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October 21, 2026 #39

UPCOMING EVENTS









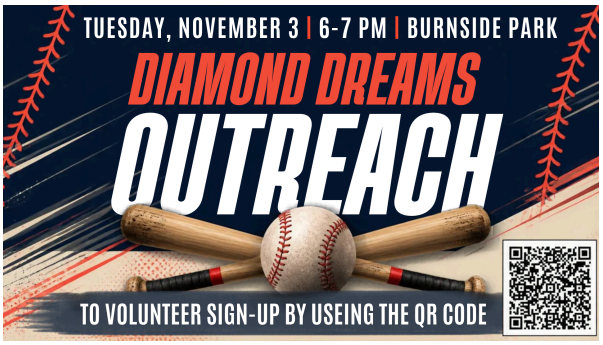


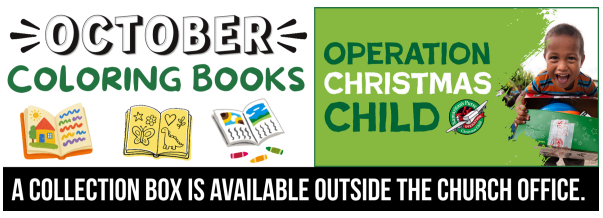
Church Family,

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 3, from 6-7 p.m. We are going to be helping with Diamond Dreams at Northside Park on the turf field by the Senior Citizens Building. Mackenzie Shepherd is leading Diamond Dreams in our area and is excited about serving these families with children who have special needs. We also have several other people in our church who are active in this service opportunity every week. Our church is responsible for bringing volunteers to help with the games and providing food for the participating families. I hope you will consider coming to support these families. You can sign up to help through the link below.

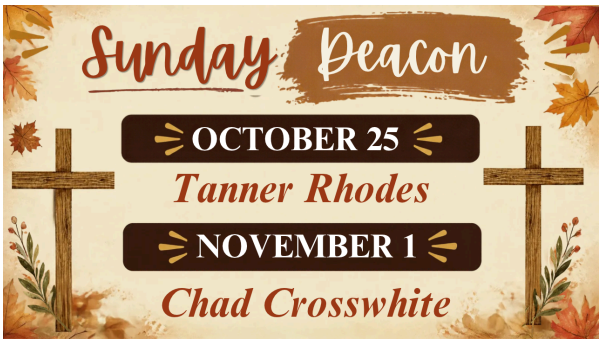
Over the next couple of weeks, we have several opportunities to reach our community. Next Wednesday night, October 28, we have Fall Fest starting at 5:30 in the Christian Life Center. Saturday night, October 31st, we will meet on Poplar Avenue to pass out glow-in-the-dark bracelets, treats, and popcorn to those trick-or-treating on Poplar. Then, we have the opportunity to serve at Diamond Dreams the next week. These are all opportunities for us to be a gospel presence in our community. I hope you will consider serving at one or all of these outreach opportunities. Pray that God will give us opportunities to share the good news of Christ as we interact with our community.

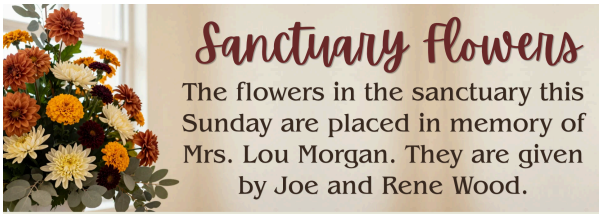
In Christ,
Evan



















Thank you for remembering our BALL group in prayer last week. We truly had an amazing, enjoyable time together at the 2026 Celebrators Conference. God shined on us literally. We had perfect weather all week. We also experienced God's majesty in His creation, in fellowship with each other, in worship, and in preaching. This is the first time our BALL group has been on a spiritual type retreat in many years and only the third time dating back to the 1970s. I can say without a doubt that it was worth the effort.

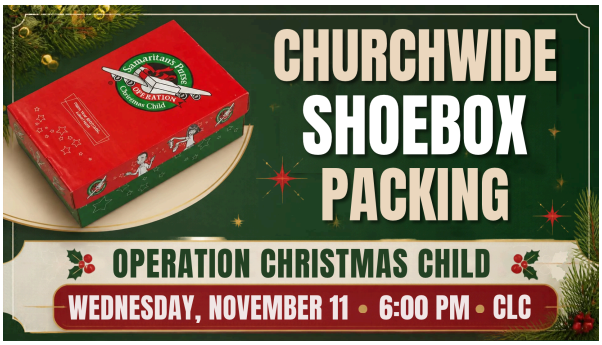
The Celebrators conference is remarkably similar to a Youth Xtream or college Passion conference, just not as loud. One thing I noticed was the congregational song. Senior adults just sing well. They lifted the room on new and old songs like you wouldn't believe. That is one tradition I hope we can pass on to the next generation. We sing, not because we like the music, but because God invites us to sing in His Word. Good things happen when we follow His instructions.

Shouting for JOY!
William W. Smith
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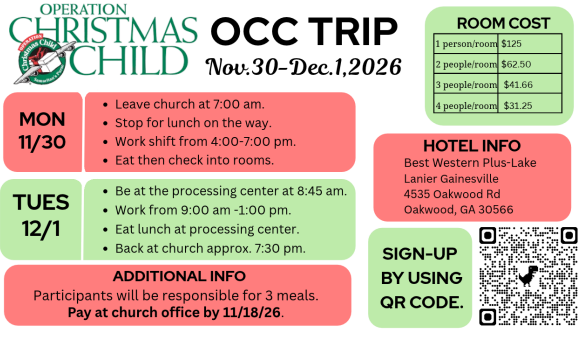












ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
Church Council • 8:30 am
Special Time of Prayer • 9:30 am
Sunday School • 9:45 am
Worship Service • 11:00 am
Baby Shower (Jamie Griffis) • 1:30 pm
Handbell Choir • 4:00 pm
Small Group • 5:00 pm
DivorceCare • 5:30 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

TUESDAY. OCTOBER 27
B.A.L.L. Luncheon • 12 Noon

WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 28
Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am
FALL FESTIVAL • 5:30-7:00 PM
NO Supper • 4:45-5:45 pm
NO Preschool Choir • 5:45 pm
NO Mission Friends • 6:00 pm
NO GA'S/RA'S • 6:00 pm
NO Youth • 6:00 pm
NO Chanel Choir • 6:00 pm
NO Prayer Meeting • 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
Revive Us Again Exercise Class • 8:30 am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
Outreach on Poplar Ave. • 4:00-8:00 pm

CLC HOURS: MON.-FRI. • 7 AM - 12 NOON

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Evan Humphries
Minister of Music William Smith
Minister of Students Austin Aultman
Minister of Children Jackie Cheatham
Financial Ministry Assistant Laura Thrash
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Budget: $14,478.00
Wednesday Night Supper: $351.00
Youth Fundraiser: $420.00
Food Pantry: $1,000.00
Women's Retreat: $100.00
Man's Retreat: $280.00
Harvest Church: $225.00
Children: $250.00
Renovate Church: $25.00
Ruth's Promise: $25.00
State Missions Given to Date: $4,415.00
Budget Offering Given to Date: $136,628.36
UNDER Budget: $31,303.04
WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: $23,990.20
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED 10/18/26: $14,478.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 18, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	18
Children	29
Youth	20
Adults	128
TOTAL	**195**

SMALL GROUPS

OCTOBER 18, 2026

DEPARTMENTS	PRESENT
Preschool	20
Children	25
Youth	19
Adults	72
TOTAL	**136**