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*Boldly affirmed in the bright future God has planned for us, we seek to be inventive and resourceful while encouraging one another on a deeper spiritual journey.*

**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**  
**No Doubt**

Walking the spiritual life requires us to walk in many ways that we never have before. God is always challenging us to go deeper and to stretch ourselves in new ways. The issue for many Christians is that we are often afraid that we cannot do what God asks of us. That is a very true statement; we cannot do it, only God can do it through us.

There have been many times in my spiritual journey where I have believed another step was not possible. I have gone as far as I can and another step is too many and it would put me past my limit. "Lord, let me off the bus; I cannot make a further journey." However, when I

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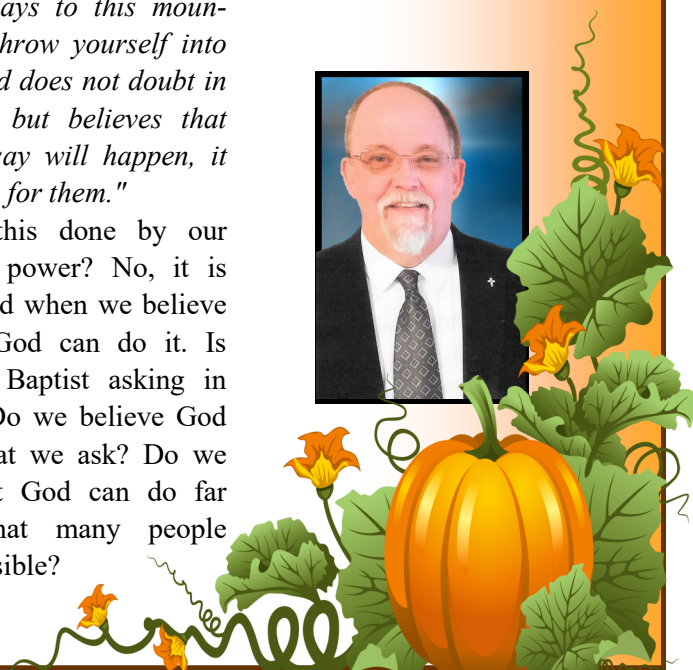
feel this way, this is the exact point I need to be because the spiritual life is not about what I can do for God but what God can do through me. Only God can reach this lost world. Only God can help others to see the gift of salvation. Only God can bring peace, grace, and love to individuals. God operates and works on a different level than I ever can; a level that is far past my abilities.

Therefore, our lives need to believe what God can do, not just what we can do. We have a part and that part is to believe. Jesus says in Mark 11:23 (NIV): *"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."*

Is this done by our words and power? No, it is done by God when we believe fully that God can do it. Is Wytheville Baptist asking in this way? Do we believe God will do what we ask? Do we believe that God can do far beyond what many people think is possible?

I have seen some incredible things happen in my almost 2 1/2 years as your pastor. Have we seen all God can do? I am positive that we have not! Are we ready to ask the mountain to move to the sea? This is a question we must answer because I believe God is leading us to much more than we have seen so far. Without a doubt, God wants to work even more unbelievable works through us!!!

Because of God's Love,  
Pastor Tim



current methods completely fail. Please continue to pray for their desperate situation.

♦ **BLAND MINISTRY AND HEARTS & HAMMERS:**

Materials are now on sight for the two ramp projects that were scheduled for September but delayed by the hurricane. Bland Ministry volunteers from Black Creek Baptist Church along with the Dublin Baptist chapter of Hearts & Hammers plan to build a 48 foot ramp for a stroke victim in Pulaski county. Building and Zoning permits have also been obtained for the 32 ft. ramp, with an ADA turn around, for the disabled lady in Giles county. We are working with the Bland Fellowship of Christian Athletes to complete the second ramp if the group from Black Creek Baptist runs out of time.

♦ **MISSIONS CONFERENCE:**

Charles Damron is coordinating the missions conference starting Sunday morning, March 31, and ending Wednesday night April 3, 2019. Please call Charles at 540-639-1255 for more details and to sign up. One missionary has already committed to speak at the conference.

♦ **CLAYTOR LAKE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY INC.:**

Thanks to all the churches that cleaned the building this summer you did an unbelievable job.

The trailer area cleanup is nearly complete.

Winterization of the camp will be done after it starts freezing.

Now that the annual meeting is over we hope to begin working on the new roof design. Volunteers will be needed in the Spring. We will keep you updated on our progress.

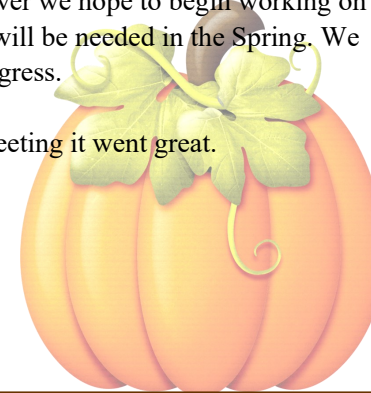
Thanks for praying for the Annual Meeting it went great.

In His service

Dave Clonch

Moderator/Director

Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network







## Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

- ♦ The WMU's and Mission Minded Women of several Network churches have set a goal to collect four Christmas cards, with stamps, for each of the 900 inmates at the Regional Jail to send their loved ones this Christmas.
- ♦ The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network web site can be reached by searching the name or by copying and pasting <http://westernblueridge.wix.com/baptistnetwork>  
Please make sure your church has a say in the decisions of the Leadership Team by having a representative at the 6:30 p.m. meeting in the Dublin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (across from Hardee's) on November 1, 2018.
- ♦ **BUNK HOUSE TRAILER:**  
Calvary Baptist has come up with a way to use open steps to not only get into the upper bunks but provide storage areas for personal items. Kits are now available with all the materials to make a complete mattress assembly. If your church's sewing group can assemble a mattress please contact Calvary Baptist at 540-745-3744.
- ♦ **VENEZUELAN CHRISTIANS:**  
In September our Network donation transfer got thru along with the August one that was still pending. As we told you last month the only way to get funds into the country safely is by bank transfer directly into Pastor Ramon's account and this is getting harder and harder each day. Venezuela is collapsing and electricity is so sporadic, banks are having more and more trouble keeping a link open long enough to make transactions. We are working with IMB reps to come up with other ways to get funds to Pastor Ramon and his congregation in case the

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Judy Collier

## NOTES FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

### "FALL" FOR JESUS AND BE HIS PUMPKIN!

At this writing, the October 20 Touring Sunshine Puppet People Show and Fall Festival is just a few days away. We will be handing out bookmarks to the children that say:

#### "I Am Like a Pumpkin"

"God picks me from the patch, brings me in, and washes all the dirt off of me.

Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

And then he carves me a new smiling face

And puts His Light inside of me to shine  
for all the world to see."

As we continue in this season of glorious colors, hand-painted by the Lord, may we remember to be a pumpkin who shines the Light of Jesus to all we meet. For remember, without the Son-light of Jesus shining on the potential beauty all around, everything and everyone remains a dark grey shadow of what the Lord intended each to be. So be a redeemed and cleaned out pumpkin for Jesus, truly a "Sunbeam for Him" that all around may know the joy of living in the Light!

During November and December, the **SANCTUARY CHOIR** will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00. Short 30-minute ensemble and/or parts rehearsals will also be held from 7:45-8:15 after Bible Study on Wednesday nights. The choir is very excited that the children's choir will be singing with us for the Christmas program, *I Hear the Prophet Callin'*, and also doing a special number by themselves.

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Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** continues to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:40-7:30 and is open to all children. This past month they've been working on making homemade shakers out of recycled bottles, learning new songs, and playing the Boom Whackers! They've also taken several nature walks in the park to try and hear some natural music in nature, then written and drawn pictures about their findings. And back this year by popular demand—a round of musical chairs at the conclusion of each class!

On **VETERANS' DAY, NOVEMBER 11**, we will recognize our veterans and active servicemen with their pictures on the screen while playing their service songs. If you have not already done so, please turn in your service photo and information in to the office. Booklets of our honorees will be available at the back of the sanctuary for those who did not receive one last July.

On **NOVEMBER 18** we will celebrate **THANKSGIVING** as a family of God, grateful to our awesome Lord for Who He is and all He has done for us—especially in saving and sanctifying us for His Great Harvest of Believers. So:

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

“Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, forever purified, In Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.”

AMEN!

Blessed in His Light and  
looking forward to His Great Harvest,

Judy



## Open Door Cafe 5K Run & Family Walk “Stuffed Strut 2018”



Thursday, November 22

*Start/Finish Line at*

**Open Door Café**

650 W. Main Street  
Wytheville, VA 24382

- ▶ **Check in:** 7:15—7:45 a.m.
- ▶ **Start Time:** 8:00 a.m.
- ▶ All Ages Welcome
- ▶ Participants who pre-register by Nov. 18 will receive a T-shirt
- **Entry Fees:** \$25 before November 10, then \$30. On-site registration available.
- **Registration:** Download the registration form from [www.wythehope.org](http://www.wythehope.org) and mail it to: Hope Inc., PO Box 743, Wytheville, VA 24382, or click on the Active link to the on-line registration site.
- **More information:** HOPE at 276-228-6280 ext. 211

Bring the Stroller or your Pet—EVERYONE'S Welcome!  
Pets must be on a leash

*Proceeds will benefit the Open Door Café,  
HOPE's new pay/donate what you can restaurant!*



Dear WBC,

Community Food Kitchen would like to thank WBC for their dedication, time, financial support, and instrumental role in creating a community service ministry that reaches those in need of a meal. The Lord has blessed this program as it has grown. We are grateful and excited for the opportunity to increase the number of days we serve but we will miss the warm, welcoming, and loving kitchen that gave us our start.

Bless you,  
Community Food Kitchen Steering Committee





## IT'S TIME FOR SHOEBOXES!!



It's time for my yearly plea to all of you for help in a very important mission project—Operation Christmas Child.

Wytheville Baptist Church will once again be a Relay Center and we need volunteers to help receive shoeboxes and then pack them. We would also like to have our church surpass our collection amount from last year and I am challenging our membership to pack 155 shoeboxes. Ideas to pack your shoebox: small toys, balls, jump ropes, small musical instruments, school supplies, hygiene items (toothbrush, [no toothpaste], bar soap in a plastic bags, combs, washcloths), socks, tee-shirts, hats, gloves, sunglasses.

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

toothpaste, candy of any kind, liquids, medicines, or toys promoting violence.

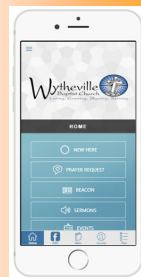
Decide if your packing for a girl or boy and provide \$9 per box for shipping. Fill your boxes and bring them to the church during the week of November 12-19. We ask that you also pray for all the boxes, those who will distribute them, and those who will receive them.

Thanks for your help in advance.  
Janet Montgomery and Doris Terry



### WYTHEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH APP

Look for the Wytheville Baptist Church app where you will be able to download and have access to submit a Prayer Request, read the Beacons, Calendar, get Directions, hear the Sermons, open The Bible, compile a Journal Page, Link to Church Facebook Page, **Online Giving**, and much more.



If you are having problems finding, downloading, or setting up this app, contact Daniel Burke or Pastor Tim.

## Fall Festival

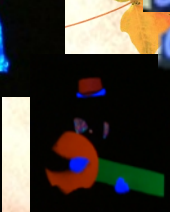


and



## Puppet Show

October 20, 2018



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# Youth News



On Sunday, October 14, Michael Warner gave his testimony during our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. He also enjoyed taking a panoramic snap shot of our church family.



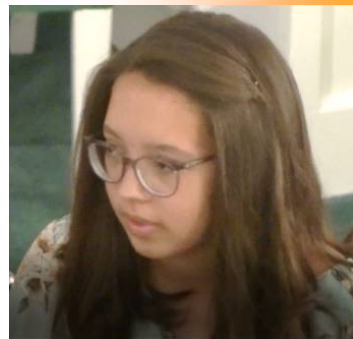
On Wednesday night he was voted on to be WBC's Youth Director and accepted. Michael will become part of WBC's staff on November 1.

Please keep Michael in your prayers as he begins this vital ministry to our youth.



## BAPTISM

*The Baptism of Constance Vanover took place on Sunday, October 28, during our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. We are so honored to be a part of her journey to develop a deeper relationship with our Lord.*



## CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET!

There are children that need clothes for the cold winter months and the Children's Clothes Closet can help with this matter. There are free clothes available in our WBC Children's Clothes Closet. We always have new families that utilize this ministry. If you have any new or gently used children's clothes, shoes, new underwear, t-shirts, or socks; bring them to the clothes closet down stairs next to the nursery.



If you would like to make a monetary donation, please earmark your check "Children's Clothes Closet" and place it in the offering plate. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Children's Clothes Closet will open on Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.



**S**pread the Word of God by telling others to listen to the Sunday morning message by logging onto:

[www.wythevillebaptist.org](http://www.wythevillebaptist.org)

then click the Sermons tab.



Once there, people will find each Sunday's sermon plus all the previous sermons of past months. Thank you to our Multi-Media Team Leader, Daniel Burke, for providing this link for our encouragement, learning, and inspiration.



## DECEMBER 2018 BEACON ARTICLES

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all December 2018 Beacon articles, announcements, meetings, events, times, etc. need to be turned in to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 12. Thank you for your help in this matter.





## **DON'T FORGET OUR BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

The purpose of the Benevolence offering—to help others in need. Last month you helped:

- ♦ One person with their electric bill
- ♦ Four people with a room for a night



We will receive a Benevolence offering Sunday, November 4, following our worship service. We ask that you once again give from the heart. This offering is never hoarded up or put in a savings account, but always used to help others for the glory of God.

*Thank you for giving from the heart.*



## **AGAPE FOOD PANTRY**

**YOU CAN HELP**



Please bring Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Noodles for the months of November, and December to help feed those in need in our community. Please, no glass containers.

If you would like to help at Agape Food Pantry on the second Saturday of every month beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 p.m. please contact Chris and Rhonda Bracknell or Guy and Linda Sutphin.



## **OPEN DOOR CAFÉ**

Formally known as the Community Food Kitchen, Open Door Café will open on Thursday, November 1. This will be lunch for the regular crowd at WBC from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are planning two more soft openings, a Grand opening on Tuesday, November 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a ribbon cutting. Later Open Door Café will be operating on regular hours with lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a dinner meal on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Open Door Café is located at 650 W. Main Street next to Hope Inc. and is open to the public.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Open Door Café, go to: <https://www.opendoorcafeytheville.org> then click the Volunteer tab.



# **Pastor Appreciation October 21, 2018**



Pastor Tim, we love and appreciate both you and DeAnne.



## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday evening, November 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this awe-inspiring service. After joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesday night, our WBC church family **will not** have any regular Wednesday night functions on November 21.





## Kathryn Isaacs and Mabel Crabtree Circle News



The October meeting of Kathryn Isaacs-Mable Crabtree Circle was very productive. We met in the fellowship hall with 12 members and 1 guest attending. Carroll Stewart gave devotions and Cathy Valley presented the program entitled, "Pursuing Romania." Reports were given and then the ladies decided to take a meal to the students of Baptist Collegiate Ministry of Radford University on October 8.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 5, in Williams Fellowship Hall with Betty Matheny and Linda Sutphin as hostesses; our program will be working on our Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Thanks to all our members. Ladies, we extend a special invitation to those who are not members, "Come Join Us!"

*Janet Montgomery*



### YOUNG-AT-HEART



If you love Italian food, you would have loved our last Young-at-Heart meeting. We congregated at the Italian Gardens Restaurant and enjoyed good food, fellowship, laughter, and friendship. We would still

like to see more of our members and guests at our meetings.

We are looking at a different date and a speaker for our November meeting. This has not been nailed down yet, so watch your bulletins for information as it becomes available.

*Carroll Stewart*

## The Nellie Bausell Library Notes

### November 2018



***Gospel Reset: Salvation made Relevant*** was written by Ken Ham. The culture has changed. Christian values, traditions, and terminologies that were once common knowledge have become a thing of the past. The typical Sunday morning call to salvation is, sadly, like listening to another language for many people today. This book will help you effectively share a message of salvation with your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and others in a way that actually makes sense.

"But God didn't leave us in the dark. A careful analysis of Scripture and early missions work by the Apostles Peter and Paul reveal the answer. Ken Ham dives into this subject brilliantly to teach churches and Christians how to evangelize and preach Christ in our culture today. What we need, to share the truth of God's Word and Gospel of Jesus Christ in our changed Western World, is a Gospel Reset."

***The Way: Walking in the footsteps of Jesus*** by Adam Hamilton takes us through the life and ministry of Jesus. Travel to the Holy land in this volume of Adam Hamilton's Bible Study on the life of Jesus. Hamilton approaches his subject matter with thoughtfulness and wisdom. Using historical background, archaeological findings and stories of the faith, he retraces the footsteps of Jesus from His baptism to the temptation to the heart of His ministry, including the people He loved, the enemies He made, the parables He taught, and the roads He traveled.

*Carroll Stewart*





**ROANOKE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:** Pastor Danny Collins

**HOME:** Jane Crowgey, Mary Helen Porter, Marjorie Wassum, Brittney Lester, Harlan "Speedy" and Mae Clemons, Elton and Mabeline Robinson, Dan Robinette, Adren Eldridge, Brenda Tucker, Missy Throckmorton, Eric and Ann Collins, Sylvia McGhee, Paula Moore, Bill Valley, JoAnn Campbell, Nancy Herndon

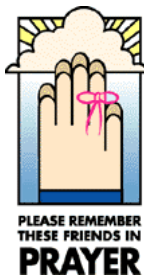
**EXTENDED CARE:** Dan Moore, Della Dunford, Bea Shearwood Rosalene "Posey" Heath

**FAMILY:** Guy and Linda Stuphin's grandson, Eric; Almetta Cruff's cousin, Dorothy; Ann Collins' sister, Pat Bretches; Glenna Turner's brother-in-law, Tom Beam; Paula Moore's nephew, Kenny Blankenship; Cathy Valley's sister-in-law, Laura Taylor; Veronica Lopez's mother, Maria Hernandez; Becky Hudson's cousin, Maxine Morris; Janet Quinn's father, Randolph Havens, and son, Casey; Carla Estep's son, Christopher Sheppard, mother, Peggy Asbury, and niece, Lindsey Parsley; Judy Collier's aunt, Mildred Ormand (Midge)

**FRIENDS:** Mike Cassell (Carrington Rehab Wytheville, Room 103), Emily Wright, Eddie Bowen, Dewey Clemons, Ted Phillips, Scott Byerley, Kristy, Randy Kasey and family, Tina Bishop, Barbara Fox, Keith Hull and family, Parks Turpin Jr., Matthew, Steve Sboray, Scott Hill, Lynn Perry, Jackie King, Wanda Pruitt's grandson, Jedi (2 yrs. old), Linda Phillips, Bland Ministry Center

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Thomas Collins, Gregory Carson, Ryan Shupe, Kevin Dalton, Benjy Bird, Cory Todd, and all the others who serve our nation

**PASTORAL CARE:** Our Pastor, Rev. Tim Irving, is accessible for any pastoral need. If you would like to make an appointment with Pastor Tim, please call the church office at 228-3712 or his cell phone: 276-284-1575. For pastoral emergencies at night or during weekends, please call Pastor Tim on his cell phone or the Deacon of the Week.



#### CHRISTIAN SYMPATYH TO:

Zanah McCoury and family upon the passing of her step-father

Jerry and Jan Stone and family upon the passing of their brother-in-law, Rev. Bobby Collins of Dunn, NC

**November 7:** Baked Potato Soup, Pimento Cheese and Ham Salad Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Crackers, Veggie Tray and Dip, Cookies and Ice Cream

**November 14:** Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Pecan or Pumpkin Pie

**November 21:** *No Wednesday night meal or activities*

### Happy Thanksgiving

**November 28:** Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Jell-O Salad, Pound Cake



### Meetings

Thursday, November 1: Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network Leadership Team—6:30 at Dublin Baptist Church  
Wednesday, October 14: Staff—5:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 12: Worship Team—7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 15: Preschool/Children/Youth Ministry—7:00 p.m.



### November Birthdays

17	Linda Hostetter
22	Della Dunford
24	Betty Robinette
25	Jackie Carson
4	Cindy Jarmul
	Ryan Claypool
8	Mary Helen Porter
12	John Matheny
26	Debbie Grubb
27	Dot Alexander
29	Jane Crowgey



#### NURSERY 10:30 AM

November 4: Nursery Worker  
November 11: Nursery Worker  
November 18: Nursery Worker  
November 25: Nursery Worker

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 4: Jenny Stoker  
November 11: Danny Sowers  
November 18: Tommy Anders  
November 25: Tommy Hilton

#### USHERS

Team III: Chris Bracknell, Bill Valley  
Danny Sowers, Mary Helen Porter  
Gary Carson

#### SPLASH CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

November 4: Children's Ministry Team  
November 11: Children's Ministry Team  
November 18: Children's Ministry Team  
November 25: Children's Ministry Team

#### TELLERS

Mary Hall and Delores Dove

GREETERS Designated Ushers for the month of November



# November 2018

Count your blessing name them one by one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  6:30pm WBRBN Leadership Team meeting at Dublin Baptist Church	2  8:30am to 2:30pm Optima Health Community Care meeting	3  
<b>4 Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> Benevolence Offering received 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats. 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Choir practice 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Choir practice	5  7:00pm Kathryn Isaacs-Mabel Crabtree Circle meeting in the fellowship hall	6  	7  6:00pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:30pm Children's Choir Practice 6:40pm Adult Bible Study	8  	9	10  10:00am WBC helps at Agape Food Pantry
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<i>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry 11/12 to 19/2018</i>						
18 8:45am Prayer in the Conference Room 9:00am Fellowship Time with Coffee and Treats 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Choir practice 10:30am Thanksgiving Worship Service 4:00pm Choir practice	19  	20  7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Mt. Pleasant UNC	21 <b>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OR ANY CHURCH FUNCTIONS</b>	22 8:15am Open Door Café 5K Run & Family Walk "Stuffed Strut 2018" 	23 Church Office Closed	24
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