

THE MESSENGER



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Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are still available in the vestibule and on both sides behind the sanctuary for individuals or groups. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK IS NOVEMBER 18 - 25. Calvary Baptist Florence is the Central Collection Center for OCC again this year!

It takes a LOT of volunteers to have a successful week. Ideally 8 - 10 volunteers are needed. Volunteers should be 13 years old or older or either accompanied by an adult. Volunteer duties include helping unload shoe boxes from vehicles, welcoming donors, putting rubber bands on boxes, counting boxes, and packing cartons that will be loaded on the truck.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Monday, November 18: 4 pm – 7 pm
 Tuesday, November 19: 4 pm – 7 pm
 Wednesday, November 20: 4 pm – 7 pm
 Thursday, November 21: 4pm – 7 pm
 Friday, November 22: 4 pm – 7 pm
 Saturday, November 23: 11 am – 1 pm
 Sunday, November 24: 2 pm – 5 pm
 Monday, November 25: 10 am – 6 pm

If you can help (even if it's for only an hour or more), contact Louanne Stewart at 843-662-5921 or FBALouanne@sc.rr.com.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 & 13
RAs & GAs Packing OCC Boxes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
RAs & GAs Packing OCC Truck

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Thanksgiving Feast
9:15 - 10:15AM in the CFLC
Babies - 6h Graders and their families are invited to attend

GAs collect Lottie Moon Offering after the morning worship service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
No Wednesday Evening Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
RAs collect Lottie Moon Offering after the morning worship service

DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT
RAs & GAs Mission Project is the McLeod Toy Drive. Be on the lookout for more details.



NOVEMBER 11
Mission Night
Boys v. Girls Lottie Moon Offering

NOVEMBER 18
Mission Night
Boys v. Girls Lottie Moon Offering

NOVEMBER 25
Awana Store Open
Sparks/T&T jewels/
patches given out

DECEMBER 2
Spirit Night
Ugly Sweater Night

WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH

November's Mission of the Month is Angel Tree

When Christmas comes, prisoners' children often wonder, Does my mommy or daddy still love me? Do they even remember me anymore? Your generosity helps provide a Christmas gift and a joyful moment of connection with an incarcerated parent, perhaps the only one they'll have this year. And you'll also experience the profound joy of showing a child unconditional love.



ANGEL TREE

At this year's "Keeping Christ in Christmas," you will be given the opportunity to select a child for whom to purchase a specified gift (you may select one or more than one), wrap the gift, and return it to church for delivery. If you are unable to attend the event, you may contact Louanne Stewart at fbalouanne@sc.rr.com or 843-662-5921; she will provide you with a child's name and a gift to be purchased.

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Thursday, November 14

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" is an annual ladies' outreach event at Calvary. Volunteers decorate tables that seat six in a design of their choice. The program for the evening includes a guest speaker, music, a catered meal, door prizes, and a mission opportunity. Take this opportunity to invite family and friends, both within and outside our membership. The event will take place on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30PM in the Collins Family Life Center.

This year's speakers are Brenda and Vince Tarpe with ArtAlive Ministries. ArtAlive was founded in 1985 with a desire to use the media of music and art to spread the gospel message. Check the bulletin board behind the sanctuary for more information about the Tharpes and ArtAlive.

You may purchase tickets (\$12) from Jennifer in the church office. Sale of tickets will end November 7. Childcare will be offered by reservation. The deadline for reservations is November 10. Contact Amy Hatchell at ahatchell@calvarycares.com or 843-687-3188.

KINDERGARTEN

Calvary Kindergarten

The last two months have been super exciting in our preschool world. Children, many who have never been to school before, have adjusted to their new routine and are thriving! They are busy making new friends, learning how to share with classmates and how to problem solve classroom situations. If you have seen our playground recently, you will notice the new swing set that was installed. The students loved watching the entire process. They especially loved watching Mr. Eddie, Mr. Landon, Mr. Brian and Mr. JB take out the old swing set and prepare the playground for the new set. These guys worked very hard on extremely HOT days to prepare this space for our children. As the director of Calvary Kindergarten, I can't thank these guys enough for their support of our school! They go above and beyond for us and we are very grateful!

We hosted Open House for our families on October 7. This allowed children to 'show' their parents what they do at school. It was a sweet night of crafts, laughs and lots of fun. Speaking of fun, field trips have started for many of our classes. The students have been to a local dentist office, explored the Pee Dee State Farmers Market and will soon visit the Florence Little Theatre.

This year we are partnering with Harris Teeter in their "Together In Education" program. It's simple and super easy to link your VIC card to our school. When checking out, simply tell the cashier that you would like to link your VIC card to Calvary Kindergarten and give them the number 6690. That's it! We will receive a percentage of what you spend on Harris Teeter products. We are still accepting clipped BoxTops and well as digital BoxTops. Eventually all BoxTops will become digital and you must have the app for us to receive credit.

OCC CENTER

Tuesday, December 3rd

Calvary has 15 spots to work at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte on Tuesday, December 3 from 10am - 2pm. If you would like to go, please contact Eddie Stewart at ESTewart@calvarycares.com or by calling the church office at 843.662.0418.

SUNDAY NIGHTS

Our schedule for Sunday Nights

Worship Choir 4:30PM - 5:30PM

AWANA 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Student Ministry 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Evening Worship 5:45PM - 6:45PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our schedule for Wednesday Nights

Nursery is available for children 0 - 2 years old.

Preschool & Children's Choir is from 5:45PM - 6:30PM

RAs, GAs, & Mission Friends is from 6:30PM to 7:15PM

Student Ministry meets from 6:00 - 7:15PM

STUDENT FALL GETAWAY

November 15 - 17

Students are going on a Fall Getaway to Myrtle Beach, SC November 15 - 17. The cost is \$60 and that includes lodging and meals. You can sign up on website, calvarycares.com/students. Deadline to sign up is November 10th. We will not be having Building 614 on Sunday, November 17.

A LETTER FROM PASTOR MIKE

November is Thanksgiving month. I LOVE Thanksgiving! I'm thankful for so much and I've always been a big believer in setting aside more than one day for this holiday. So in Sunday morning worship services in November, we will be celebrating some of the many blessings we enjoy.

Here's the plan:

November 3: "I'm thankful for God's Provision"

November 10: "I'm thankful for my country."

November 17: "I'm thankful for my church."

November 24: "I'm thankful for my salvation through Jesus."

Deacon Ministry: Care Groups, and Calvary Serves

I want to commend our deacons for their renewed emphasis on helping our church members through our Care Groups. The deacons are each assigned to a Sunday School class and every church member is also assigned to a class. Our deacons are committed to helping our members and will be making a renewed effort to reach out to those classes. Your deacon may write your class a card or note or personally drop by your class.

Each class has Care Group leaders who are also responsible for letting the Deacons for that class know about needs with which they may help, as the Care Group Leader stays in close contact with his or her assigned members. These needs may include a prayer request, a home visit, a hospital visit, or some other special issue. The more effectively your class communicates these needs to our deacons, the more they will know how to help.

Also, our deacons have formed a Calvary Serves ministry, headed by Vice - Chairman, Tarrant Morris. This is a special group within the deacons to assist with particular needs of seniors and widows. For example, you may need someone to help you find help with a problem around the house. One of these deacons will try to help you or help you find the right resource. If you have a need or know of one, start by calling the church office or a pastor to let us initiate this process.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Month!

Pastor Mike