



**Highland's Child Development Center**

**This month, we look forward to our annual Thanksgiving Feast, during which our Preschoolers make their costumes as Pilgrims and Native Americans.**

**Thank you for your prayers for our CDC. We ask for your continued prayers as we strive to meet the needs of our students, families, and staff.**

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

6:45 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

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*Celebrating*  
53  
YEARS

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More than ever, we need an "Attitude of Gratitude!" In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul says, "18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Thanksgiving and gratitude are not just a polite gesture but a command from God, which is central to our spiritual health and relationship with Him. We often don't realize the profound impact and value of expressing gratitude. If anyone should be grateful, it should be Christians, particularly in America, because we enjoy so many blessings. Paul gives us three principles concerning this attitude of gratitude that every believer ought to have.

First, our gratitude or thanksgiving isn't an option; it's an obligation to be expressed. Ingratitude is a sin, and it's a character mark of an unbeliever. Romans 1:21 says, "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him." You're never more like an unbeliever than when you're ungrateful. We're to always give thanks. Have you ever thanked the person who led you to Jesus Christ or the Sunday School teacher who taught you the word of God so faithfully as a child? Have you ever thanked your Mother and Father for loving you and giving you a good home or your wife for being the good mother and hard worker that she is? Have you ever thanked your husband for providing for your family's needs? Gratitude is always to be expressed.

Secondly, we're told to give thanks "in all circumstances" or "in everything." Those words make this verse so very difficult. If we were told to thank God in "most things" or in the "good things," we could live with that. But Paul says we're to thank God in "everything." Paul reminds us that nowhere in Scripture are we commanded to "feel grateful." Feelings come, and feelings go. Sometimes, we may not "feel grateful," but it doesn't matter whether things are good or bad; we're to be grateful. We should express gratitude for the blessings we enjoy but also for the burdens we bear. Notice that it's in everything, not necessarily for everything. We're not to be thankful for trouble, but we are to be thankful in the midst of trouble.

One of the purposes of the trials, troubles, and tribulations is to move us to thanksgiving. Everything that happens to you also happens to you. Do we thank God during the bad times like we do in the good times? Are we grateful for the rain, pain, losses, and challenges, as well as for the sunshine, joy, and victories? We also ought to be grateful for the benefits of life. Psalm 103:2 says, "2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Do you ever thank God for just the benefits of being one of His children and part of His creation, of living on God's green earth? Do we thank God for the many benefits of the beauty of nature and the joys of daily life?

Finally, gratitude is always to be expected. It doesn't matter what you're going through right now. It doesn't matter what burdens you may be bearing or what trouble you might be in if gratitude isn't bubbling up from within; it may indicate that you're out of alignment with God's will and that you're not where God wants you to be.

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# Deacon of the Week

Oct. 26– Nov. 1	Ben Murray
November 2-8	Mike Stringfield
November 9-15	Tommy Griffin
November 16-22	Paco Prince
November 23-29	Johnny McBride
Nov. 30– Dec. 6	Roger Williams

Gratitude reflects our spiritual condition and is a true test of character. Gratitude is something you have to learn because it doesn't come naturally. A lack of gratitude can reveal spiritual immaturity. On the other hand, a grateful heart naturally leads to a giving spirit. "Thanksgiving... is first thanks, then giving." You can give without feeling thankful, but true gratitude compels a person to give back. When we give, we acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God, and it draws us closer to God. So this Thanksgiving, "18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Jim

**Send Good News, Great Joy**

Scan the QR code or visit [samaritanspurseg.org/occ](http://samaritanspurseg.org/occ) to learn more.

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.

*\*Volunteers are needed during National Drop-Off Week to greet people and receive boxes.*

**Shoebboxes are available in the Sanctuary. Please have your filled Shoebboxes back to the church by Sunday, November 24th. As you are packing Shoebboxes, pray for the child who will receive the Shoebbox.**

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Times

- **Monday, November 18– 4:00-6:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, November 19– 4:00– 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 20– 6:00– 8:00 pm**
- **Thursday, November 21– 4:00– 6:00 pm**
- **Friday, November 22– 8:00– 10:00 am**
- **Saturday, November 23– 11:00 am– 2:00 pm**
- **Sunday, November 24– 3:00 –5:00 pm**
- **Monday, November 25– 8:00– 10:00 am**

AWANA Operation Christmas Child Packing Party– November 6th

Items needed for the Packing Party:

- Stuffed Animals
- Baby Dolls
- Large Toy Cars
- Action Figures
- Play Dough
- Coloring Books
- Pads of Paper/ Small Journals
- Markers/Ink Pens/Pencils
- Combs/Brushes
- Hair Ties/Clips

### Deacons for 2024-2025

- Johnny McBride
- Steve Stone
- Tommy Griffin
- Jason Robison
- Paco Prince
- Jonathan Sipe
- Mike Stringfield
- Ben Murray
- Jimmy Gaddis
- Bradley Rogers
- Roger Williams

The Deacon Family List will be available in the December 2024 Newsletter.

### Greeters– November 2024

- November 3 – Linda/ Samantha**
- November 10– Jimmy/ Kristy**
- November 17 – David/ Diane**
- November 24 – Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian**

Deacons	Security Partners
Johnny McBride Steve Stone Tommy Griffin Jason Robison Paco Prince Jonathan Sipe Mike Stringfield Ben Murray Jimmy Gaddis Bradley Rogers Roger Williams	Ben Howell Jennifer Sipe David Inocencio Jason Farris Linda Miller Scarlett Carpenter Keith Bailey

Please sign up on the bulletin board to be a security partner .

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- CDC DIRECTOR
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But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the LORD; their vindication will come from me. I, the LORD, have spoken! Isaiah 54:17 NLT

## November Nursery Volunteers

**Nursery Director– Kathy Hasty- If you are not able to serve on your assigned date, please call Kathy Hasty at 931-455-0977.**

Sunday November 3:

Bible Study: Jennifer Sipe

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris

Evening Worship: Samantha Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 6: Kim Dodson, Kim Whittemore

Sunday November 10:

Bible Study: Diane Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Linda Bolinger, Lauren Fults

Evening Worship: Steve Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 13: Kim Dodson, Regenia Rogers

Sunday November 17:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 20: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday November 24:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Leah Prince, Julie Rogers

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 27: No AWANA

It's wild to think we're already in November! Renovations in the youth room have started. If you haven't had a chance to see them, I encourage you to do so. We would greatly appreciate a financial donation to help cover the cost. Thank you to those who have already given.

As we approach the end of November, we have a significant event for our youth on November 23rd. This event is a unique opportunity for our middle and high school students to come together and grow in unity, both with each other and with the Lord. We will be at River Bend Ranch from 1 pm – 6 pm. If you have a middle or high school student, I urge you to ensure they are present at this event.

As the Thanksgiving season arrives, it's easy to get caught up in the commercial aspect of the season. On Wednesday nights in youth, we have been learning about justification. To be justified isn't an act you do but something that has happened to you. To be justified is to be forgiven of all your sins. Roman 4 tells us our faith in Christ justifies us through His life, death, and resurrection. You and I deserve hell, but because of God's love (Romans 5:5-8), he sent Jesus to receive the wrath that was for us. This season, be thankful you don't get what you deserve and rejoice in the hope and peace you have with God through our Savior. Be praying for those who haven't yet put their faith in Christ because they will get what they deserve.

Matt Koehler

Minister of Youth & Education



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><a href="#">Sound Volunteer Schedule– November 2024</a></p> <p>10/30/24&amp;11/3/24– Ben Murray    11/20/24&amp;11/24/24– Ben Murray            11/6/24&amp;11/10/24– Ben Murray    11/27/24&amp;12/4/24– Andrew Newton            11/13/24&amp;11/17/24– Ben Howell</p>			<p>November Children’s Church Volunteers</p> <p><a href="#">November 3– Karen/Matt</a>  <a href="#">November 10– Joanna/ Ryan/MJ</a>  <a href="#">November 17– Milly/ Julie</a>  <a href="#">November 28– Jonathan/Ann/Briana</a></p>		1	2 Whittemore Wedding 1:00 p.m.
3  <b>Time Change “Fall Back”</b>  Patricia Cagle	4  Sheri Mason	5  Livi Farris	6	7 Veterans Day Flag Set-up– 9:00 a.m.	8  Hunter Bohanan	9  Terri Stone
10 <a href="#">TBMB Annual Meeting</a> Head Start Angels Available <b>Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.</b>	11	12  <b>Prime Timers 12:00 p.m.</b> Catered lunch from Piggy’s	13  Alexis Miller	14  Kathy Hasty	15  John McGinnis	16  Marianna Edinger Sharon Marlow
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Youth Event 1-6 pm
<b>OCC National Shoebox Collection Week– November 18-25, 2024– Ministry Center</b>						
Todd Nichols			Ann Smith		Betsy Ferrell	Traci Henderson
24  Kay Williams	25  Truck loading for OCC– Volunteers Needed	26	27  <b>No Wednesday Night Services</b>	28  <b>Thanksgiving</b> Church Office Closed	29  Church Office Closed  Brenda Gilbert Charles Saunders	30

## Highlands Highlights

**Counters For November**  
 Kathy Hasty/ Donna Jackson



**Deacon’s Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

**November Prime Timers (55 & Better)**  
 Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at noon. Piggy’s will be catering a Thanksgiving Meal. Please Sign up on the main bulletin board so we know how many to expect. Everyone 55 and better is invited to attend.



**Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule**  
 November 27– No Wednesday Night Services  
 November 28– Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed  
 November 29- Church Office Closed





### **Sunday Schedule**

**Bible Study – 9:15 AM**

**Morning Worship – 10:30 AM**

\*Children’s Church is available during the Service for children 3 years old– 2nd Grade\*

**Evening Worship – 6:00 PM**



### **Wednesday Night Schedule**

**Church– Wide Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00– 5:30 p.m.**

(Wednesday Night Supper will not be served May– August)

**AWANA—4 Years old– 5th Grade  
5:30– 7:00 p.m.**  
(AWANA will not meet May– August.)

**Youth and Adult Classes  
All Classes Meet at 6:00 PM**

Youth Group

Youth Dept.

Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

Sanctuary

\*Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study is available on campus and online.\*

**Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM**