

## Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Collection  
and Dedication Sunday  
November 11



The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Shoebboxes are available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Center Foyers and the Preschool and Children's Buildings.

## *Night of Praise and Thanks*

Sunday, November 11

Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm for a service of prayer and thanksgiving.

### Ministry Staff

<b>Paul Thompson</b>	Senior Pastor
<b>Charles Uptain</b>	Executive Pastor
<b>Dan Tankersley</b>	Discipleship
<b>Matthew Dorsey</b>	Worship
<b>Joyce Alexander</b>	Preschool
<b>Zach Daniels</b>	Children
<b>Reagan Farris</b>	Student
<b>Greg Pendergrass</b>	Community/ROC

### Ministry Assistants

<b>Caren Coleson</b>	Pastoral
<b>Rebekah McLure</b>	Music
<b>Carol Morris</b>	Executive Assistant
<b>Anne Register</b>	Community/Recreation
<b>Emily Shiver</b>	Senior Adults
<b>Brooke Stickles</b>	Family Ministries
<b>Angie Tice</b>	Adults/Outreach

### Support Staff

<b>Nolan Dykes</b>	Music Assistant
<b>Mark Shiver</b>	Facilities Manager

### Weekday Ministry

<b>Michelle Beasley</b>	Director
<b>Nickie Smith</b>	Receptionist

**For the Record  
For October, 2018**

**Average Attendance:**

10:30 Worship .....	533
Life Groups .....	578
Hispanic Church .....	130
Nursing Homes.....	62
Outreach Bible Study.....	10

**Total Giving:**

General Fund .....	\$2,002,295.24
Y-T-D Required .....	\$2,171,500.00

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**Sermon Schedule**

**Sunday, November 4**

**10:30 am - Fellowship Center**

Called to Be Saints Together  
"Decently and In Order, Part 2"

1 Corinthians 14:29-40  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Wednesday, November 7**

**6:00 pm - Sanctuary**

Message by Paul Thompson

**Sunday, November 11**

**10:30 am - Sanctuary**

Called to Be Saints Together  
"Our Everlasting Hope"

1 Corinthians 15:12-34  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Wednesday, November 14**

**6:00 pm - Sanctuary**

Message by Paul Thompson

**Sunday, November 18**

**10:30 am - Fellowship Center**

Called to Be Saints Together  
"What Are We Like in Heaven?"

1 Corinthians 15:35-49  
Message by Dan Tankersley

**Wednesday, November 21**

**No Evening Activities**

**Sunday, November 25**

**10:30 am - Fellowship Center**

Called to Be Saints Together  
"Deconstructing Death"

1 Corinthians 15:50-58  
Message by Paul Thompson

**Wednesday, November 28**

**6:00 pm - Sanctuary**

Message by Paul Thompson

**From Our Senior Pastor**

I went to my first hockey game this past week in Nashville. I was up for a conference and also taking some time to hang out with Sarah in the evenings and we decided to go see the Predators play. Let me tell you, as surprising as it sounds, they take hockey seriously in Nashville! That arena was packed and the crowd was lively, to put it mildly.

My first 'preacher thought' was this: "I sure wish people were as into church and into Jesus as these people are into hockey!" People waited in long lines, didn't seem to care they were paying \$8 for hot dogs, and there seemed to be a genuine sense of camaraderie and – dare I say – "fellowship" there among the thousands of screaming, jersey wearing fans.

But then the game started and I reconsidered.

One, everybody in the stands around were apparently hockey experts (at least in their own minds). I am imagining I'm sitting with people from Franklin, Clarksville, Murfreesboro, etc. – not exactly hotbeds of icy winter sports – and now suddenly they were experts on how guys with names like Filip, Juuse, and Miikka should be handling the puck, hitting the boards, or defending the powerplay. (Things I am assuming none of these fans did as kids). And these 'experts' sure let the guys on the ice really have it when they didn't perform up to expectations.

And then something else dawned on me. There was a fortune in authentic jerseys being worn in the stands. These things are crazy expensive. I know – I walked through the team store realizing I needed a second job to buy stuff in there. Wearing this jersey gave them some sense of ownership I guess. The team was not "them", but "us". A loss (as it so happened that night) was not a "they", but a "we" lost feeling.

And then, when the game was over – and man, it was some game ... I was amazed at the intensity and effort of the guys who play and the speed and pace of the game – thousands of teachers, doctors, accountants, office workers, students, and whoever else made up the population that night went back to whatever they did when they weren't at Predator games and to however they acted when they weren't wearing those jerseys.

And here are my thoughts on that. I don't want church to be like a hockey game, though sometimes it is. Church isn't a few people performing for lots more watching (and sometimes cheering and sometimes critiquing) what the performers do. In church – the body of Christ – everybody is "on the ice" so to speak. Secondly, just wearing the jersey doesn't make you part of the team. Being part of the church family means getting in there and serving and doing. It's about using your gifts that God has given you for the sake of all of us. It's about playing your part, fulfilling your role on the team (or biblically speaking, in the body). And finally, church ultimately isn't something you dress up for, go and enjoy (or go home disappointed, whatever the case may be) and then go back to your "real life" outside of church. As a Christian, church is who you are, 24-7. We are the body of Christ in this world. We don't go to church. We are the church!

So, I'm ok that church isn't like a hockey game. I want us to be excited, yes. I want the place to be full and the energy to be high. But I want all of us to be part of what God is doing – not just on Sundays, but every day in every part of our city and beyond.

So gear up, get in the game, and be part of what God is doing ... all for His glory and our good!

Pastor Paul

**November Worship Schedule**

Sundays, November 4, 18 and 25 will be 10:30 am in the Fellowship Center.  
Sunday, November 11 will be 10:30 am in the Sanctuary due to the Veterans luncheon.

Second Sunday Night Worship is November 11 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, November 7, 14 and 28 will be at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.  
Wednesday, November 21 - No Midweek Activities on Campus

## Ministry News

### Life Group and Worship Schedule Update

Based on conversations we have had and requests we have received about our Sunday worship schedule, the staff and elders have decided to shift Life Group and Worship times beginning Sunday, December 2. Our new schedule will be: Life Groups at 8:30 am and Worship at 10:00 am. This will give your life group a little extra time for fellowship, teaching, and transition to worship, and will also allow us to conclude the morning worship earlier. Note that this shift has no bearing on future plans to return to two services when attendance demands it. As we grow into the need for two services again, we will adjust schedule and space accordingly.

### Experience the Holy Land

#### **10-Day Biblical Tour of Israel | January 13-22, 2020**

Pastor Paul is hosting a trip to Israel in 2020. Total cost is \$3997 per person. If you are interested in the trip, call the church office for more information.

### Community Ministry

**DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays** is a free two-hour event where you can learn practical, effective strategies to help you make it through the holidays if you have faced a divorce or separation. The seminar is Sunday, November 18 in Room 209 in the Office Building from 2:00-4:00 pm. At Surviving the Holidays, you'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide that includes practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and more to help you construct a healthy approach to the days ahead. This holiday season can be a wonderful time of personal growth and peace as you learn to discover joy amidst the heartache.

### **Family Outreach Initiative | Catering Hope**

Invite a family or neighbor to your dinner table this Christmas season. Contact Greg Pendergrass at the ROC by Monday, November 19, to get connected with a Camp ROCK family.

### **Christmas at the Ark**

Sign up has begun to participate in "Christmas at the Ark" on Monday, December 3 at 5:00 pm. Life Groups will be providing a meal, a party and fellowship for the men who reside at The Ark. Look for details soon in Life Group.

### Preschool Ministry

#### **Breakfast in Bethlehem** | Saturday, December 1 | 9:30-11:30 am | Children's Building

This is a Christmas celebration for children 3-years-old (by 9/1/18) through Kindergarten (Children must be accompanied by an adult). Event is free but tickets are necessary. Contact church office at 792-5159 or pick up at the Preschool Desk beginning Wednesday, November 7. Childcare available by reservation for children 2-years-old and younger, call 792-5159.

### Preschool and Children's Ministry

**Parents' Night Out** | Friday, December 7 | 6:00-9:00 pm | Preschoolers will be in the Preschool Building and children will be at the ROC.

### Student Ministry

#### **DiscipleNow Weekend: How the West Was Won** | November 16-18

DiscipleNow is for Grades 6-12. Cost is \$65 per person. Deadline to register is Sunday, November 4.

### Senior Adult Ministry

#### **Senior Adult Midweek Worship** | Thursday, November 15 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary | Message by Paul Thompson

A meal will follow in the Fellowship Center.

#### **Luncheon Honoring Veterans and Families** | Sunday, November 11 | Fellowship Center

Lunch will be immediately following worship. RSVP by calling the church office.

## ***Start a New Holiday Family Tradition!***

Amid the flurry of activity, it's easy to lose sight of the real reason you celebrate this season—the birth of Jesus.

*The 25 Days of Christmas* by James Merritt is a unique advent devotional written to help your family experience richer joy as you discover what the holiday is really about. Each two-page spread features a short story for you to read aloud, an inspiring Scripture verse, and a fun and easy family activity to remind you of what you learned that day.

**Books are available in the church office for \$15 each.**





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**STAFF ON CALL SCHEDULE**

**November 3-4**  
Matthew Dorsey  
919-495-9483

**November 10-11**  
Charles Uptain  
334-797-7191

**November 17-18**  
Joyce Alexander  
334-798-4791

**November 24-25**  
Dan Tankersley  
334-655-8765

**CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...**

Dorman Frith - death of husband  
Betty Hudgens - death of husband

**CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...**



**By Letter**  
Randy & Sandra Hunt  
Addie & Ben Hunt  
Also pictured:  
Elizabeth & Amanda  
Hunt



**By Baptism**  
Hannah Grayson  
Lee



**By Letter**  
Anthony & Kamil  
Reynolds



**By Statement**  
Judy Thompson