



**December Dates to Remember**

We will be distributing **Christmas Food Baskets** to families in need in our area this year. If you know of someone who could use a basket, please contact the church office with their name, address, phone number, and number in family. The deadline is Sunday, December 7. Baskets will be delivered by deacons on December 19-21.

**Sunday School Class Fellowships** — There will be no evening services on December 14 to allow SS classes an opportunity to have class fellowships for Christmas.

The **Celebration Choir** invites you to a special **Christmas musical presentation** on **Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.** Music selections will feature:

- Christ is Born
- The Greatest Story Ever Told
- This Little Child
- Is He Worthy?
- Glory
- Glad Tidings
- The Little Village of Bethlehem

Through powerful songs and moving solos, this program will focus on the true reason for the season — a celebration of the birth of Christ. Bring your family and friends and join us for a **wonderful evening of worship through song** as we begin the Christmas season together!

Friendship will be a Relay Center for OCC November 17-24. Churches and individuals can bring their shoeboxes to Friendship. Volunteers will be needed to receive boxes in the KidZone. Sign-up in the worship center. 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**

**November 9**  
 Rachel Martin  
**November 23**  
 Marinda Peeler

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

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



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[www.facebook.com/friendshiponthenet](https://www.facebook.com/friendshiponthenet)  
 Dr. Jason Browning, Pastor  
 Rev. Chad Davidson,  
 Minister of Music & Worship

**Budget Receipts**

Required to Date: \$ 493,673  
 Received to Date: \$ 481,639

**Nursery Volunteers**

**November 2**  
 8:15 am: Grace Payne  
 10:45 am: Andrew & Lacy Halligan (BB)  
 Cathy & Lauren Barks (T)

**November 9**  
 8:15 am: Andrea Brewer  
 10:45 am: Robbie Spees & Kelly Dixon (BB)  
 Lisa Yarbrough & Susan Knight (T)

**November 16**  
 8:15 am: Jim & Debbie Scourick  
 10:45 am: Kara Allard & Lynn Bond (BB)  
 Sheri Wright & Patty Bickerstaff (T)

**November 23**  
 8:15 am: Bridget Browning  
 10:45 am: Josh & Jamie Hawkins (BB)  
 Rachel & Luke Diefenbach (T)

**November 30**  
 8:15 am:  
 10:45 am: Nathan & Kathryn Thomas (BB)  
 Cheryl Tyler & Kathy Goodman (T)

**FRIENDSHIP NEWSLETTER**

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**HARVEST MEAL**  
 NOVEMBER 23  
 5:00 PM  
 COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The church will provide the meal this year. You are asked to bring 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 make an extra principal payment for the property recently purchased. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you give.



**“I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:12-13)**

As the month of November rolls in, many of us are taking stock of our lives - our needs, our desires, and our challenges. It's easy in our fast-paced world to become anxious about what we lack or to compare our lives to others. But Scripture reminds us again and again that we serve a faithful God who provides - not always according to our wants, but always according to our needs.

The apostle Paul, writing from a prison cell, said something remarkable: “I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry.” Paul had learned to be content in any and every situation. Contentment doesn't come from having everything we want; it comes from trusting the One who holds all things in His hands. Paul's secret wasn't found in his circumstances but it was found in His Savior. God had proven to Paul that His provision was not only sufficient - but it was perfect.

Throughout the Bible, we see God's hand faithfully providing for His people:

Manna in the wilderness for the Israelites (Exodus 16);

A widow's jar of oil that never ran dry (1 Kings 17);

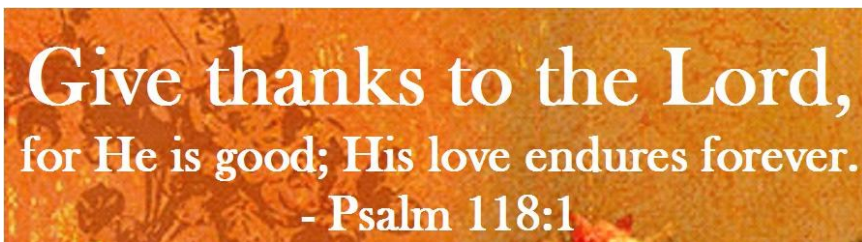
Loaves and fish multiplied to feed thousands (Mark 6);

And ultimately, Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life, given for our salvation (John 6:35).

God's provision for us is both physical and spiritual. He meets our needs and He teaches us to trust Him deeply. The challenge is to recognize that our contentment isn't dependent on what's in our hands, but who we belong to.

Are you trusting God daily? Are you practicing gratitude even when the bank account is low or the future feels uncertain? Contentment is cultivated when we stop striving for more and we start resting in the truth that God is enough. May we always remember that our Provider is good, our Shepherd knows what we need, and our hearts can be at peace - regardless of the season.


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



- 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
7:00 p.m. — OCC Processing Center Team Mtg.
- 4 11:30 a.m. — JOY Club  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 5 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper  
5:30 p.m. — Youth Search Team
- 9 4:15 p.m. — Ordination Team  
6:00 p.m. — Ordination for Andrew Halligan  
7:00 p.m. — Deacons
- 11 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 13 11:30 a.m. — OCC Box Preparation
- 16 3:30 p.m. — OCC Packing Party
- 17-24 OCC Relay Center
- 18 10:00 a.m. — Women on Mission  
6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 4
- 19 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team  
6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 23 5:00 p.m. — Harvest Meal
- 26 No Mid-Week Service
- 27 Thanksgiving Day


*Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men's Prayer Group*  
*Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. — Ladies Bible Study*  
*Saturdays @ 8:00 a.m. — Mighty Men*

**OCC Processing Center** — We have a few spots still available if you are interested in serving at the OCC Processing Center in Aurora, Illinois. Cost is \$115 per person. Sign up in the worship center if you want to participate. OCC Team will meet November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 302. Team members will receive important details for the upcoming mission opportunity.



**OCC Packing Party** — Sunday, November 16, 3:30 p.m. Join us in the fellowship hall as we come together to pack shoeboxes with items that we have collected throughout the year for boys and girls around the world. You won't want to miss the food, fun, fellowship, prayer, and filling shoeboxes!

**JOY CLUB** — Will go to Cancun Restaurant on Tuesday, November 4 at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the restaurant.



**Family Night Supper** — Wednesday, November 5 at 5:00 p.m. The menu is: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Cranberry Salad and Dessert. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on Monday, November 3 if you plan to attend. Suggested price is: Adults - \$6, Children under 10 - \$4.



*“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.”*

The story behind the song, Franny's friend, Phoebe Knapp had come to visit her. Ms. Knapp shared with her that she had a unique melody in her stuck in her head. She sat down at the piano in Franny's home and played it for her. Phoebe turned to Franny and said, “What does that say to you” and instantly Franny replied, “Blessed assurance Jesus is mine, Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine”. The pair continued working on the song and within a few hours, the hymn was completed, with Franny writing 3 verses and a chorus. It was just a short time after this meeting that the song began to spread across the area churches and more and more congregations heard the song. The first publishing of the words and melody appeared in 1873.

Franny Crosby was born in 1820 to John and Mercy Crosby from New York City and was their only child. When Franny was 6 months old her father passed away leaving her mother and grandmother, Eunice Paddock Crosby to raise her. But before he passed away Franny became very sick with a cold and inflammation affected her eyes. At just 6 weeks old her father took her to a questionable doctor who ordered Mustard Plaster be placed on her eyes. This decision would turn out to be life-changing for her as it affected the optic nerve in her eyes, causing total blindness.

By all accounts, Franny grew up a happy and active child. She attended New York Institution for the Blind in New York City, where later in life she would work and meet her husband. She was raised with strong Christian values and from an early age she was read scriptures by her mother and grandmother and would memorize verses, and overtime nearly had the entire devoted to memory. It was also at a young age she began to write poetry. Her love for writing followed her throughout her life and never seem to be bothered by her lack of site. She is quoted as saying, “It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered to me tomorrow, I would not accept it. I might not have ever sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me. She also once said, “when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior”. She had an ability to craft words, phrases and thoughts so vividly that would allow us to see the Savior so clearly in her songs.

Among her many accomplishments, she was an English teacher at the New York Institution for the Blind, a published author, hymn and secular writer of songs. Though it all, Franny Cosby had an amazing and full life. She wrote or contributed to many songs of the church that we still sing today, a hundred years after her death.

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Under the Master's Baton,

Chad