"The Messenger"

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Not normal Blessings.

It's November, and my mind goes to gratitude. Here's a few things that may not be mentioned at our Thanksgiving table; but should.

September 7th, I stepped off the plane at Huntsville Airport. Two hours later I was visiting with Thomas Sledge and family. The week prior to this, I was in South Africa. I wanted to be back in Sheffield, just to be near Thomas and his family; but I also needed to stay in South Africa. So when I got to see Thomas and have a conversation with him, I was relieved and thankful. I got to see Thomas two more times that week. Then on the 15th, we had a life celebration service for Thomas. I was honored and blessed to be part of that service.

Since that day, several people have complimented me on the service and the words I spoke. I don't take those words lightly. I am humbled and very thankful for your kind words and appreciation. I am also thankful for what the Holy Spirit has done in my life and ministry: the transformation and equipping. There are times when I get to step into something great that God has been doing and is doing. That's what God did with Thomas and with his celebration.

As your pastor I am also thankful (and Happy), for people stepping up into ministry. Over the last several months we've seen men step up and fill-in for me on Wednesday nights, and on Sunday mornings. The Holy Spirit had been dealing with these men for months. So when I asked, they had to obey (not obey me; but obey the Spirit). I am so glad they did.

Another blessing that we are experiencing is a new young adult/college group. This has been a concern/burden for months. Britney Jones has answered the call to oversee this ministry. She and Liz Bowlin meet at the local coffee shop every Sunday morning and host a small group of high school seniors and college students for discussion. They are now renovating a room here at the church building and will eventually move their group meetings to it. This is an answer to prayer. I am very thankful for Britney, Liz, and the young adults for starting this; and for the prayers and financial backing.

This month as you think about your blessings; things for which to give thanks: Give God thanks for your "daily bread" needs. Also give God thanks for the ministry opportunities He gives; and for those who obey and bless this church.

I am blessed to be your pastor; to see you live out your faith during the week; to see you trust and obey God and join Him in Kingdom work.

Have a great month.

Your Happy pastor.



Prayer requests

What can we pray for together?

Pray for those who are shut-in and those in nursing homes:

Frances Bryson, Margie Taliaferro, Charlene Wages

Pray for those who are sick or in need of prayer for other things:

Christie Lambert, June Jochum, Ethan Hester, Bill Thomson, Amanda Murphy, Students & Teachers, Dee Munger, Pam Hemphill, John & Cindy Adams, Beth Estes Denton, Howard Jaggers, Carla Hamm, Kruz & Paizlee Davenport and family, Liz Wyers, Tom & Shirley Watson, Janice Nix, Amy Maxwell, Elizabeth Wright, Sylvia Ingram, Wesley Williams, McCoy Eastman (son of Savannah Eastman), Debby Tuten, Jessica Norwood, Beth Gasque

General Fund October 2026

Offerings—$17,510.00
Expenses—$20,492.78

Weds Night Meals And Fellowship!

$8 per person /$22 per family

Join us for fellowship and hang around for small groups afterwards!

Nov 4-Turkey & Ham Sliders, Chips, Dessert

Nov 11– chicken Poulet, Vegetables, roll Dessert

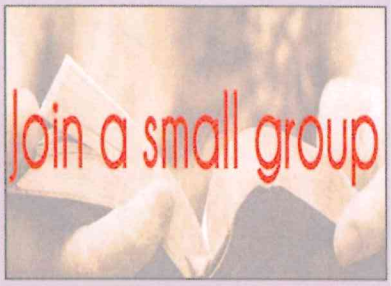
Nov 18-Soup Du Jour, 2 choices, Fixings, dessert

Nov 25-No meal-Enjoy your Thanksgiving!



Small Groups for ALL ages!

Wednesday Nights @ 6pm come join a group that suits your age group! Children's, Youth, Ladies and Men's Groups! Great time for fellowship and worship right after sharing a meal!



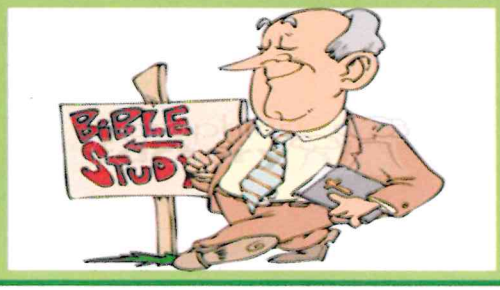


Our church family offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Florence G. Cuthrell** (Janice Nix's Mother). Please support them with your love and remember them in your prayers.



Man Church:

Transformation
Wednesdays at 6pm
Everyone is welcome!



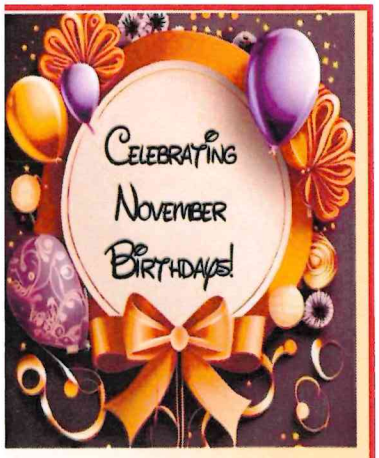
The Church Ladies Small Group

Weds. @ 6pm

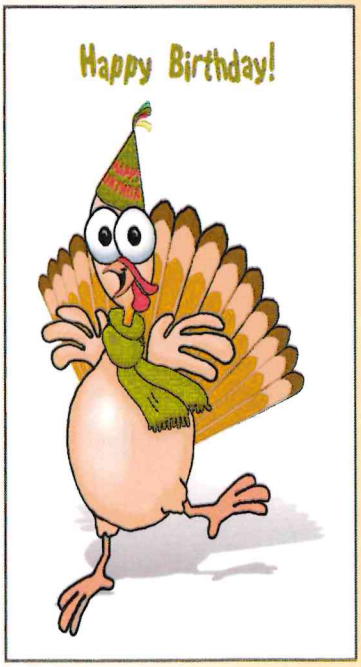
The Case for Christmas!

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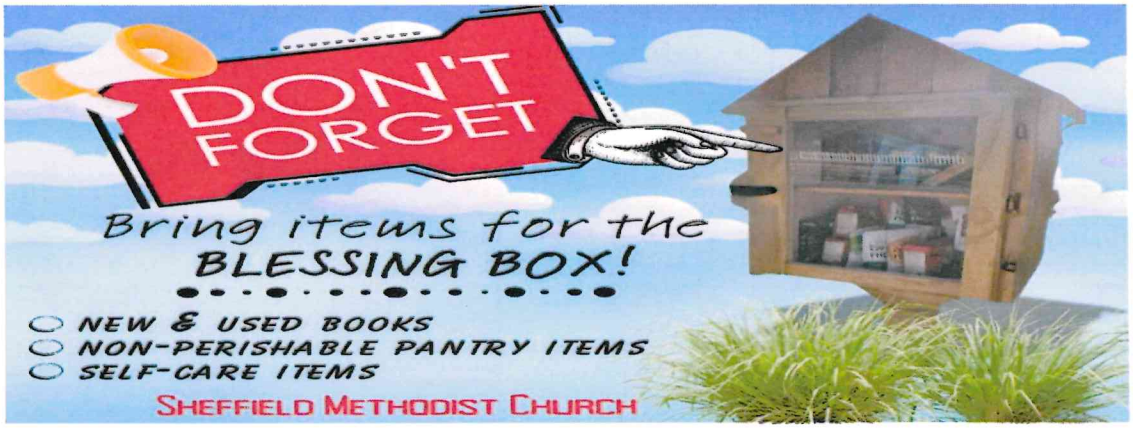


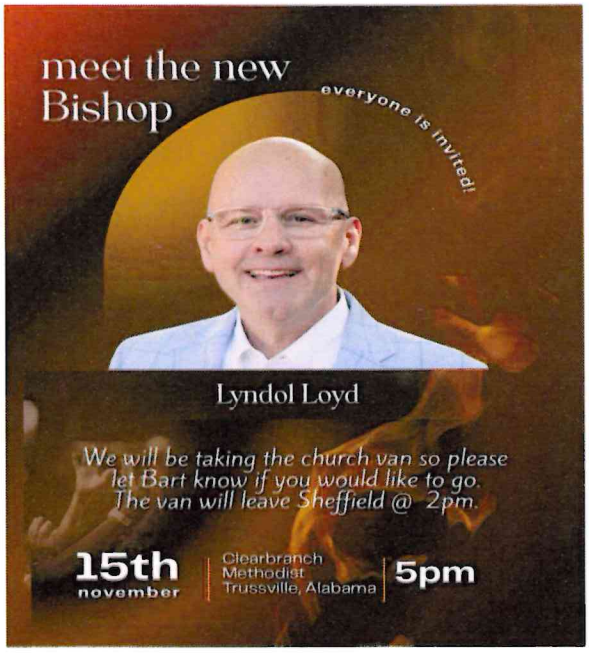


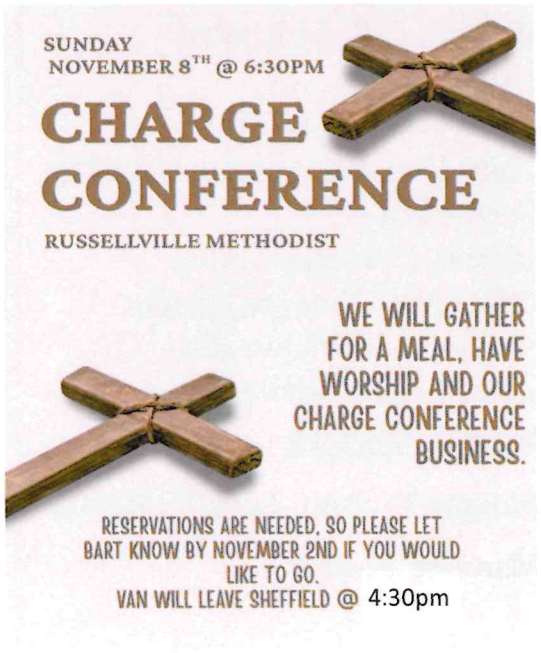
Nov 5-Tom Watson
Nov 7-Zach Keenum
Nov 9-Beverly Martin
Nov 9-Shelley Jones
Nov 9-Margie Taliaferro
Nov 9-Diana Hudson
Nov 9 -Sara Pack
Nov 11-Bart Bowlin
Nov 14-Hudson Jones
Nov 14-Gloria Watson
Nov 14-Samantha Hamilton-Ross
Nov 21-Lisa Yarbrough
Nov 24-Robert Taylor
Nov 27-Drew Mills











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Our Weekly Schedule



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE SANCTUARY
10AM WORSHIP SERVICE
Join us for Online Worship. Please join us on **Facebook Live** Sunday mornings at 10am.
You may go to our Webpage & click on the link.
Sunday School — 9AM all ages!
Wednesday Evenings
Wed. Night Meals
***Youth, Kids, Adult Small Groups*-6pm**
***Chancel Choir Practice* –7pm**



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Survey Says…

A recent "Understanding Generation Alpha (UGA) Survey" was conducted by the authors of *Reaching Generation Alpha.* They found that 15.97% of the parents who participated in this survey were concerned about their own families' inconsistent church attendance compared to the 36.41% of the overall survey participants. Out of the survey's top 10 "challenges adults face in connecting with Gen Alpha," (young people born between 2010-2024), parents rated inconsistent church attendance as 9th.

Questions to Consider

- Is it difficult for your family to prioritize in-person worship and Bible study?
- Why do you think parents are less concerned about the impact of inconsistent church attendance?

LOOKING AHEAD…

Sunday, December 6 @ 10:00 in sanctuary: KiDs present "The Many Shapes of Christmas"

Sunday, December 6 @ 4:00 in Fellowship Hall: Miss Patty Cake's Christmas: A Birthday Party for Jesus! **Parents, contact Miss Jordan for more info!**

Tuesday, December 8 @ 6:00: Downtown Sheffield Christmas Parade. Come out and support our Children and Youth as they ride in the parade!

*This info comes from *Reaching Generation Alpha: A Ministry Guide for Discipling the Church Beyond the Screen* by Shane Pruitt and Shelly Melia.