

The NIV Matthew Henry Bible Commentary (one volume edition)

For more information about the Media Center, contact Jim Fisher at 717-633-6243.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LORD'S SUPPER 2 8:30am Traditional 9:45am Sunday school 11:00am Contemporary 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir; Teen CBS; 318 Bible Study <i>Standard time begins "Fall back"</i>	3 7:00pm Praise Team	4 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	5 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:45pm Awana; Preschool Choir 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Mission Friends	6 9:30am Women of Grace Bible Study Noon Silver Sages' Lunch (Bullocks) 7:00pm 318 Men's Bible Study	7 7:00pm Young Married Couple's Life Group	8 8:00am UPWARD Basketball
8:30am Traditional 9:45am Sunday school 10:45am BP Screening 11:00am Contemporary 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir; Teen CBS; 318 Bible Study	10 BCM/D Annual Meeting, Nov. 9-11 7:00pm Praise Team	11 8:30am Silver Sages' Breakfast (Baughers)	12 6:00pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:45pm Awana; Preschool Choir 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Mission Friends	13 7:00pm 318 Men's Bible Study	14 7:00pm New Life for Girls	15
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8:30am Traditional 9:45am Sunday school 11:00am Contemporary 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir; Teen CBS; 318 Bible Study	24 7:00pm Praise Team	25 10:00am GROW	26 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	27 	28 	29
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Silver Sages' Christmas Luncheon,
Thursday, December 4, Noon at
 Mountain Gate Restaurant, Waynesboro, PA
 Cost is \$10 per person. Make your
 reservation with John Smith or
 Russ Weakley.

Mid-Atlantic Summit on Faith & Culture, Sunday, November 16, 1:30pm, at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Glenwood, MD. The summit will bring faith and culture together for discussion on various ideas and world-views that are shaping our world. Register on line at www.summitonfaith.com.



Pastor's Paragraphs –

School shootings; rampant drug and alcohol abuse; broken marriages and families; gang violence; terrorism; beheadings; Ebola; abortion; an obsession in the media with sexuality; Christian truth viewed by the world as "hate speech": "good" being called "evil" and "evil" being called "good"; pastor's sermons and church communications being subpoenaed by the mayor of Houston, Texas—we live in a messed up and dangerous world. We live in a world that has forgotten that God "exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

If you haven't read the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk recently, you are missing out on a powerful testimony of faithfulness during a time of spiritual darkness. Habakkuk's prophecy is short, it is only three chapters. He too lived in a messed up and dangerous world. It was the sixth century BC. Habakkuk cried out to God, how long? How long will God put up with violence, injustice, strife, conflict and wickedness? (Hab 1:2-4) God made it clear that he was still in control, that his patience had come to an end with the nation of Judah. Judgment was about to come. The Babylonians were going to exercise God's wrath on Judah - they would kill and pillage, they would conquer the land of Judah. (Hab 1:5-12) At first, Habakkuk questioned God's ways. Why Lord do you tolerate the wicked? Why would you allow the wicked to "swallow up those more righteous than themselves?" (Hab 1:13) As bad as things were in Judah, Habakkuk knew that Babylon was far worse! Again God assured Habakkuk that he was in control. The Babylonians would enact God's judgment on Judah, but Babylon would ultimately reap what it had sown. It too would fall because of the violence and idolatry it had perpetrated. (Hab 2:2-19). Habakkuk 2 ends with a simple declaration of God's sovereignty: "the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him." No one, not even the prophet, could protest his righteous judgments.

So in Chapter 3, Habakkuk does the only logical thing to do in his situation - in prayer, he gives praise and honor to God! Then we come to verse 17. Knowing that God has pronounced judgment on his nation, that death and destruction was imminent at the hands of the Babylonians, Habakkuk says: "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. **(Habakkuk 3:17-19)**

I know many Christians of my generation, who have seen a dramatic decline in our nation. The moral tone of America in 2014 is very different, and far, far worse, than that of the America I was born into in 1950. Many pastors I know believe it will get harder for Christians in America in the days ahead, not easier. And if God saw fit to humble our nation, who would question his judgment? My prayer for you, my brothers and sisters and for Christians in general, is that like Habakkuk, no matter how difficult the times may be in the years ahead, that "the sovereign Lord will be your strength." For He is our only hope.

Pastor Larry





Pastor Tony Trussoni, wife, Danielle, and their two children, Junia and Titus join us on November 1. Pastor Tony will be serving as our Children and Family Pastor.

We are the Trussoni family. Danielle and I met our freshman year at Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa Falls, GA. and somehow I persuaded Danielle to put up with me for the rest of our lives. We married in January of our senior year. I graduated with a Bachelors degree in Pastoral Ministry and minored in Philosophy and Bible.

Danielle graduated with a Bachelors degree in early childhood education, a minor in Bible, and an endorsement in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). Upon graduation, we moved to Louisville, KY where I received a Master of Divinity at The Southern Baptist Theological seminary. God has blessed us with our precious daughter Junia who will soon turn two and most recently our sweet little son Titus. We are eagerly anticipating our arrival at Westminster Baptist and I look forward to being able to do ministry alongside the whole church body, especially the young families and young adults who I will work with most directly. I hope to be able to serve the church body by equipping and encouraging family ministry and serving the spiritual needs of children, their families, and the young adults of Westminster Baptist Church. We have already been impressed with your commitment to God's Word and to Biblical hospitality.

-Pastor Anthony Trussoni and family.



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