



November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 6th: Time Change November 6th – 13th: Week of Prayer for Baptist Children's Homes Deadlines: 11/13 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes 11/13 Poinsettias Money		1	2 6:30 Mid-Week Service Mission Friends & Son Shine Singers Older RA's & Acteens Children in Action 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4 Youth Fall Retreat at Fort Caswell	5
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Youth Return From Caswell 5:00 GriefShare	7 5:30 am – 8:30 pm Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer 	8	9 6:30 Mid-Week Service Mission Friends & Son Shine Singers Older RA's & Acteens Children in Action 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12
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20 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship Business Meeting 5 - 6 Youth Freindsgiving 6:00 Thanksgiving Service 5:00 GriefShare	21 10:00 Dorcas Sew Day	22 6:30 Personnel Committee	23 No Wednesday Night Activities	24 Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 4:00 Youth 5:00 GriefShare 7:00 Hanging of the Greens	28	29 11:00 Birthday Buddies @ Cracker Barrel	30 6:30 Mid-Week Service Mission Friends & Son Shine Singers Older RA's & Acteens 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Coming in December December 11th Children's Program December 18th Choir Cantata December 24th Christmas Eve Service December 25th Moravian Lovefeast		

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Homecoming

Sunday, November 6th

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Gordon West

Wednesday Night Supper



Want to destress your Wednesday night meal before church? Then here is the opportunity - They are back!! The 2nd Wednesday of every month until June, the adult Sunday School classes will be hosting the meal for Wednesday Night Supper. Cost is \$3 person. First one is:

November 9th at 5:30 pm

Menu: Hamburger Streak

For this meal only, there will not be a cost.

Sign up form is in the Atrium.

Come join us as this is a great time to socialize, hear about someone's day/week, enjoy a good meal, and relax before our Wednesday night ministries and activities.

Sunday School & Worship Attendance

October 2022

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
10/2/22	97	117
10/9/22	91	99
10/16/22	89	136
10/23/22	101	129
10/30/22	61	75

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Week of Prayer and Designated Offering Collection is November 6-13, 2022

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina offers hope and healing to children and families in crisis. For more than 130 years the heart of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) has beat with a rhythm of hope that extends to children, families and adults throughout North Carolina and beyond.



For each person's specific need, there is a unique ministry ready to help: Cottage Care, Foster Care, Adoption Services, Single Mother and Baby Care, Adult's with Disabilities Care, Wilderness Camps, Families in Crisis Outreach, etc.

BCH, founded on November 11, 1885, serves all 100 North Carolina counties with locations in 30 communities throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and an orphanage in two locations in Guatemala.

Giving envelopes are in Atrium and Sanctuary vestibule.



Sunday,
November 20th
6:00 pm

BUSINESS MEETING

November 20, 2021
May the business we conduct be to God's Glory!

Deacon of the Month: Brad Boisvert

Baptist Men's BREAKFAST

November 20th
8:00 am

Message from Pastor Gary

Dear Friends,

What is the most important thing going on in the world right now? The right answer is absolutely, "It depends!" If we are facing a medical procedure, that is very important. If we have a family member struggling, that can demand almost all our resources. If we are starting a new job or going to a new school, that can consume the majority of our time! Added to our personal priorities, the things going on in the local, regional and global community cry out for consideration. Every headline seems to grab our attention as the most important event at the time. Crime, Sickness, War, Politics, Weather, and the Stock Market all seem to take their moment as "the most important thing!"

Well, by now you have probably gotten ahead of me and know that although all the above mentioned items are not doubt major influencers in our lives, none of them are the most important thing. The most important thing on the planet is God almighty. Please know that God is in control of this world and no matter how chaotic life

may become personally, locally, or globally, God is not surprised, worried, or overruled.

The most important thing for us to do is to commit our lives to the One who is in control. Our relationship with God must be the springboard into which we dive into life. When God is in the proper place, God is the most important thing. As we enter this thanksgiving season, it is a wonderful time to reflect upon God's place in our lives. Is every other relationship directly influenced because of our relationship with God? Is every decision we make, under God's leadership? Are we more concerned with God's opinion than we are all the other opinions combined? If so, we will be the most thankful people on the planet. The old cliché is right, "make the main thing the main thing!" (See Matthew 22:37-40)

Your Pastor,
Gary



Angel Tree Program

We are partnering again this year with the Salvation Army to make available an Angel Tree for children whose Christmas could be made a little brighter. We have signed up for our 10 angels. Each child's wish list is on the tag.

November 13th the "Angel Tree" will be set up in the atrium. The angel gifts are due December 4th.

Any questions see Kim Harris. Thank you for supporting this Mission.

How to participate:

- ✓ Please complete the sign up sheet with your name, the child's name and code assigned to the child.
- ✓ Do not wrap the gifts. The Salvation Army provides a large plastic bag for your convenience.
- ✓ Tape the "angel tree tag" to the outside of the bag. If you have multiple bags or items, make a copy of the tag to attach to each bag or item.

Sunday, November 27th
7:00 pm



Office Closed
November 24th and 25th
December 26th

Hope

Advent

Joy

First Sunday of Advent is November 27th

"Advent" means the coming of Christ, or the second coming, so the period leading up to Christmas is known as Advent. It is the first season of the Christian church year. On each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas, an Advent candle is lit. The 4 candles of Advent names are hope, love, joy, and peace, representing the virtues Jesus brought us.

How can you create a setting in your home for Advent? Here are some ideas:

Create An Advent Calendar of People: Come up with a list of 24 people whom you want to honor, reach out to, or encourage in some way. Each day as we wait for Christmas Day, you take one person and pray for them or reach out to them in some meaningful way. Perhaps it is a list of people who are encouraging to you or 24 people you would like to connect with in some way.

Set time for prayer and meditation. Simple as blocking the first 10 minutes of your day for prayer.

Incorporate the human senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch

- Accent your home with Advent colors
- At devotional time, burn scented candles choosing scents of the season - cinnamon, evergreen/spruce, orange, clove.
- Create an Advent wreath and the lighting of the candles.
- Write notes of encouragement to people.
- Have a "Special" dinner on Sundays using the themes of Advent.

Peace

Love



December 11th Children's Program
December 18th Choir Cantata
December 24th Christmas Eve Service
December 25th Moravian Lovefeast

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

November 13th
Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Boxes
Poinsettias Money

Notes from Reach Out Crisis Pregnancy Center

"Stretch out your hand over the sea" Exodus 14:16

Sometimes obedience to the Lord is such a simple task and yet we don't always comply -- Why not? Do we doubt that it's really the Lord speaking to us? Do we make excuses? God requires our obedience to Him especially in the little things! We must prove ourselves faithful in the little things so we can accomplish big things for His Kingdom. What is a little thing you can do today? Has God asked you to do something that seems so simple you rationalize that it's probably not from God? Be obedient in all things and watch what He does with the smallest acts of kindness.

Thank you for your prayers & support!

In Ministry for LIFE,

Dianna Andrews Executive Director

November Pregnancy Center Needs:

- ♥ Maternity legging (all sizes)
- ♥ diaper cream
- ♥ bottle brushes
- ♥ shampoo
- ♥ baby wash



Message from Sandy Creek Baptist Association WMU

The calendar tells us it is already November, reinforcing that time seems to pass at warp speed these days. James 4:14 reminds us to live every day as if it might be our last opportunity to share the gospel of hope in Jesus Christ: "You do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." Even so, we can "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

Many have no hope because they do not know Jesus in whom rests the only certain hope. Spread the Word, hold fast to Him in whom you have placed your faith, and be constant in prayer for the lost, our leaders, and for each other (1 Tim. 2:1-3).

Susan T. Ferguson,
Association WMU Director

