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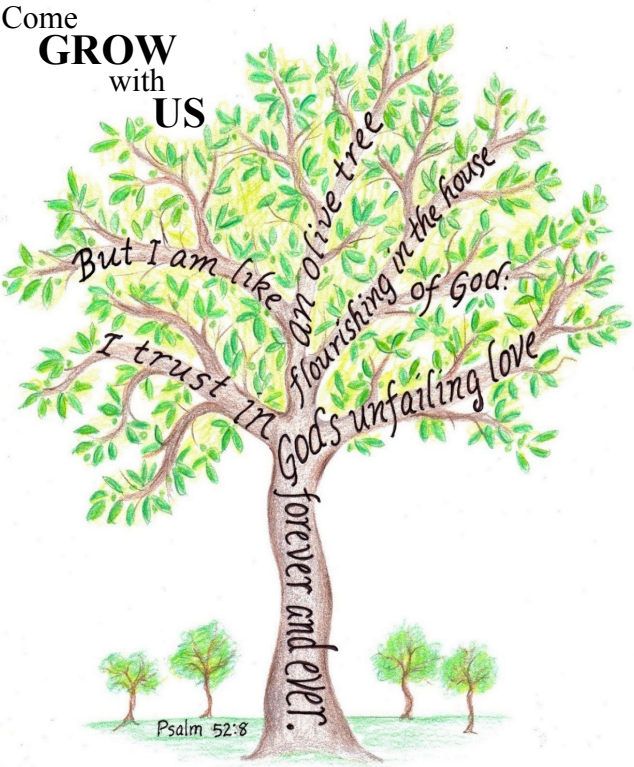
**October 2018 : Verse of the Month**



As a father has compassion on  
 his children, so the Lord has a  
 compassion on those who fear Him.  
**Psalm 103:13**

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT OAKLAND**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 AM Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM Life Groups
	9:45 AM The Connection Zone
	10:00 AM Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:30 PM Backpacks of Hope
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 PM TeamKID
	6:30 PM Youth Program
	6:30 PM Wednesday Worship
	8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM Jail Ministry



**CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER**

October 2018

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*Pastor David's Corner*

**Uncharted Territory**

Many of us are in the twilight of our years; that time of life when the sun is below the horizon but there is still a soft glowing light from the sky. Our humanity is fragile and we may be experiencing 'setbacks' in the flesh. We could choose to call them 'breakthroughs' in the Faith. Our Lord is calling us to embark on a journey in uncharted territory just as He has all through history. Those who have gone before show us how it is done. After 40 years of many trials and dangers in the wilderness with Moses, Israel stood on the border of a new country with Joshua. He looked ahead and affirmed in Joshua 3:4 'we have never been this way before'. When God CALLS us on a New Journey, He will LEAD us on a New Path that He has been PREPARING for us to ENTER into a NEW WAY that we have never been before! We will have new experiences to face, new problems to solve, new trials to endure, new temptations to meet, new sorrows to bear, new opportunities to grasp, new tasks to perform and new blessings to enjoy. It will test our Faith! The Israelites succeeded when they continued in the Will of God; so will we. God's Chosen People wandered and saw miracles and 'bellyached' about their plight; but it was all part of getting to the Promised Land of Canaan. There would be the swollen Jordan River to cross, the intimidating walls in Jericho to break down and giants to face and conquer in this new land. Obstacles loomed everywhere they went and it would only be by their Faith in the Power of God that they would be able to overcome them. All through God's Word we see Faith. Abraham's Faith taught him that where God guides, God provides. Noah's Faith took him into a wooden ark with two termites! Daniel's Faith took him into a den of roaring lions. Jonah's faith took him on the fish ride of his life. Peter's faith took him on a watery walk. We must WALK into God's PROVISIONS before we can RECEIVE them. When God CALLS His Children into uncharted territory and we WALK in HIS WILL we will accomplish the TASK that He has called us to do. There are the CERTAINTIES of uncharted territory BECAUSE this earthly life is filled with UNCERTAINTIES. We all know about them BUT we also know about the things that ARE CERTAIN and that we can always count on. God never changes [Malachi 3:6]; Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever [Hebrews 13:8]; the real Church that is built on Jesus Christ will stand [Matthew 16:18]; and Heaven is Eternal [2 Corinthians 5:1]. Let us take comfort in God's Promises and live in the light of the knowledge that our Lord can come at any time. We are to be ready when He calls, we should expect and long for Him every day. To look down and around at earthly things will keep us in constant turmoil. Looking up we see the Heavenly Eternal things of God and the soon coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you are discouraged, 'Maranatha!', if you are worried, 'Maranatha!', if you are filled with anxiety, 'Maranatha!' [the Lord is Coming] 1 Corinthians 16:22.

Frances Gooden (Pastor David's Aunt)  
 September 21, 2018

## PRAYER

October  
Prayer  
Schedule

Sam Goodwin  
Mike Camp  
Jeff Lunsford  
Rich Majewski

TITHES  
&  
OFFERING

September 2018  
Offerings to Date  
\$18,841.00

Budget Needs  
for October:  
\$21,040.33



## 3 Year Anniversary

We are blessed to have Stuart and his family serving in our church, as well as our mission and ministry field. Thank you Stuart Richardson for 3 great years together!

## September Attendance

## (Worship + Children &amp; Youth)

Sunday, September 2nd (77 + 11 = 88)

**Wednesday, September 5th (18 + 12 = 30)**

Sunday, September 9th (74 + 14 = 88)

**Wednesday, September 12th (26 + 19 = 35)**

Sunday, September 16th (No Activities)

**Wednesday, September 19th (17 + 12 = 29)**

Sunday, September 23rd (78 + 12 = 90)

**Wednesday, September 26th (24 + 8 = 32)**

Sunday, September 30th (83 + 8 = 91)



## Prayer Requests

**Join us on Sundays at 8:30AM in the choir room for prayer time.**

Brad Bradley & Family

Steve Brown

Ray Greene & Family

Kenneth Griffin

Nathan Lauver

Iris McSheehan

Alice Purcella

Bobbie Slusher

*As we remember our sick, let us also pray for the lost in our neighborhoods, work places, and community. Let us pray for God's Spirit to fall on us in power and to visit us, as we open His Word, and worship Him. May we be bold in praying for how we may be a more effective witness, and a stronger disciple of His each week.*

## Early Sunday Prayer Friends Challenge

Prayer Friends meet every Sunday at 8:25 AM. If your family member, coworker, or friend is in need of prayer, write the person's name and prayer need down and place it in the offering plate. The "Prayer Friends" will pray for your friend and their need.

## Pray For Our Missionaries

Orlando Briones

Ralph Joash & Xiamen Briones

Michael & Annette McVey & Family

Eric & Melissa Richardson



Glenn & Rhonda Stewart & Family

Pastor Paul in India

YWAM Charlotte

## 2018 Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

November 5-6

Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Theme: Who is my Neighbor? Based on Luke 10:29.

If you are interested in attending this convention, please contact the Church Office.



## Operation Christmas Child

2018 National Collection Week: November 12-19

## Good News Club

Child Evangelism Fellowship is an international organization with ministries in more than 200 countries. The mission of CEF is to evangelize boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to disciple & establish them and their families in local churches. One program of CEF is Good News Clubs. These Christ centered clubs meet once a week after school hours and provide elementary age students with lively music & songs, life changing memory verses, Bible lessons infused with the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as games, fun and the love of God!

There are several schools in Union County which already have Good News Clubs operating. Right now there is a need for additional GNC volunteers at New Salem and Wingate Elementary.

To learn more about this ministry in our local area and how you can participate please contact Penny Tomberlin at pennytomberlin@gmail.com or 704-753-1290 or 704-254-9236.







## TEAM KID LEADERS

### October 3

#### Pre-School

Nancy Chapman

#### Grades K-5

Nan Helms &  
Dianne Avery

### October 10

#### Pre-School

Irene Welch

#### Grades K-5

Nan Helms &  
Dianne Avery

### October 17

#### Pre-School

Nancy Chapman

#### Grades K-5

Nan Helms &  
Dianne Avery

### October 24

#### Pre-School

Nancy Chapman

#### Grades K-5

Nan Helms &  
Dianne Avery

### October 31

#### Pre-School

NO TeamKID

#### Grades K-5

NO TeamKID

### Backpacks of Hope Ministry

Backpacks of Hope Ministry has started back up again! Students from our area schools, who are in need, will receive a grocery bag with food for the weekend (including 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and 2 snacks) every week of the school year.

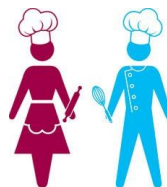
While you are out grocery shopping, considered picking up some extra items for these students and dropping them off in the Church Office.

We are suggesting the following items for the next several weeks:

**Crackers (4-pk box), Fruit Cups (Fruit Cocktail, Oranges, Peaches)**



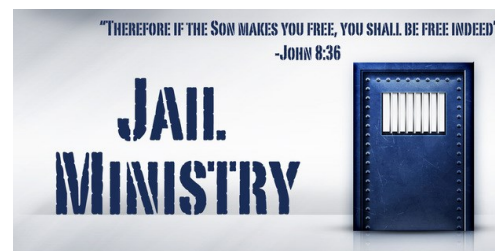
### Recipe Booklet



Thank you for all of the wonderful recipes that have been submitted! The recipes have been compiled into a recipe booklet. Contact the Church Office if you would like to purchase a booklet, they will be \$4 each.

### Jail Ministry

Several members of the church are involved in Bible studies at the Union County Jail on rotating Thursday nights. If you think you might be interested in getting involved in our Jail Ministry, please see Stacey.



# OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 - 8:30 PM Heart for Monroe in Fellowship Hall	3 “Facing the Giant of Doubt”  6:30 PM TeamKID	4 Fellowship Hall Reserved for BBQ	5 Fellowship Hall Reserved for BBQ  Y@H - Serving a meal at the Community Shelter	6 Fellowship Hall Reserved for BBQ  9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Closet Ministry
7 Small Group Session 4: Messy-er  Sermon Series Session 6: “Going Out”	8	9	10 “Facing the Giant of Pro- crastination”  6:30 PM TeamKID	11 9:30 AM Amazing Grace Distribution  7 PM Church Council	12 8:30 AM UBA Youth Days at Operation Christmas Child: Call-in Date	13   6:30 PM Worship Night
14 New Sermon Series: “How to Pray”  Session 1: “The Object of Our Prayer”	15	16 11 AM - 2 PM UBA Flu Shot Clinic	17 “Facing the Giant of Failure”  6:30 PM TeamKID	18	19	20   Wingate Souper Bowl
21 Session 2: “A Prayer of Praise”	22	23 2 PM OR 7 PM UBA Annual Session @ Benton’s Crossroads 5:15-6:45 PM: Meal	24 “Facing the Giant of Jealousy”  6:30 PM TeamKID	25 6:30 - 8:30 PM Closet Sorting Ministry	26	27 3-5 PM Christmas Choir Rehearsal  6:30 PM Worship Night
28 Session 3: “A Prayer of Surrender”	29	30	31 5-7:30 PM Family Fall Festival on the Hill  NO Wednesday Activities			

**CHILDREN'S LEADERS**

**October 7**

**Nursery**

Karyn Shauan &  
Reichen Shauan

**Pre-School**

Joel & Melissa Alonso

**Children's Church**

Tina McSheehan &  
Julie Cook

**October 14**

**Nursery**

Ruthie Outlaw &  
Janet Griffin

**Pre-School**

Nan Helms &  
Mikala Alonso

**Children's Church**

Karyn Shauan &  
Julie Cook

**October 21**

**Nursery**

Renee Helms &  
Cindy French

**Pre-School**

Carolyn Street &  
Lorraine McClellan

**Children's Church**

Judy Hill & Kim Cox &  
Julie Cook

**October 28**

**Nursery**

Renay Moore &  
Sandy Richardson

**Pre-School**

Frank Lunsford &  
Brooke Pridgen

**Children's Church**

Jeff Lunsford &  
Julie Cook

**Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life:**

**WELCOME HOME: CONNECTING AND ENGAGING PEOPLE IN YOUR CHURCH**

October 7: Going Out

**HOW TO PRAY**

October 14: The Object of Our Prayer

October 21: A Prayer of Praise

October 28: A Prayer of Surrender

November 4: Praying for Ourselves

November 11: Praying for Others

November 18: A Prayer of Confession

November 25: A Prayer of Thanksgiving

WELCOME HOME



**Fall Small Group Study based on Andy Stanley's *Address the Mess***

**ADDRESS THE MESS**

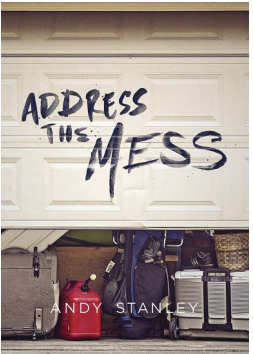
September 16: The Mess in the Mirror

September 23: Best Mess Ever

September 30: Inside Out

October 1: Messy-er

TBA: Wednesday Night Recap



**Wednesday Bible Study:**

**“The Twelve Weeks of Courage”**

9. Facing the Giant of Doubt (Oct 3)

***John 20:24–29***

10. Facing the Giant of Procrastination (Oct 10)

***Acts 24:22–27***

11. Facing the Giant of Failure (Oct 17)

***II Corinthians 4:7–18***

12. Facing the Giant of Jealousy (Oct 24)

***Selected Scriptures***



**Resurrection Christian Church BBQ**



The Resurrection Christian Church of Monroe will hold a BBQ fundraiser in our fellowship hall on Friday, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th.

The pastor, Zack Little, is a counselor at Monroe Middle School.

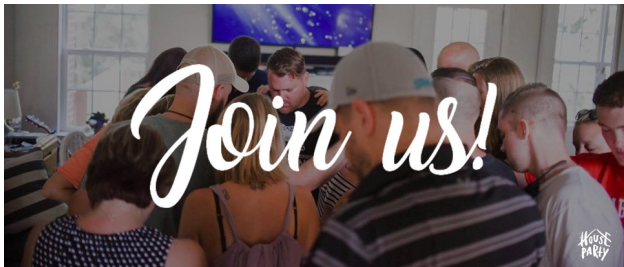
**Worship Nights**

October 13th & 27th @ 6:30 PM

Everyone is invited to worship!

Check out Worship Nights on Facebook:

@worshipnightmonroe



**Family Fall Festival at The Hill**

October 31 5-7:30 PM

Volunteer opportunity information coming soon!

**“Teach us to pray.”**

If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?

Twelve disciples walked closely with Jesus. They saw His miracles. They heard His teaching. They observed how He interacted with people. Yet on thing we know the disciples asked Jesus to specifically teach them about was prayer. It appears that, in all they observed in Jesus, it was His prayer life that seemed to be the “secret.”

Thankfully for all of us, Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. He gave them, and ultimately us, a model as a part of His Sermon on the Mount. (See Matt. 5-7.) This prayer has inspired Christians for over two thousand years. It is both striking in its simplicity and breathtaking in its scope. It is certainly worth our study , and as we look at the different parts of this prayer, we will draw from other passages that will help illustrate truths from Jesus’ Model Prayer also. Prayer changes us as we pray. Isn’t it time we joined the original disciples and ask Jesus to teach us how to pray? After all, prayer moves the Hand that moves the world.

*Excerpt from Bible Studies for Life “How to Pray”*