

We have two opportunities coming at the end of this month to serve our community: Labor for Your Neighbor and our Friendship Fall Fest. Labor for your Neighbor is October 22nd. Sunday School classes will find projects to help people in our community.



Friendship Fall Fest will be Sunday, October 29 from 6:00-7:30. We will have food, games, inflatables and candy for the kids in our community. We need everyone at Friendship involved if we are going to make this event a success.

**How You Can Help:**

Bring a bag of wrapped candy for us to give away as prizes. We will begin collecting candy in the KidZone on October 1.

**Sign up to help in one of these areas:**

- Registration
- Food Servers
- Inflatables
- Games
- Parking Attendants
- Pray

We anticipate a large number of people from our community on our campus for this event. It is a great way for us to show them the love of Christ in a practical way. Please sign up and let us know how you would like to help.

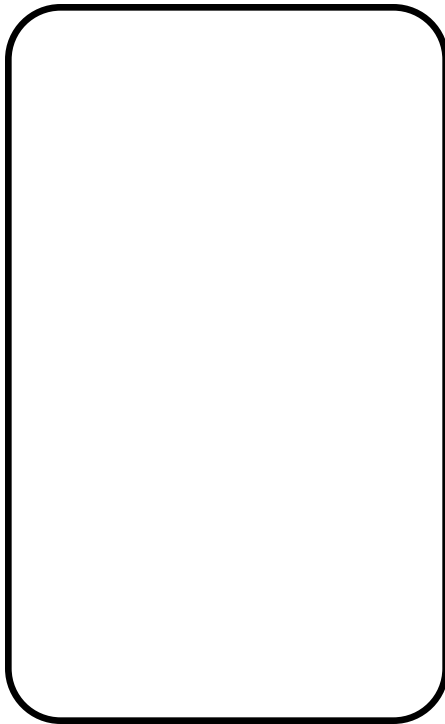
Since our Fall Festival is not on the actual Halloween night, you have an opportunity to be home when the people in your neighborhood are out Trick or Treating. This is a great time for our church members to meet and interact with their neighbors. We have 7 "Friendship Baptist Church Candy Stop" yard signs to let people know that you will be giving out candy. If you would like one just come by the office and pick it up.

Shane



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Friendship will once again be a Relay Center for OCC. Churches and individuals can bring their shoeboxes to Friendship November 13-20. Volunteers will be needed to receive boxes in the KidZone. Sign-ups coming soon. 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  
 Children's Bible Study - 6:30 pm

**COOKIE BRIGADE**

October 8 - Robbie Spees  
 October 22 - Sherry Queen



Help us spread the Good News to children around the world by participating in Operation Christmas Child year-round. The item for October is: **Coloring Books & Small Notebooks**

*Welcome*  
 to our  
**New Members**

Brandon & Rachel Martin  
 Cayden Bundren  
 Paula Jones

*so glad you are here.*

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 Dr. Jason Browning, Pastor  
 Rev. Shane Yancey,  
 Minister to Students & Children  
 Rev. Chad Davidson,  
 Minister of Music & Worship

**Budget Receipts**

Required to Date: \$ 414,000  
 Received to Date: \$ 434,800

**Nursery Volunteers**

**October 1**  
 8:15 a.m.— Laura Hughes & Debbie Alvey  
 10:45 a.m.— Matt & Miranda Scott  
 Spencer & Melissa Hawkins  
**October 8**  
 8:15 a.m. — Tori Ramsdell  
 10:45 a.m. — Vicky & Ryley Fox  
 Carol Fields & Lakyn Noland  
**October 15**  
 8:15 a.m. — Amanda Triplett  
 10:45 a.m. — Kathy Goodman & Kathy Baucum  
 Gene & Deborah Reaney  
**October 22**  
 8:15 a.m. — Masami Smith  
 10:45 a.m. —  
 Jessica Wyatt & Meredith Yancey  
**October 29**  
 8:15 a.m. — Jim & Debbie Scourick  
 10:45 a.m. — Vickie Turley & Cheryl Tyler

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“After him came Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.”  
(Judges 3:31)

I recently about a man in my quiet time who has only a few verses connected to his legacy, and yet his story is quite amazing. His name is Shamgar and God used this unlikely man to impact an entire nation. Shamgar was not a likely candidate for leadership because he did not come from a believing household. Shamgar was half-Jew and half-pagan. He certainly didn't have the family background to prepare him for the task God called him to do. But we learn that God will use anyone who completely trusts in Him.

According to God's Word, Shamgar struck down 600 Philistines with an oxgoad. He didn't use a fancy spear or sword, but armed with faith in God and obedience to God's will, Shamgar rescued Israel from its enemies. Essentially, God turned a nation back to Himself with a farm tool. There are several lessons from Shamgar's life...

**Start where you are.** Shamgar didn't wait until every condition was perfect before he took action, but he started where he was. Shamgar was confident that God would lead him forward.

**Use what you have.** Shamgar used what was already in his hand; he used an oxgoad. The farm tool that Shamgar possessed had a sharp point on one end and a small blade for breaking up clods on the other. Using what he had, Shamgar won the victory. God never calls us to use what we don't have. He calls us to use what we do have to win the victory.

**Do what you can.** God doesn't intend for everyone to have the same scope of ministry, but we are to do what we can. The truest measure of success is always our obedience to God. Shamgar committed all he had to God and God used an ordinary man, an awkward tool, and limited abilities to impact an entire nation. When something is completely given into God's hand, He will cause it to go further than it's supposed to go and to do things it's not supposed to do.

Like Shamgar, will you start where you are? Will you use what you have? Will you do what you can?

**God is good! All the time!**

**Jason**

**Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events:**

- October 22 — Outdoor Worship  
Labor For Your Neighbor
- October 29 — Fall Festival
- November 12 — OCC Packing Party
- November 19 — Harvest Meal
- December 5-7 — OCC Processing Center, Atlanta




- 3 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club @ Longhorn  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 8 Budget & Calendar Requests Due  
7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 10 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission  
6:00 p.m.— Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 17 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 18 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team  
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 22 10:45 a.m. — Outdoor Worship  
Labor For Your Neighbor
- 24 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 28 9:00 a.m. — Golf Scramble
- 29 6:00 p.m. — Fall Fest
- 31 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3


Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group  
Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. —  
Ladies Bible Study (begins Sept. 14)  
Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group




**FIRST ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
October 28 9:00 a.m.  
Silos Country Club  
Sign up in the worship center if you would like to participate.




Plan to join us on October 22 for outdoor worship. Please bring a lawn chair. There will be no 8:15 a.m. worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.



On Sunday afternoon, October 22, Friendship will lead a ministry called Labor For Your Neighbor. This is a community outreach ministry coordinated through our Sunday morning small groups at Friendship. Each adult and youth Sunday School class will seek to make a positive impact on our community by going beyond the four-walls of the church building and demonstrating Christ's love to others through completing a ministry project.



**JOY Club** — Will go to Longhorn on Tuesday, October 3. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Plan to join us!



No Family Night Supper for the month of October.

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it,  
where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!*

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!*

*Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power, making him God's dear child.  
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity;  
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!*

*REFRAIN: Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea; Higher than the mountain,  
sparkling like a fountain, All-sufficient grace for even me;  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise His name!  
—Haldor Lillenas (1885-1959)*

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”—the very title proclaims from the outset and at the beginning of each stanza that this hymn by Haldor Lillenas is a hymn of grace. First introduced in 1918, this song has become a favorite across denominational lines in the Church today. Its upbeat, bouncy meter and somewhat unusual refrain, which splits into two parts, with the melody alternating between the bass/tenor and alto/soprano parts, endear the tune to many. However, as is often the case, the strong doctrinal message carried by the words of the hymn are often obscured in the enthusiasm for the music. In fact, the author himself, in his autobiography, cautions against distorting the words of the hymn by performing it at too rapid a tempo.<sup>1</sup>

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” combines doctrinal truth with a buoyant melody and serves as a good vehicle for teaching the doctrine of grace. It touches on the availability, sufficiency, and efficacy of the salvation offered by grace through faith in Christ, and so carries an appropriate message for believer and unbeliever alike.

Endnotes  
<sup>1</sup>Paul G. Hammond, “Wonderful Grace of Jesus,” in Handbook to The Baptist Hymnal (Nashville: Convention Press, 1992), 277-78.

<sup>2</sup>Hammond, “Lillenas, Haldor,” Ibid., 387.

Under the Master's Baton,  
Bro. Chad

