

My oldest son, Nathan, is almost 16 and a half. That means he is just a few weeks away from getting his license. Part of the permit process these days is a journal of times that he has driven. He is required to drive 60 hours total during the 6 months that he has his license. Nathan drives nearly every day. He drives back and forth to school and back and forth to church. I would say that most of the time that he has been in the car these past few months he has been driving instead of riding. And we are currently sitting at 30 hours of driving time.

Yep, we are halfway to what we need. Now some of that will be because we didn't write down a few of his trips, but for the most part he just doesn't drive as much as we thought. We thought that just doing the normal go through your day stuff would be enough to get him the practice that he needed, but we were wrong. In these next few weeks we are going to have to be focused specifically on getting time behind the wheel. We are going to need to make a plan and work hard in order to get all of the hours that he needs.

We thought we could just sort of go about our lives and he would get all of the training he needed, but we were wrong.

I think the same is true about the Christian life. We think that we can just sort of go through our lives, bounce into church now and again, try to think the right things and grow as a Christian. But we are wrong. We must strive to be more like Jesus. It isn't just something that we sort of stumble into. It is a deliberate focused mission. Paul says it this way in 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (CSB)

24 Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize. 25 Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown. 26 So I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air. 27 Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

We must be about more than just "sort of" walking with Jesus. We must be more than just "sort of" trying to live out the Christian life. In order to grow closer to Jesus we must do more than just glide through our days. We must focus on growing closer to God. We must make it a priority, a plan, a decision.

We must make it a choice.

We must choose Jesus again every morning. We must choose to study, choose to pursue, choose to love. We must choose to keep growing.

Are you choosing to grow, or are you just sort of existing and hoping it will happen? Choose to pursue God. You will be glad you did.

Shane



Friendship will once again be a Relay Center for OCC. Churches and individuals can bring their shoeboxes to Friendship November 14-21. Volunteers will be needed to receive boxes in the KidZone. Sign-up in the Worship Center or contact Mike or Kathy Baucum for more information.



Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:30 am
Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Kids Choir - 6:30 pm



COOKIE BRIGADE

Nov. 13 - Pam Hawkins
Nov. 27 - Pat Klempke

Welcome
to our
New Members

Frank & Kay Harris
Chris Fiers
John Robert Hughes
Eliza Smith
Sean Hall

so glad you are here.



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The Operation Christmas Child year-round item for November is:

SHIPPING COSTS
\$10 per box
cash, or checks made payable to Samaritan's Purse.

Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 430,827
Received to Date: \$ 439,677

Nursery Volunteers

November 6
8:15 a.m. — Christa Copeland
10:45 a.m. — Andrew & Lacy Halligan

November 13
8:15 a.m.—Debbie Larson
10:45 a.m. — Kara & Karsyn Allard

November 20
8:15 a.m. — Billie Stuber
10:45 a.m. — Sheri Wright & Kaelin Mallory

November 27
8:15 a.m. — Bridget Browning
10:45 a.m. — Nathan & Kathryn Thomas

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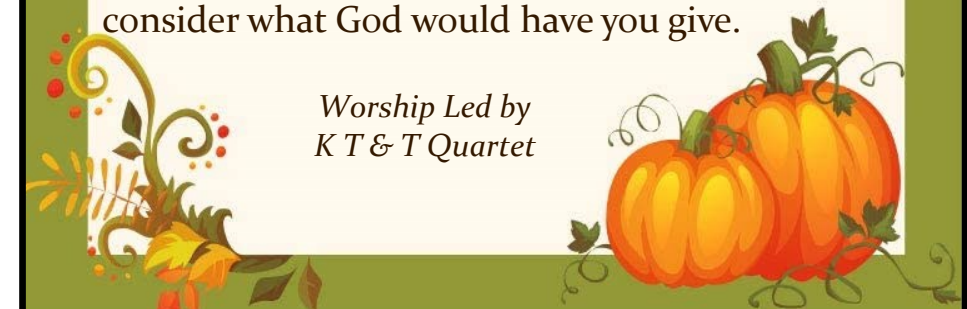


HARVEST MEAL
NOVEMBER 20
5:00 PM

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The church will provide Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Rolls, and Drinks. You are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Each year during this fellowship we take a special offering designated a "Harvest Offering." This is an opportunity to thank God for His goodness throughout the year. This special gift is above and beyond our normal giving and a great opportunity to see God work through the generosity of His people. The church has determined that the offering will go to Hope Unlimited Family Care Center. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give.

Worship Led by
KT & T Quartet





God has been so gracious to us at Friendship. Almost weekly, we get to see God drawing the unchurched to worship with the Friendship Family. Your kindness, concern, and hospitality for those who visit certainly makes a huge difference as they consider returning the next week. One of the strengths at Friendship is your friendliness and your desire to see others become well-connected in the ministry.


We have an exciting month ahead of us with many different ministry opportunities including the Marriage Matters Now Conference, the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party and Relay Center, and the Harvest Meal. You will find more details in this newsletter regarding these and other ministry events scheduled this month. You won't want to miss these life-changing opportunities!

This month, I invite you to join me in doing two things: (1) Will you join me in making a commitment to participate in the ministry opportunities planned? (2) Will you join me in praying that God will use these ministry opportunities to impact the lives of many?

I want my marriage and walk with God to be strengthened and I want you to experience the same.

God is good! All the time!

Jason



November 5-6. Marriage is hard. And it's not always big issues that make it hard, but the small, everyday things that over time cause hurt in our married lives. Steve & Debbie Wilson lead conferences around the nation, and have a heart for building stronger, healthier marriages. Make plans to join us for this marriage conference at Four Rivers Behavioral Health, 425 Broadway, on Saturday evening, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. The Wilson's will speak at Friendship on Sunday, November 6 in both morning worship services. All Adult SS classes will meet in the Worship Center for a joint Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. The conference will conclude on Sunday evening with a meal at 4:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall, and service at 5:30 p.m. Registration is available on our website. You won't want to miss it!

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center — A team from Friendship will serve Tuesday - Thursday, December 6-8 in Atlanta. We will provide volunteer labor through the OCC processing center in the greater Atlanta area assisting with the shoebox ministry. Please attend an interest meeting Wednesday, November 2 at 5:45 p.m., in Room 302 if you plan to serve.



Sunday, November 13, 4:00 p.m. Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world through OCC. Please join us in the fellowship hall for food, fun, fellowship, prayer, and filling shoeboxes!



- 1 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 2 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
5:45 p.m. — OCC Processing Ctr. Interest Mtg.
- 5-6 Marriage Matters Now Conference
- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
9:00 a.m. — Coffee & Donuts
- 8 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club
12:00 p.m. — Youth Game Day
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 13 4:00 p.m. — OCC Packing Party
7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 14-21 OCC Relay Center
- 15 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 16 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 20 5:00 p.m. — Harvest Meal
- 22 6:30 p.m. — Mid-Week Worship
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3

Weekly Events:

- Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. — Ladies Bible Study*
- Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group*
- Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible Study*
- Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m. — GriefShare*



Bro. Jason & the Friendship family express Christian love & sympathy to Chris & Kaelin Mallory in the death of their wife & mother, Dawn Marie. Please remember this family when you pray.

Friendship Thanksgiving Worship — Join us for mid-week worship on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. There will be no activities at Friendship on Wednesday, November 23.



The JOY Club will meet at Big Ed's Tuesday, November 8. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

Wednesday, November 2, 5:00 p.m. The menu is: **Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, Cranberry Salad, & Dessert.** Sign up in the Worship Center or call the church office by noon on Monday, October 31, if you plan to attend. Cost: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 10 and under. Please remember that the food is purchased according to the number who signed up, so you will need to pay for your meal if you sign up and do not attend.



"Count Your Blessings" is a Christian hymn by Johnson Oatman that is a beautiful reminder to give thanks for the loving grace in our life from God. God truly gives us so many blessings each and every single day. Some may even be so small that we might overlook them. The classic hymn 'Count Your Blessings' truly reminds us to stop and give thanks for all God has done in our lives. This is definitely a pause we all need to take. Amen! Find the full lyrics of "Count Your Blessings" and the background story of its author below as well as the biblical inspiration of this hymn!

"Count Your Blessings"

*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

Refrain:

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.*

*Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.*

*When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.*

*So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.*

"Count Your Blessings" is a wonderful song to sing any day of the year as a reminder of the many blessings of God, even during hardships. You will feel joy and contentment after joining in with this hymn!

Taken from: <https://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/count-your-blessings-lyrics-story-behind-hymn/>
Author: Andrew Rinaldi

During this time of Thanksgiving, let us not forget to Count Our Blessings!
Under the Master's Baton,
Bro. Chad

