



The First Word

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COLLECTION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 13-20

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, which seeks to bring the Good News of Jesus to children all over the globe. It is pretty simple. Churches pack and collect shoe boxes. Then, they are sent to Samaritan's Purse where they are organized and shipped all over the world. From the remote villages on the Chambria River in Peru, to the Pokot tribes of Kenya, and just about every place in between. When children are able to open up gifts that you have packed,

they get a chance to recognize that there is a God who loves them. This is a tremendous open door for the local ministry leader to share who Jesus is, and what He has done for them.



But the benefit is not just for the child overseas, it is also a great opportunity for children here to tangibly give and be involved in missions in a way they can understand. This is a great way to instill into your child that we are a part of something much bigger than ourselves. Will you pick up a few boxes and make Operation Christmas Child a part of your family holiday traditions?

For more information, check out: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. Boxes and information are available in the main foyer. Boxes must be returned by noon on November 20 to be transported to the distribution center.

Thanksgiving Praise Service Sunday, November 19

Dinner at 5:30
Family Life Center

Service at 6:30
Auditorium

There will be an offering taken for the Benevolence Ministry following the service.

You may bring your donations for the November Ministry Project to this service. Information on page 2!

THANKS for Making FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL a Huge Success!

Fast Facts:

- 20 Trunks
- 300 pounds of candy
- 500 hamburgers
- 700 hotdogs
- 1000's of boiled peanuts
- 1344 in attendance
- 42 asked for more information



Keep praying for continued opportunities to maximize the Gospel impact of this event. Will you be willing to follow up with one of the 42 who want more information? If so, contact Pastor Steve Moser.



November Ministry Project

Each year the Food Pantry is replenished during the holiday season. You may bring these items to your class, drop them off in the designated containers in the Preschool area or bring them to Thanksgiving Praise service Sunday, November 19.

Below are the suggested items for each Bible Fellowship Group. These suggestions are made so that there will be a good variety of foods available to meet the needs of those who ask for help.

Canned Spaghetti or Ravioli *Wally Pittman*

Boxed Betty Crocker, Banquet or other Complete Meals (Meat Included) *D. Thomas, S. Sammons, Older Men, B. Carter, W. Jones, M. Outler, G. Jones, J. Thomas*

Large 40 oz. Cans of Chicken & Dumplings or Beef Stew..... *M. Ansley, C. Krug, C. Raulerson, B. Hagan, G. Youngblood, B. Lamar*

6 oz. Pack of Spaghetti Noodles and Jars of Spaghetti Sauce *T. Dunlap, P. Hyatt, M. Stokes*

1 lb. Bags of Rice..... *Singles & General Officers*

Cans of Tuna Fish or other Meat..... *Youth*

Peanut Butter & Jelly *Children*

How the Food Pantry Works

Mrs. Brenda Norton is the first person many guests encounter when they step on the campus during office hours each week. Mrs. Brenda has served as the receptionist at the main office of the church for the past 17 years. She is also the one who is chiefly responsible to distribute the food collected in the food pantry. "We average about 8-10 families a month who take advantage of our food pantry, usually they are seeking food for families of three to four people."

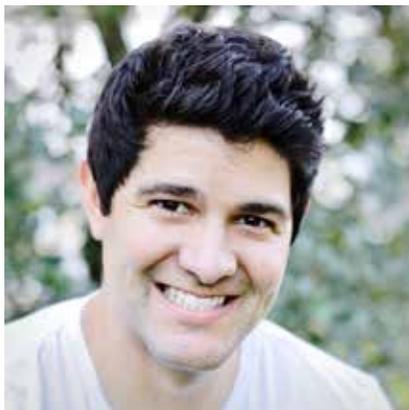
While people visit the church throughout the year, Mrs. Brenda notes, "The times where the need is greatest is after holidays, during seasons of bad weather, or at times when kids are out of school and families are not able to access the free food programs available at the schools. This year, because of the hurricane, the pantry was as low as I have ever seen it."

The food pantry ministry is a way for First Baptist Church

Callahan to tangibly love those who need Jesus. James 2:15-17 instructs, "If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself." (HCSB)

This year, please make a point to donate to the food pantry. The list that you see here and that has been communicated to Bible Fellowship Group leaders is important. Mrs. Brenda says, "We want to give quality food items to families. This is why Pastor Cliff has developed a list of foods that balances between being nutritious and that children can easily fix for themselves."

Remember Matthew 25:40. "I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (HCSB)



Meet the Interim Director of Music

Carlos Santiago was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico and has lived in Jacksonville since summer of 2002. He attended high school for IT until the Lord called him to music at the age of 14 during a Steve Green concert. Carlos received his Bachelor's in Music-Vocal Performance from Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. He served as the Music Director at Southside Assembly of God and most recently at Journey Church of Clay County. Carlos is now a current member of the tenor trio, Tenore, having traveled to Italy, Canada, and the United States since joining the group and recording their most recent album, "The Impossible Dream."

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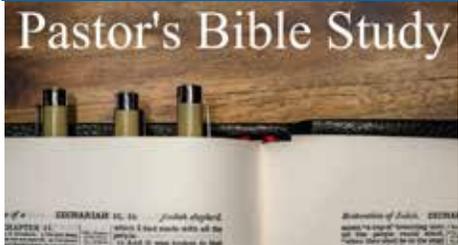
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WEDNESDAY CLASSES • 6:45 PM

BIBLE STUDY

LADIES STUDY



Led by Pastor Lynn Hyatt weekly
Meets in the Chapel

Have you ever had a question in the middle of a sermon and wished you could just raise your hand and get an answer? Well, this is the class for you. Each week Pastor Lynn takes a topic or a book of the Bible and breaks it down into bite sized chunks that are easy to understand and apply to your life. And, if it doesn't make sense to you, just ask a question.

Currently, Pastor is teaching on the call to be disciple makers.

The Chapel is the building with the 4 white columns and the double white doors.

CORE CLASS

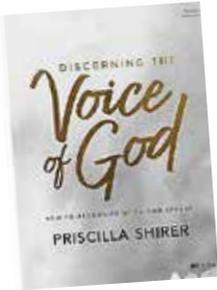


301: First Discovery
The next Core Class is the Discover Class. This is a seven-week class beginning on November 8th. It will run through December 13th, taking a break for Thanksgiving on November 22nd.

This class will get you into "S.H.A.P.E..." helping you discover your Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences, and how God intends for you to use them.

Discerning the Voice of God:
How to Recognize When God Speaks
A seven week video study from Priscilla Shirer

October 18th - December 6th
(no class on Wednesday, November 22)
Meets in C101-103
Facilitated by Cheryl Raulerson



Through 7 sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God - humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life.

ELECTIVE CLASS



Griefshare
Continues through November 15th
Begins at 6:45 PM in room A114

Children's Programing Provided (see page 2)
Facilitated by Paula Acuff and Lynda Edwards

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

High School Ski Trip
(For those in 9th- 12th Grades)

January 2-6, 2017
Snowshoe Mountain Resort
Snowshoe, West Virginia

Students will leave Tuesday, January 2nd at 6:30 AM and return Friday evening, January 6th.

Details

- Price for those who qualify* and complete the **Goliath Must Fall** devotional is \$350.
- Price for qualified* applicants who do not complete the devotional is \$395.
- **Those interested in participating must turn in a release form and \$50 deposit November 15th.**

*Qualified participants will have attended at least 50% of Sunday Bible Study classes and Wednesday ROC services.





What's Coming Up

Operation Christmas Child
Thanksgiving Dinner & Praise Service
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Dates to Note



November 7 & 9
UPWARD Evaluations

November 19
Thanksgiving Dinner

November 27
Women Mentoring Women
Fellowship

December 9
Word of Life: FASCAR

Callaban Sportsmen's Fellowship

Men's Clay Shoot **December 9**

Lunch 11:00 AM • Shoot to Follow

Amelia Shotgun Sports
86300 Hot Shot Trail • Yulee

\$65 (includes Lunch & Shells)