



# Presbyterian Link



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### GREETINGS ~ *FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

*Two things come to mind that need our attention. The first has to do with our Adult Sunday School program. I am really excited about teaching a two month section of this class. Beginning on November 2nd and continuing through the end of December I want to invite all adults to get back in the habit of studying the scriptures. If you have not been attending Sunday School at 9:00, please consider coming and being a part of this study.*

*Secondly, we have been receiving some of the devotionals for our Advent Devotional booklet. But we still need a few writers who will share their faith during this Christmas Season. Please consider being a part of this church-wide effort. Everyone has memories of Christmas past. Share yours with us and let us experience the true spirit of Christmas through your memories.*

*Finally, it's been a wonderful time thus far. I am looking forward to celebrating this Christmas Season with you and discovering all of your traditions. Please drop by the office from time to time and visit with me.*

*Love and Peace,*

*Bob*

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### REMINDERS FOR NOVEMBER

- November 2 ~ Daylight Savings Time ends - Turn clocks back
- November 4 ~ Election Day
- November 4 ~ Men's lunch
- November 6 ~ Deadline for submitting writings for Advent Devotional booklet
- November 9 ~ Assembling Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes
- November 11 ~ Committee Meeting Night
- November 16 ~ Stated Session Meeting
- November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Day - Church office closed
- November 30 ~ First Sunday of Advent

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# MISSION NEWS

FROM MINISTRY BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

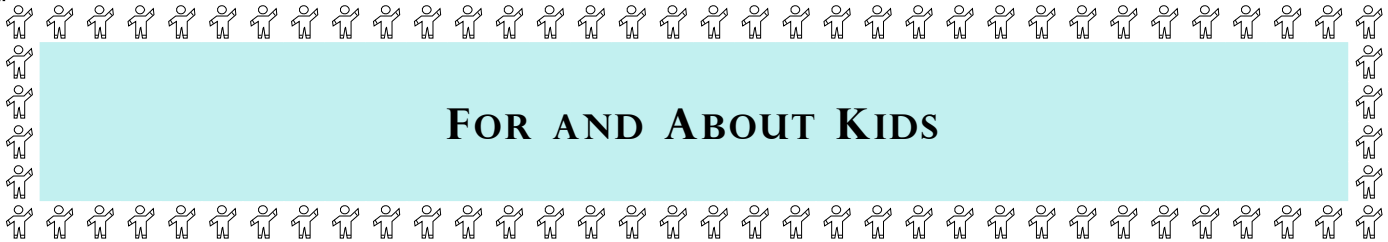


## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The *Ministry Beyond the Congregation Committee* invites you to join us again this year in participating in the Operation Christmas Child project, a worldwide outreach of Samaritan's Purse that touches the lives of millions of hurting children each year through the power of a simple gift. Last year Operation Christmas Child helped 7.5 million children in some 100 countries experience the joy of Christmas as they received a gift-filled shoebox. APC was part of that miracle filling 33 shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, candy and hygiene items. This year our goal is to fill 50 shoeboxes and we're asking your help.

As you are able- families, individuals or friends going in together- we're asking that you purchase items to fill a shoebox. Lists of suggested items will be posted on the bulletin board and included in the bulletin over the next few weeks. If you are unable to shop for the gifts, but wish to contribute, Operation Christmas Child suggests a donation of \$7.00 to cover the shipping and project costs for each shoebox. On Sunday, November 2, we're asking the youth, and anyone else who would like to help, to join our committee in the fellowship hall from 4-6pm to pack the boxes and prepare them for shipping. We'll also provide pizza and snacks.

This year we are encouraging our children to include a simple letter telling about themselves, their families, church and school. They can even include a picture of themselves if they wish. Operation Christmas Child has provided colorful "form letters" that can be filled in by the children and included in the shoebox gift. These forms will be given out in Children's Church in October. *Ministry Beyond the Congregation Committee* hopes you will join us in this wonderful ministry not only with your time and money, but also with your prayers. Please pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a



## FOR AND ABOUT KIDS

Attendance for Children's Church has been outstanding!

Sunday School for 4th and 5th Graders will continue to be held during Children's Church

### FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	September 2008	YTD
<b>Pledges</b>	\$10,938.00	\$89,676.00
<b>Non-Pledges</b>	\$295.00	\$5,300.00
<b>Plate Offering</b>	\$274.00	\$3,983.89
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$8,288.10	\$78,422.56

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# NOVEMBER 2008

## November 2 Sunday

- 2:00 am *Daylight Savings time ends*  
*Set clocks back 1 hour*
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Communion
- 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering
- Canned Food Sunday
- Children's Church & Sunday School for 4th and 5th Graders

## November 4 Tuesday



### *Election Day*

- 10:00 am Circle I meets in Parlor
- 11:45 am Presbyterian Men's lunch at Main Street Emporium

## November 5 Wednesday

- 9:30 am Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study
- 11 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

## November 6 Thursday

Deadline for submitting writings for the Advent Devotional Book

## November 9 Sunday

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- Children's Church & Sunday School for 4th and 5th Graders
- 4 - 6 pm Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes will be assembled

## November 11 Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Committee Meeting Night

## November 12 Wednesday

- 9:30 am Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study
- 11:00 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

## November 16 Sunday

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- Children's Church & Sunday School for 4th and 5th Graders
- 6:00 pm Stated Session Meeting

## November 19 Wednesday

- 9:30 am Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study
- 11:00 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

## November 23 Sunday

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- Children's Church & Sunday School for 4th and 5th Graders

## November 24 Monday

*Link Deadline*

## November 26 Wednesday

- 9:30 am Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study
- 11 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

## November 27 Thursday

### *Thanksgiving Day*

Church office closed



## November 30 Sunday

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship (First Sunday of Advent)
- Children's Church & Sunday School for 4th and 5th Graders



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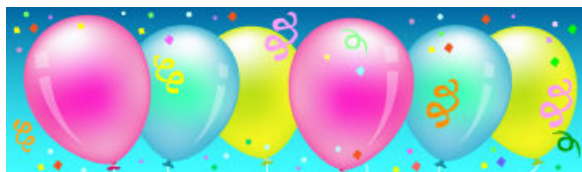
**PRESBYTERIAN LINK**

**November 2008**

***BIRTHDAYS***

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|----|--------------------|----|------------------------|
| 3  | Jeremy Larkin      | 26 | John Tucker            |
| 5  | Phillip Erb        | 26 | Lillian Margaret Copes |
| 5  | Allison Mabry      | 30 | Preston Andrews        |
| 6  | Alline Rogers      | 30 | Michael Montague       |
| 6  | Sandi Smith        |    |                        |
| 10 | Geraldine Kauffman |    |                        |
| 14 | Elizabeth Hawkins  |    |                        |
| 15 | Connie Southerland |    |                        |
| 15 | Bob Button         | 11 | Leslie & Cheryl Doss   |
| 16 | Megan Ingram       | 21 | Joe & Joyce Mason      |
| 19 | Dana Taylor        |    |                        |
| 20 | Dennis Montague    |    |                        |
| 21 | Dean Barbour       |    |                        |
| 23 | Laura Ward         |    |                        |
| 25 | John Southerland   |    |                        |

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