



November 2025

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

It is October 31st, and I find myself considering yet again the wonder of the Reformation. In the 1500s, the German monk, Martin Luther, and many others sparked a spiritual revolution that is still being felt today. They protested the Roman Catholic Church - specifically the power and office of the pope and the abuse of indulgences (selling salvation for money). Over time, the efforts and writings of the Reformers began to reshape Christianity, not into something new, but back into the form the Bible describes. Consider, for just a moment, only a few of the benefits that were gained through the Reformation 1) It paved the way for people to be able to read the Bible in their own language, to comprehend their faith in a personal way. 2) It restored the foundation of our faith to be the Word of God alone, and not the thoughts, arguments, and decrees of popes and councils. 3) It rediscovered for us the doctrine of Justification by Faith Alone. 4) It refocused the church to wonder at the grace and glory of God rather than our own works. 5)

It created space for unity-in-diversity within Christian theology. One of the wonders of the Reformation was that so many of the reformers enjoyed fellowship while disagreeing on secondary and tertiary issues of the faith. And finally, 6) the reformation elevated the Church's love for the poor and needy. Praise God!

Beloved, as you enjoy November weather and the start of the holiday season, take some time as a family and thank God for what he has done in the church, and take some time to read the reformers. God bless, and I hope you have the happiest of

Novembers! - Pastor John



Mission of the Month

Our church family will be coming together to provide material goods and Christmas gifts for families in Henry County who have financial, material, and spiritual needs.

There is a Christmas tree in the Narthex decorated with Christmas tags listing the needs for specific families. Take a tag or a few tags. Purchase the items listed, wrap it with the tag attached to the outside, and place it in the Mission of the Month box in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring in all gifts no later than Sunday, Dec. 14.

Church Happenings

Mens Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The men are studying the book of Acts. Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament, and it tells of the founding of the Church and the spread of its message.

Ladies Bible Study

The Fall session of both morning and evening Bible study groups will come to a close on Tuesday, November 11 (morning group) and Thursday, November 13 (evening group). A new study will begin in January, 2026. Details will be announced in the coming weeks, stay tuned!

Youth Hangout

November 8th

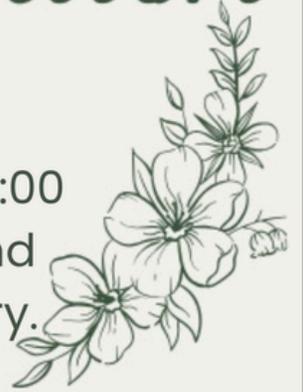
November 22nd

6pm - 7:30pm



Girlfriends of Faith

All ladies are invited to attend the Girlfriends of Faith brunch and meeting on Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy food, fellowship, devotional, and discussion of plans for future opportunities of ministry.



Crafted by Grace

10:30am-
12:30pm

Saturday November 22, 2025

"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him."



Faith Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday November 23, 2025 | 6pm





Prayer Requests & Praises

Prayer Requests

Ralph Uecker - recovering from surgery and dislocated hip

Romona Uecker

Suzy Frutig - Idiopathic Lung Disease

Mary Lou DeLong - Multiple Myeloma

Don Hilgeford - Lung Cancer

Donna Hilgeford (Don's wife) - on oxygen & surgery for skin cancer

Faith Strickland - Chemotherapy & the brave decision to shave her head.

Myra Echols

Wade Bledsoe

Jordan Israel (Healing)

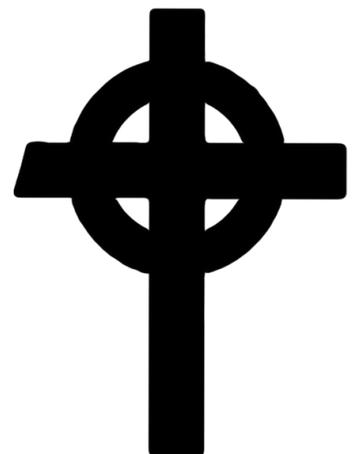
Mary & Jimmy Ellington (Healing)

Our Elders

Our Deacons

Our Church Volunteers

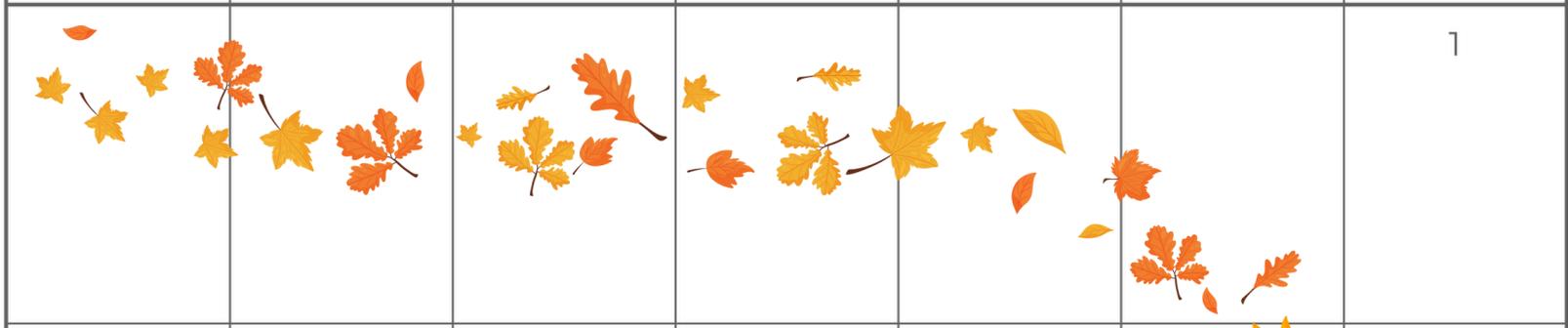
The Lost Souls of our World



Praises

TheresaHarvey - Praise God Almighty for my surgery going so well

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Session News

The October Session meeting was held on October 6 at the church at 5:30 pm.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed Chapters 12 and 13 of the Westminster Confession. Teaching Elder John Cleveland presented an opportunity for the church to plan a mission trip for the spring or summer of 2026 to support the community around Valley Hope Presbyterian in North Carolina, which was impacted by Hurricane Helene. The Session discussed initial ideas for logistics for the trip and agreed to continue discussions at future meetings. John then shared an update from Presbytery regarding fiscal year changes and new expectations for attendance at future Presbytery meetings. Lastly, John shared information from the recent hospitality committee meeting. The Session then continued discussions from previous meetings for plans to install security cameras in and around the church and to utilize Amber Security Systems. Lastly, the Session prepared a detailed schedule to consider and install the congregation's nominations for new elders and deacons to serve in 2026.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God.

The date for the November regular Session meeting has been scheduled for November 3.

John Cleveland, Moderator
Jeremy Evans, Clerk
Gregg Coniglio
Keith Lovern
Andy Martin

October Financials

October Income 21,455.70
October POP 500.00
October expenses 29,735.16
Loan balance 593,103.43

Missionary Update

Marhaba,

It was such a joy and a blessing to be back in the States for a whirlwind two weeks for my brother's wedding. I am grateful for those of you that I got to see briefly either at the Balassan fundraiser or Park Community or the Branch Church. I also want to extend a warm welcome to those of you signed up for this newsletter!

This week we will start our second Alpha course at Balassan! We have a group of 8 women from our patients. "MD" is a believer from a M*slim background and heard of our last Alpha group. When I explained to her what it was, she eagerly asked to a part of our next group because she wanted to bring a friend who was from her religious background.



Our cleaning lady, also a believer from a M*slim background, as well has been waiting for us to start a second group as she wanted to invite two neighbor friends from her religious background. MH is one of my physical therapy patients who God put on my heart to invite her after getting to know her story. She is an older single female which can be difficult in her culture and she struggles with loneliness.

Would you join with me in prayer for these ladies and the others who will be joining us over these next two weeks? Finally, I want to share a testimony from this past week from one of our patients who regularly sees our psychiatrist for schizophrenia. At her appointment last month, she was very agitated and anxious. She was crying and clearly in distress. Marlene (our secretary) asked her what was wrong and she said she was seeing/imagining very ugly things and unable to sleep. Marlene then asked if she could pray with her and the woman immediately agreed. We all gathered around her and prayed. She returned last week for her regular appointment. With a smile on her face, she eagerly told Marlene, "I want to tell you that after you prayed for me, I started to feel much better and even sleep better. I want to tell the doctor today that your prayers are helping me. Thank you."

Thank you for your support and prayers that help patients like her experience the healing touch of Jesus.

With gratitude,
Jenny



Fall leaves in Lebanon