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Sharing the
LORD'S SUPPER
 NOVEMBER 25
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CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR APPALACHIA

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 100 BOXES!
 A LIST OF ITEMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE ATRIUM.
 BOXES OR GIFT CARDS ARE DUE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18



Shoebbox Drive

Bring your boxes to worship
 with you as we will bless the
 boxes and pray for those who
 receive them.



**First Reading of the 2019
 Proposed Budget**
 Regular Business Meeting
 Sunday, November 11
 6:00 PM

Second Reading
 Wednesday, November 14th
 6:00 PM in Called Business Meeting

Vote on 2019 Budget
 in Called Business Meeting
 Sunday, November 18th
 11:50 AM following worship

Turkey and Dressing and all the trimmings!

Sunday, November 18th
 following the worship service.
 Cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults;
 \$4.00 for children 12 and under;
 \$25 for a family of 5.
Sponsor a child for \$4 a plate!
 A sign up sheet is located on the atrium desk!



Rev. Micah Spicer
Senior Pastor

I recall a parishioner asking me a question several years ago, "Don't you want to be a pastor one day?" This question was startling, especially given the fact that I was her pastor at the precise moment she asked the question. The woman was not intentionally being offensive or disrespectful. She had children my age. Moreover, whether she knew it or not, she was comparing me to them. As a young pastor, people often make presuppositions about me, They assume I am foolish, immature,

and lack knowledge. Perhaps these assumptions are correct. Maybe not. My youth may, indeed, be a problem. Or is it a blessing?

The doubters have contributed to insecurities I have about my own pastoral identity. In a field where life experience is synonymous with wisdom, it is no wonder people think of me as a "junior minister." I don't have that many grays on my head, and I haven't weathered all that many winters. Fortunately, I have been able to overcome such insecurities because God has been faithful to me as I have tried to remain faithful to Him. I feel

alive when I am preaching in the pulpit. I feel hopeful and optimistic when I work with staff and leadership to plan for our future at TBC. When I walk into a situation that I know I'm in over my head, God somehow gives me the tools to face those challenges. Oh, and I have an intern this semester. That makes me feel legitimate! At the end of the day, I know that when I use my gifts in the service of God's Kingdom, he is faithful and offers his support and blessing. I am grateful for God's faithfulness in this season of Thanksgiving.

Jan Lampkin, Minister to Children

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

What a great Fall Festival! Thanks to all who brought candy, provided bakery items for the cake walk, worked a booth, helped with the food service or volunteered in any way. The children had a great time and are so thankful for your efforts to make this such a fun time! The weather was not too accommodating and our numbers were down from previous years; but, the TBC children were able to enjoy the booths, take a cake home, and not have to wait in line for the games. Many Thanks!

Congratulations to Danisha Davenport on her profession of faith. Danisha will be baptized sometime in November. We are so proud of her in making this important decision for her life.

On Sunday, November 18, following the worship service we will be enjoying Thanksgiving dinner together as a congregation. The children will also be attending. There is a sign-up sheet on the atrium desk if you would like to attend and sponsor a child for the Thanksgiving meal. The amount to sponsor a child is \$4.00. Thank you for your assistance so the

children can enjoy the Thanksgiving meal together with us.

The children are practicing their Christmas music to share with us at the White Christmas service on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and support the children and Courtney French and Tammy Wilhoyte as they present this special music for the TBC congregation.

This is a very busy time for all of us! Let's not forget to be especially thankful for the children that God has sent to us to love and nurture in His name!

Remember to pray for our children and their families and the volunteers that work with them.



We are the Voice for Jesus



Court Lewis Youth Minister

free on November 14, feel free to join us in the Youth suite for the discussion.

Starting in January we will start an ongoing series on Christian character and the challenges of middle and high school, followed by an extended series on poverty and helping those in need. We'll have several service projects (flowers for nursing homes, humane society, etc.), so if you'd like to be involved, just let me know.

Have a great week.

Trust God,
Bless Others,
Celebrate Grace!

It's hard to believe that November is upon us, and Thanksgiving will be here in two weeks. Before we get a short break, the youth will be participating in Faith Fest, offering a panel discussion on violence. Inspired by our study of *Reset the Heart*, several of the Youth have volunteered to talk about their experiences with violence and what the church should do stop it in our communities. If you're

BLESS OTHERS WITH BLESSING BAGS!

There are times when a 'little' can mean a lot. TBC is collecting items to create personal care kits for members of our community who need a little 'blessing.'



What goes in these gallon size zip-lock bags? Travel size shampoos, lotions and soaps; toothbrush, toothpaste and mouth wash; combs or brushes; hand sanitizers; Band-aid packs with antibiotic creams; hand and foot warmers; extra socks; gloves, sock hats; personal cleansing wipes; granola bars; snack packs...these are just a few of the items that can be used to make the "blessing bags." These 'blessings' will be used within our local community.

Our goal is to have 100 bags! A collection bucket is located behind the atrium desk for your donations. Contact Karen Grise for more information about how you can Bless Others through your generosity!



Joe Bob Pierce Formations

In a few weeks, Another Look Sunday School class will begin a new book study. Our class cycles through several books each year. We try to choose texts that will expand our knowledge of the Bible and also help us to understand our faith in the modern context of where we live and minister. Our next book will be "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg. Dr. Borg is a Biblical scholar who has written several books and is probably one of the best-known published Biblical authors today. He interprets the Bible through what is called the "historical-metaphorical" approach. Google Books says "Borg explores what the Scriptures meant to the ancient communities

that produced and lived by them. He then helps us to discover the meaning of these stories, providing the knowledge and perspective to make the wisdom of the bible an essential part of our modern lives." If you are not a member of a regular study group, I would encourage you to try one of our Sunday School classes. Anyone is welcome to join Another Look class, but there are several others that meet Sunday mornings at 9:30. Feel free to contact me or any of our staff to see if there might be a class for you!



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 6:00 PM Business Meeting
 1st Reading of Budget

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 8:00 AM Lifeline Screening, Gym
Track and Exercise Room Closed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 2:00 PM Dixon - FSR
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Kids/Youth Activities
 6:00 PM Called Business Meeting
 2nd Reading of Budget
 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
 4:30 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 2:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Vote on 2019 Budget
 12:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
 10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
 Office Closed
 No Evening Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
 Thanksgiving Day
 12:00 PM FSR Reserved

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 4:00 PM FSR, Gym Reserved

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

November 11
 Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

November 18
 Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

ATRIUM SOCIAL

November 11
 Pairs and Spares

November 18
 Women of Faith

ATRIUM DUTY

November 11
 Jim Smith

November 18
 Pat Settle, Charlie Evans

DEACON INFORMATION

November 11
 Hawes Mercer, Carolyn Estes

Hope and Harvest Team
 Pat Settle, Carolyn Estes

November 18
 Hawes Mercer, Charlie Evans

Hope and Harvest Team
 Debby Smith, Charlie Evans



White Christmas Food Basket Applications will be:

Monday, November 26 from 9-12 p.m.
 Tuesday, November 27 from 1-3 p.m.
 If you know of someone who could benefit from a basket, please contact the church office.



OUR RECORDS				
	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
S.S. / Worship	129 / 143	114 / 140	117 / 158	115 / 151
Total Offering	\$8,854	\$6,441	\$8,895	\$8,725
Capital Fund	\$282	-	-	\$136
Memorials	-	-	\$25	-
Support / Child	\$450	\$100	\$100	\$253
Other Funds	\$105	\$364	\$340	\$440
General Fund	\$8,017	\$5,977	\$8,520	\$8,896
Weekly Needs	\$7,715	\$7,715	\$7,715	\$7,715