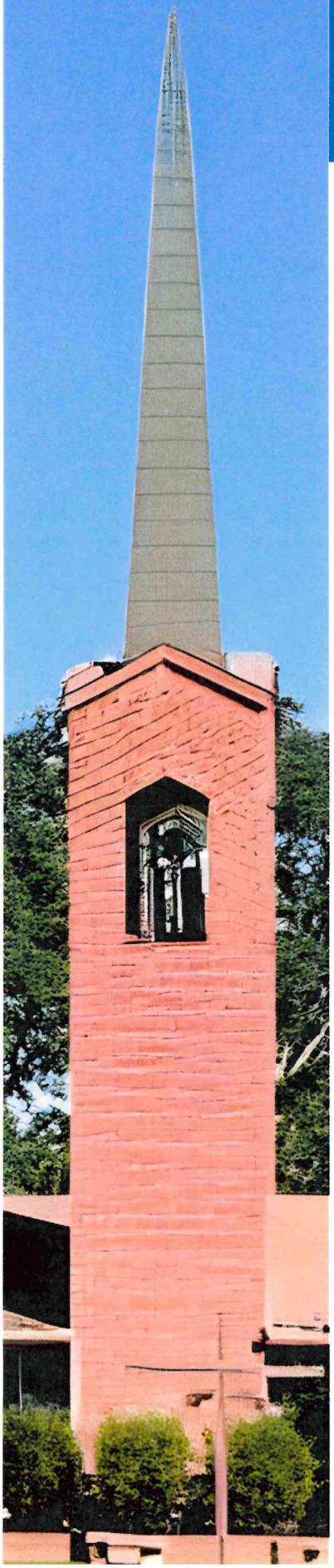
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THE PASTOR'S PEN

John C. Maxwell wrote a book called Failing Forward, and throughout it he emphasizes the need for everyone to understand that we experience failures. When we do, we can either view them as setbacks or chances to move forward. Failure could either stop our process or carry u to the next steps. In one chapter Maxwell outlines many obstacles that hinder us from moving forward and living life, one of those being regret. He illustrates this point by a story he received from a friend via email:

"I booked my reservation on Wish I Had airlines. I didn't check my bags - everyone carries their baggage on this airplane - and had to drag it for what seemed like miles in the Regret City airport. And I could see that people from all over the world were there with me, limping along under the weight of bags they had packed themselves.
"I caught a cab to Last Resort Hotel, the driver taking the whole trip backwards, looking over his shoulder. And there I found the ballroom where my event would be held: the Annual Pity Party. As I checked in, I saw all my old colleagues were on the guest list: The Done family - Woulda, Coulda, and Shoulda; Both of the Opportunities - Missed and Lost; All the Yesterdays - there were too many to count, but all would have sad stories to share.
"Shattered Dreams and Broken Dreams would be there, too, along with their friends Don't Blame Me and Couldn't Help It. And, of course, hours and hours of entertainment would be provided by the renowned storyteller It's Their Fault.

"As I prepared to settle in for a REALLY long night, I realized that one person had the power to send all those people home and break up the party: me. All I had to do was return to the present and welcome the new day!"[1]
We are reminded of the words from Psalm 40: "I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to m and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods" (verses 1-4).

John Maxwell suggests that, when we fail, we acknowledge the pain and grieve the loss (lost time, lost opportunity to succeed, lost courage, etc.) We also forgive the moment, forgive anybody involved, and forgive ourselves. We release the moment and move on with God. As we face great and small troubles, it is easy to focus on the pain rather than on God and his salvation. Life is not to be lived regretting our failures. God picks us up from the ground, brushes the dust from our clothes, and send us on our ways again.

We are smarter than before. We are more blessed than before. We have great things still to do for God and his kingdom.
Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

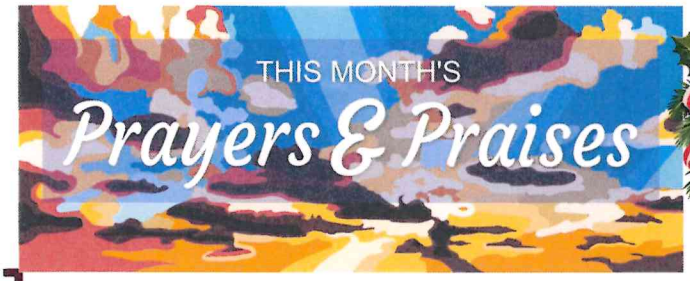
[1] pgs. 79-80.

Note from the Editor



Do you have anything special going on in your family that you would like to share with the congregation? Please let me know and send pictures for the next newsletter. mpcsecretary@bellsouth.net

Dianne Hooten



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS: Family of Angela Turner, Family of John Bartlett (requested by Annie Johnson), Kimberly Hearn & Family, Mary Ann Warlick, Jessica Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Terry Dyche (Tucker Park Crossing), Corey & Bruce Campbell, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Jo Calhoun, Thomas Chukwura, Bill Coleman, Betty Colwell, Felix Cruz, Davis Family, Janine Dunn, Jim & Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Keitha Faile, Jessica Giddens, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Thuan Hong, Jun Hong, Carlous Howell, Michael Howell Austin John, Twarna Johnson, George & Marsha Ann Kempson, Clayton & Janie Kite, Tricia Koehler, Marty LeDuke, Norman Lillie, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Mac McKinney, Jim McNaull, Angelin Rebecca Muller, Florette Njonu, Liz Parkin, Rick Peel, Truong and Tam Phan, MaryLee Powers, Linda Reece, Roxie Romine, Antonio and Luis Saavedra, Nadia Scott, Laraine Tinsley, Cathy Trustorf, Gene Ussery, and Terry Williams. Our country, Our Military, Missionaries, School/College Teachers & Students, Food Pantry Patrons. Prayer list is available in the narthex.

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens – November 22, 12:15 p.m. Please make plans to help us prepare the sanctuary for Christmas. It will be here before you know it. We will be hanging the greens after worship on November 22.

Come help us deck the hall for the celebration of Jesus' birth! Your help is needed!

Young at Heart

November 4, 11:30 a.m.
IHOP, Morrow.

Please join the YAH group at IHOP in Morrow, on November 4, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and fellowship. Let Bruce Campbell or Libby McNair know if you can attend to save your seat.

Thanksgiving Dinner/Service
Nov 22, 5 p.m.



Please join us for our Thanksgiving Meal. All are invited. The turkey, dressing, and dessert will be provided for you. Please bring a side to share. Following the meal, we will have a small worship service in the fellowship hall. We are looking forward to you joining us!

Our November Memory Scripture Verse

"Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Presbyterian Women News

PW Water Wells Project

PW Project for 2026 – Water Wells. MPC Women's Mission for 2026 is to help to provide a deep rock well. A deep rock well taps into pure water sources hundreds of feet below ground, providing access to clean water even during drought and other extreme weather conditions. These sustainable wells serve communities in the most water-scarce regions of the world and are placed in areas where they can make the greatest impact and be maintained by trained community members. There is a red bucket placed in the hallway for your donations or you can give it to your circle chair.

Dorcas Circle

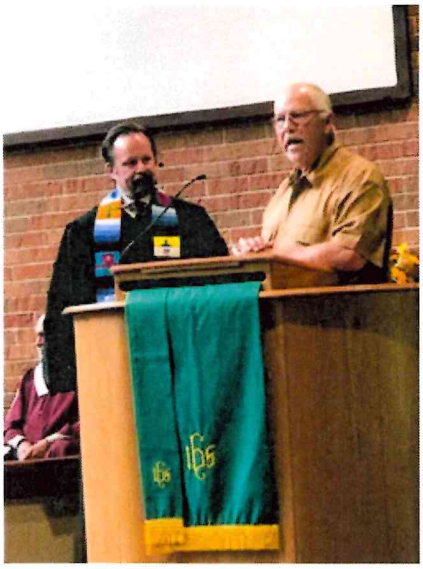
The Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, November 10, at 10 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. The lesson will be presented by Linda Lillie on Lesson 3 *"Freedom in Christ"* in our book, *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other."* Sara Gore will share a devotion. Project will be cookies and snacks for Morrow Police and Firefighters.

Morning Glory Circle

The Morning Glory Circle will meet on Sunday, November 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates Classroom. We will study Lesson 3 in our new book, "*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.*" Carol Campbell will lead us in our Bible study.

Virginia Dews Circle

The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday, November 9 at 6 p.m. Lei Eason will present Lesson 4, "Living Freely and the Responsibility to Care" from our workbook, "*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.*" Debbie will have the devotion. The project will be gift cards (Kroger $20 or $10 McDonalds) for the church office... Please join us!



Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 11

Expressing love and appreciation to a pastor is a meaningful gesture that can strengthen the bonds within a congregation and uplift the spirit of the pastor who dedicates their life to serving others.

Our congregation shared with Pastor John how much he means to us with notes, emails, cards, and words of appreciation prior to and on Sunday, October 11.

Presbyterian Women 2027 Coordinating Team Installation, November 1







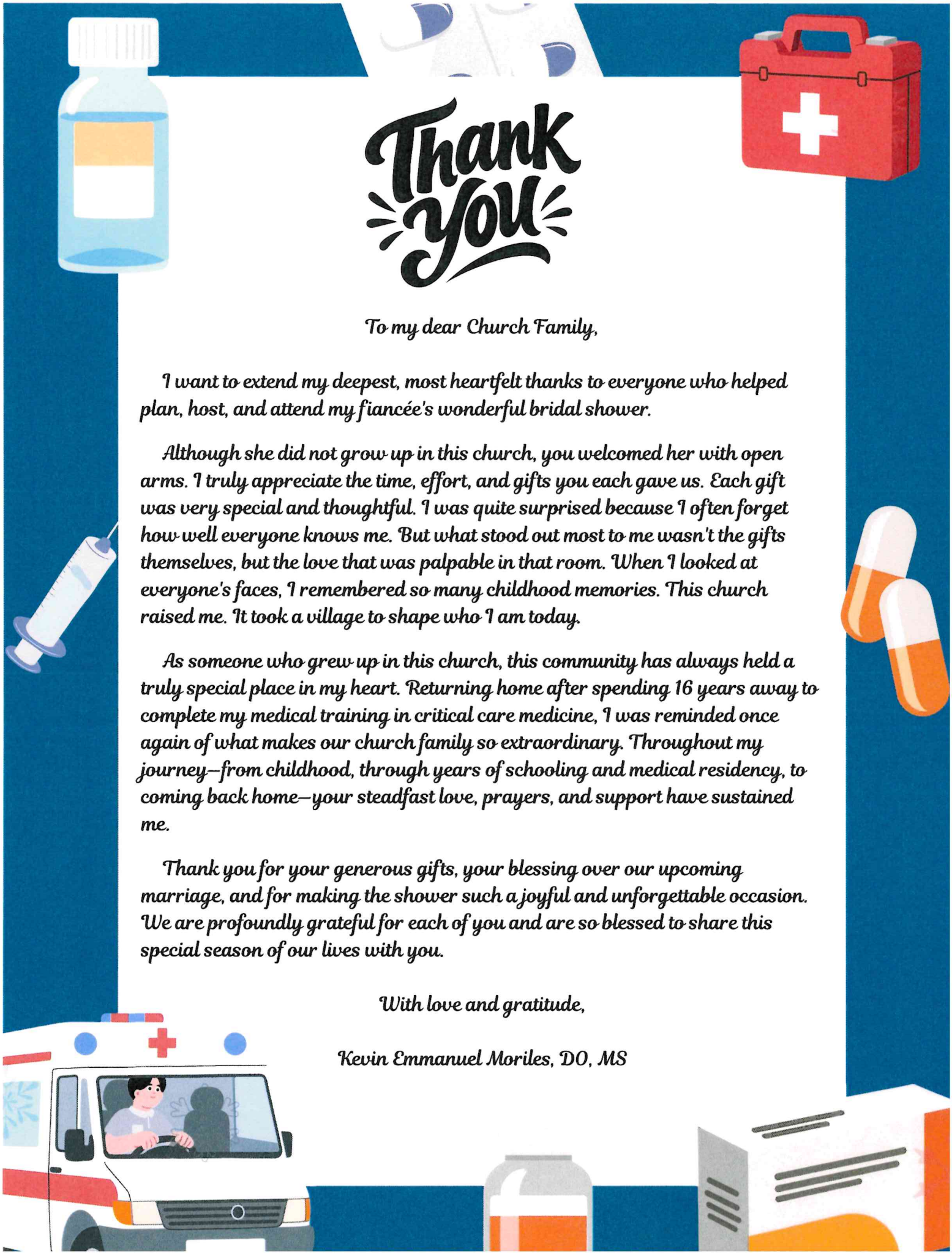
Coming in December

The Fellowship and Congregation Ministry Team would like to bring to our attention and encourage attendance for the following Christmas concerts coming up in December.

- **Christmas at Clayton State with the Clayton State Chorale and the Masterworks Chorus**, Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Spivey Hall, Free Admission

- **Christmas with the Southern Crescent Symphony; Savannah Cathey,**
- **Adam Connolly, and Rick Massengale,** Saturday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.,
- First Baptist Church of Morrow, Free Admission, Offering taken to
- support the Good Shepherd Clinic





Thank You

To my dear Church Family,

I want to extend my deepest, most heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped plan, host, and attend my fiancée's wonderful bridal shower.

Although she did not grow up in this church, you welcomed her with open arms. I truly appreciate the time, effort, and gifts you each gave us. Each gift was very special and thoughtful. I was quite surprised because I often forget how well everyone knows me. But what stood out most to me wasn't the gifts themselves, but the love that was palpable in that room. When I looked at everyone's faces, I remembered so many childhood memories. This church raised me. It took a village to shape who I am today.

As someone who grew up in this church, this community has always held a truly special place in my heart. Returning home after spending 16 years away to complete my medical training in critical care medicine, I was reminded once again of what makes our church family so extraordinary. Throughout my journey—from childhood, through years of schooling and medical residency, to coming back home—your steadfast love, prayers, and support have sustained me.

Thank you for your generous gifts, your blessing over our upcoming marriage, and for making the shower such a joyful and unforgettable occasion. We are profoundly grateful for each of you and are so blessed to share this special season of our lives with you.

With love and gratitude,

Kevin Emmanuel Moriles, DO, MS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPONSORING

TOYS FOR TOTS

GIVE A NEW TOY
LIGHT UP A HOLIDAY

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FROM NOW UNTIL

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FALL FESTIVAL

























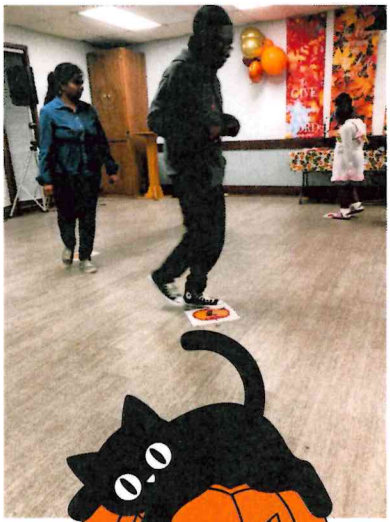














POINSETTIA ORDERS



It's time to think about decorating the church and filling the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias!

We will be ordering live arrangements. Just think of how lovely they will make the sanctuary and then your home. Make sure you order enough to decorate your home.

Poinsettias may be ordered by using your bulletin or newsletter insert or by calling the church office at 770-961-5444.

As in the past, you may purchase a poinsettia in HONOR or in MEMORY of someone special in your life.

Poinsettia orders must be placed by November 22. The bulletin insert on December 6 will list all the names of those honored and memorialized.

The cost of a poinsettia is $10.00. **Number of Plants** _____

In ***Honor*** of _____

In ***Honor*** of _____

Placed by _____

In ***Memory*** of _____

In ***Memory*** of _____

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November Anniversaries

11/1 - Norman & Linda Lillie (57)
11/16 - Patrick & Jessica Johnson (7)
11/23 - James & Lei Eason (65)
11/30 - Robert & Deborah Venizelos (41)



November Birthdays

11/1 - Deborah Venizelos
11/6 - Marilyn Mitchell
11/8 - Donna Boggs
- Albert Coughlin
- Gary Johnson
- Hunter Weems
11/20 - Ambrose Muller
11/22 - Richard Venizelos
- Jamari Lewis
11/23 - Carol Francis
11/24 - Georgina Onuoha
- Terry Williams
11/25 - Jo Calhoun
11/26 - Shirley Bradley
- Shane Turner
11/27 - Terry Broom Jr.
11/29 - Milo Hooten (2)
11/30 - Annie Johnson

ELDERS ON CALL Primary: Colin Turner Secondary: Deborah Venizelos
COUNTING TEAM Allen Grant and Deborah Venizelos
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH - Virginia Dews Circle

USHERS – Shawn & Be Butcher, Captains; Moses Ayodele, Gary Johnson, Mary Ann Moriles, Linda Lillie

CHILDREN'S SERMON

1	-	Pastor John
8	-	Allen Grant
15	-	Dock Gammage
22	-	Deborah Venizelos
29	-	Youth

LITURGIST

1	-	Ngozi Bivins
8	-	Andra Gammage
15	-	Dock Gammage
22	-	Michael Johnson
29	-	Youth

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1	-	Annie Johnson
8	-	Aku Sodjavi
15	-	Susie Grant
22	-	Ronnie & Dianne Hooten
29	-	Mary Ann Moriles

Financial Health - October 2026

October 4 - $ 8,412.00
October 11 - $ 2,793.77
October 18 - $ 5,081.06
October 25 - $ 4,196.00
Online - $ 2,673.35

Needed:
$ 23,350.40

Received:
$ 23,156.18

THANK YOU!

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE for October 2026

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

October 4	-	64
October 11	-	76
October 18	-	66
October 25	-	67

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 4	-	15
October 11	-	21
October 18	-	21
October 25	-	10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **9:45 am** Sunday School **11 a.m.** Worship In person and Facebook Live – PW Installation **12:15 p.m.** Coffee Fellowship **5:00 p.m.** Youth **5:00 p.m.** Kids Club	*2*	*3* **6:30 p.m.** Scouts	*4* **11:30 a.m.** YAH Lunch at IHOP **6:30 p.m.** Choir Practice	*5* **10:00 a.m.** Peacemakers Life Group **3—6 p.m.** Community Food Pantry	*6* **Office closed**	*7* **9 a.m.** Presbytery Meeting at Agnes Scott College **3 p.m.** Memorial Service for Angela Turner
8 **9:30 am** Morning Glory Circle **9:45 a.m.** Sunday School **11 a.m.** Worship In person and Facebook Live – Dock Gammage preaching **12:15 p.m.** Coffee Fellowship **12:15 p.m.** PWCT **5 p.m.**. Kids Club **5 p.m.** Youth	*9* **6:00 p.m.** Virginia Dews **6:30 p.m.** Cub Scouts	*10* **10 a.m.** Dorcas Circle **6:30 p.m.** Scouts **7 p.m.** Session	*11*  **6:30 p.m.** Choir Practice	*12* **3—6 p.m.** Community Food Pantry	*13* **Office closed**	*14*
15 **8 a.m.** Staff Mtg-IHOP **9:45 am** Sunday School **11 a.m. Worship** In person and Facebook Live—Communion **12:15 p.m. Coffee Fellowship** **5 p.m.** Kids Club **5 p.m.** Youth	*16* **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** (Dianne Vacation)	*17* **6:30 p.m.** Scouts	*18* **6:30 p.m.** Choir Practice	*19* **3—6 p.m.** Community Food Pantry 	*20* **Office closed**	*21*
22 **9:45 am** Sunday School **11 a.m.** Worship In person and Facebook Live **12:15 p.m.** Hanging of the Greens **5 p.m.** Thanksgiving Dinner **NO** Kids Club/Youth	*23* **6:30 p.m.** Cub Scouts	*24* **6:30 p.m.** Choir Practice **6:30 p.m.** Scouts	*25* **Church Office Closed**	*26*  **Church Office Closed**  **NO** Community Food Pantry	*27* **Church Office Closed**	*28*
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Pastor John on Study Leave