

A Message from the Pastor:

When we think of November, we tend to think of the Thanksgiving Holiday. For many of us, that might mean spending a day watching football and eating too much food with our extended family. For some of us, it means long car trips to see distant relations. For some of us, it means remembering family and friends as we gather together. For some of us, it means getting up in the middle of the night in the hopes of getting some good deals on Christmas gifts.

Thanksgiving can mean many different things to us, but one thing that it means for all of us, is that it reminds us to give thanks for all that we have. We give thanks for another year of life. We give thanks for the Lord's provision. We give thanks for the arrival of cooler weather. We give thanks for our friends and family. At Thanksgiving, we stand up and tell each other what we're thankful for. And for some of us this is easy, but for others of us, we may be in a place where it is difficult to find something for which we're truly thankful.

This summer we studied the story of Ruth on Sunday mornings, right now we're studying the book of James, and on Wednesday nights we're learning about living with a "Forever" mindset. And in each of these studies we have seen in these passages, that the Bible is clear that we are guaranteed hardship and suffering as we go through this life. And unfortunately, very few of us need much convincing of this truth, because we are all living this truth.

We're living this truth in our homes, or in our work, or in our relationships, or even just in our awareness of the world around us. When the Scriptures tell us that we should expect to suffer in this life, it is easy for us to agree with this truth. However, it isn't easy for us to be thankful for this truth. This past Wednesday night in our study, Paul Tripp told us that Jesus will take us places where we never intended to go in order to produce in us what we could not achieve on our own. But he also told us that when Jesus brings us to these moments, of what he calls "uncomfortable grace," Jesus remains with us. In our hardest moments we can know that Jesus Christ is still in charge and that He has not abandoned us.

This November, we can be thankful for the truth, that in every hard moment we have faced in the past 12 months, there has not been a second when Jesus Christ has lost control of this universe or abandoned His people. This Thanksgiving, when it's our turn to stand at the table and to share what we're thankful for, remember that we can always be thankful for Jesus who has said in **John 16:33**, **"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."**

Grace and Peace,
Jeff

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

*Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in the heavenly realms with
every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

Ephesians 1: 3



November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3</p> <p><u>Daylight Saving Time Ends</u></p> <p><u>Sunday School:</u> 10am</p> <p><u>Worship:</u> 11m</p> <p><u>Nursery:</u> Nadine Coddington</p> <p><u>International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</u></p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Joel Coddington</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>Dinner:</u> 5:30pm</p> <p><u>Prayer Partner Night:</u> 6:15pm</p> <p><u>Choir Practice:</u> 7pm</p> <p><u>Anniv:</u> Ray & Melanie Evans</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><u>Youth Fun Night</u></p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Stephen Cannon</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p><u>Sunday School:</u> 10am</p> <p><u>Worship:</u> 11am</p> <p><u>Nursery:</u> Chonda Griffith</p> <p><u>Diaconate Meeting:</u> 8am</p> <p><u>Communion</u></p> <p><u>Baby Shower for Baby Coddington:</u> 2pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>Veterans Day</u></p>	<p>12</p> <p><u>WM/WIC AM Circle:</u> 9:30am</p> <p><u>Lunch Bunch:</u> 11:15am</p> <p><u>WM/WIC PM Circle:</u> 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><u>Dinner:</u> 5:30pm</p> <p><u>Adult Bible Study, Covenant Kids & Catechism Club:</u> 6:15pm</p> <p><u>Choir Practice:</u> 7pm</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Judah McNutt</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><u>Deadline:</u> Christmas Cards for the Troops</p>	<p>16</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Joy Mackin</p>
<p>17</p> <p><u>Sunday School:</u> 10am</p> <p><u>Worship:</u> 11am</p> <p><u>Nursery:</u> Jackie Tripp</p> <p><u>Fellowship Luncheon</u></p> <p><u>Session Meeting:</u> 4:30pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>Dinner:</u> 5:30pm</p> <p><u>Adult Bible Study, Covenant Kids & Catechism Club:</u> 6:15pm</p> <p><u>Choir Practice:</u> 7pm</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Ruth Symon</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Mia McNutt</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Nathaniel Coddington</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> David Coddington</p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> TJ Keasler</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Andrea Ward</p>
<p>24</p> <p><u>Sunday School:</u> 10am</p> <p><u>Worship:</u> 11am</p> <p><u>Nursery:</u> Ruth Symon</p> <p><u>HOP:</u> 2pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Cindy Keasler</p> <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>	<p>28</p> <p><u>Thanksgiving Day</u></p> <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>	<p>29</p> <p><u>Church Office Closed</u></p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>B-day:</u> Stephanie Dukes</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Deacons of the Month: Ray Evans and T.J. Keasler.

Nursery Workers: Please arrive in the nursery by 10:30 am.

Food Ministry Leader of the Month: Ruth Symon.



**PLEASE REMEMBER:
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
SERVE FOR THE NURSERY
OR FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON,
PLEASE MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS TO
ENSURE THERE IS
ADEQUATE COVERAGE.**

Wednesday Night Gatherings:

- Dinner, 5:30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: sign up for dinner each week by Monday to ensure there will be enough food for all. Dinners are \$6.50 each or \$15.00 per family.
- Adult Bible Study, Covenant Kids and Catechism Club, 6:15 pm.
- Choir Practice, 7:00 pm.

November 3:

- Daylight Saving Time Ends.
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. More information from the Mission to the World (MTW) and their 30-days of Prayer Calendar are provided on pages 4 and 5.

November 6

- Prayer Partner Pizza Dinner, 5:30 pm.
- Prayer Partner Game Time, 6:00 pm.
- What is Prayer Partner Night? This is a ministry that partners an adult and a child in the church. Partners sit together at dinner, are partners at game time, and then pray together. This is a wonderful way to strengthen the faith of our youth as we pray with and for our partners as well as build fun multi-generational relationships with each other. Come out and join the fun!

November 8:

- Youth Fun Night — The boys will go camping and the girls will have a sleepover.

November 10:

- Diaconate Meeting, 8:00 am.
- Communion.
- Baby Shower for Courtney and Joel Coddington, 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

November 12:

- Women's Ministry/WIC Morning Circle Study, 9:30 am.
- Lunch Bunch, 11:15 am at Pizza Hut.
- Women's Ministry/WIC Evening Circle Study, 7:00 pm.
- Both the Morning Circle and Evening Circle studies will continue in the book, "Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Who We are in Christ." This month's study will be on the final chapter of the book. Our next study material will be announced.

November 15:

- Christmas Cards for the Troops. Don't forget to get the cards for the troops turned in to the church office! We want to have these in the mail before Thanksgiving so they are received overseas before Christmas.

November 17:

- Fellowship Luncheon, immediately following the worship service. Leader: Symon family; Committee: Cannon family and Basinger family.
- Session Meeting, 4:30 pm.

November 24:

- HOP — Hooked on Prayer Meeting, 2:00 pm at Eloise Harris' home. If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you. For more information about HOP, please contact Joy Mackin.

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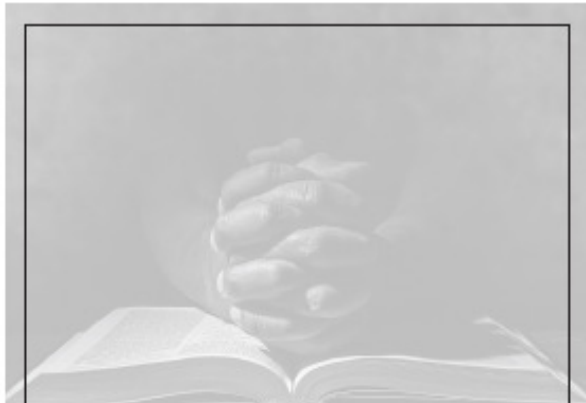
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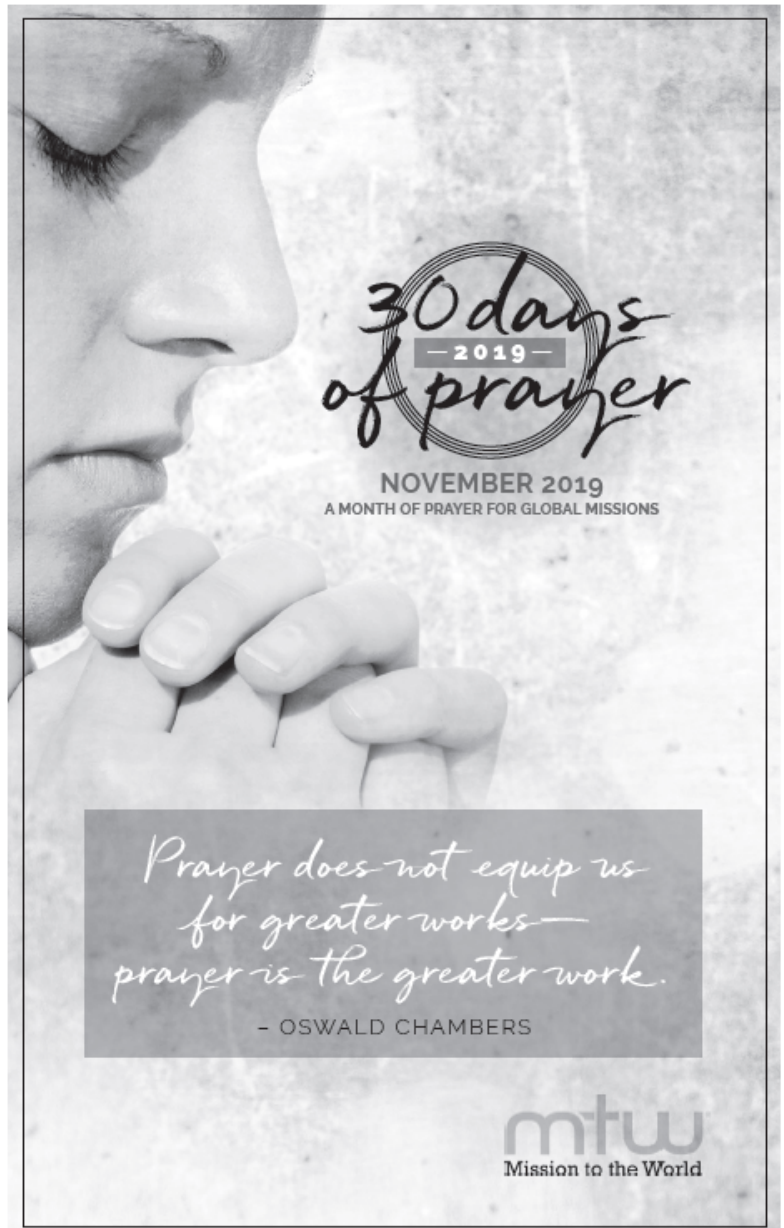
If you want more information or need help getting your charity set up, please contact Ann at the church office.

<u>2019</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>2019 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 10,008.35	\$ 72,702.44
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,743.97	\$ 86,114.97
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,264.38	\$ (13,412.53)
<u>2018</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>2018 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 9,823.27	\$ 81,344.02
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 8,757.55	\$ 71,723.62
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,065.72	\$ 9,620.40



If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 12:26





30 days of prayer
— 2019 —

NOVEMBER 2019
A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Prayer does not equip us for greater works—prayer is the greater work.

— OSWALD CHAMBERS



We at MTW covet your prayers. They're even more vital than what we do on the field.

This calendar provides guidance for praying for the work of the gospel, especially in restricted-access countries.

Keep praying—don't stop. We encourage you to use this calendar month after month. And visit mtw.org/pray throughout the year for more prayer requests.




International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – November 3, 2019

“You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry. — PSALM 10:17

Please join millions around the world in praying on November 3, the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, as we remember believers who suffer simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

The Invisible Workers

For their safety, our missionaries who work where there is great opposition to the gospel rarely publicize their needs or names. But they yearn for your prayers. As you pray through the calendar, please pray for these workers, asking God to use them in the strategic places where He has placed them and to protect their families.

Please note that in the calendar, prayer requests with  this icon are for restricted access ministries.

1 East Asia: For missionaries from multiple organizations who have had to leave the country because of denied/revoked visas and increased pressure from authorities. ☺

2 Pray for an end to the extensive violence in Cape Town, South Africa. Ask God to protect our workers and ministries there.

3 **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**
Pray for believers in restricted-access countries being persecuted for their faith. Ask God to give them perseverance, protection, and boldness.

4 **France:** that ministry through the arts will continue to blossom, and French people would see the beauty of God.

5 Pray for church-planting efforts in the **Arab world**. Praise God for many new believers. Pray for their commitment to the church and for God to raise up pastors. ☺

6 New leadership development training has been launched in **Europe**. Pray that it would provide field personnel with necessary tools for effective gospel ministry.

7 **Iranian refugees** are going all over Europe and often seek out Christian churches wherever they go. Please pray for MTW efforts to minister to these new believers. ☺

8 **Bogota, Colombia:** that the gospel would pierce the hearts and minds of university students through our partnership with RUF.

9 Pray for God to call people who are willing to use their job skills among unreached people groups in the Middle East. ☺

10 Pray for the new church-planting work in **Nagoya, Japan:** for many contacts and relationships, and wisdom for our missionaries as they establish it.

11 Ask God to call many new workers for opportunities in the **Muslim world**. The fields are ripe for harvest, but more workers are needed! ☺

12 **Zimbabwe:** Pray for our missionaries, national partners, and churches who are dealing with severe political and economic distress, making ministry difficult.

13 **Pray for our workers** to develop good friendships with Muslims who are interested in learning about the gospel and are being called to Christ. ☺

14 **Bulgaria:** for spiritual growth, church revitalization, and new churches being planted. Also pray for strong national pastors with servants' hearts.

15 Pray for **new workers** on the field in the Far East and West Africa: for encouragement and for quick adjustment in these new contexts. ☺

16 Pray for the advance of God's kingdom and church growth among **First Nations** and **Native American** people. Pray for relationships of trust to grow.

17 Pray for healing for several **families working with Muslims** who are facing serious health issues. ☺

18 Pray for two families as they begin ministry in **Belize**. Pray for church planting, church nurture, theological training, and leadership development.

19 Ask God to work within PCA churches to send **workers to serve with church partners** in Asia, to establish & strengthen Presbyterian churches in Muslim areas. ☺

20 Pray for a newly-formed **Oceanic partnership** to reach Central Polynesia and Melanesia—that God would provide financial resources and new missionaries.

21 **For the Indigenous church** in East Asia undergoing persecution: churches and theological libraries torn down, leaders questioned and imprisoned. ☺

22 **Ethiopia:** Pray as our team plants a church and expands its mercy ministry. Ask for wisdom as they work to help people spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

23 **Middle East:** Pray for newly arrived workers to quickly acquire language and culture and develop new relationships. ☺

24 **Greece:** for wisdom and discernment in the multi-faceted ministry to refugees.

25 Pray for new believers in the **Arab Gulf** who want to share their faith but struggle with fear. ☺

26 Pray for the theological training and leadership development of national church leaders taking place in the **Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Bahamas, and Grenada**.

27 Ask God to bless the work of **MTW member care team** members who are helping to support and encourage workers in the Muslim world. ☺

28 Pray for our **Next team** as they serve around the world to engage the next generation with the gospel and equip them for service in the Church.

29 Pray for the **Rohingya Initiative** as we partner with a local church to begin a community center for Rohingya refugees in their Southeast Asian city. ☺

30 **Scotland:** Pray for spiritual awakening among the Scottish people. Ask God to raise up new pastors to serve the church there.

☺ PLEASE DO NOT POST. Requests with this icon are about sensitive fields and workers.

God works through your prayers.

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Mission to the World



There are about **15 days** left to get your Christmas Cards for the Troops ready!

Christmas Cards for the Troops

It has been our tradition each year to send Christmas cards to the men and women serving in the military, who are deployed overseas and who will be away from their families during the Christmas holiday season.

Cards can be either purchased or homemade — but no glitter, please. Your personal message inside gives them encouragement and hope that the birth of Jesus brings.

Please make sure to deliver your cards to First Presbyterian Church, Demopolis, by **November 15, 2019** to process for overseas delivery.



OUR VETERANS

U.S. Air Force

Victor Resto	2015-present
Keith Yeager	1982-1989

U.S. Army

Neil Bules (Rangers)	
T.M. Culpepper	1953-1955
Dennis Davidson	1970-1979
Jimmy Mackin	1966-1969
Ozzy Resto	1984-1990
Ann Resto	1987-1991
Bill Weltin	1970-1972

U.S. Marine Corps

Christopher Gill	1995-2006
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U.S. Navy

Phil Huizinga	1966-1970
Phillip Huizinga	1992-2000
Josh Huizinga	2002-2008
Alan Lashley	1970-1972



Five Ways to Pray for Veterans:

- To feel honored*** — let no one feel forgotten.
- To be understood*** — let no one feel alone.
- To be healed*** — for mental and physical healing.
- To be rewarded*** — to be blessed for sacrifice and service.
- To have a saving knowledge of Jesus*** — that they might have joy in God's presence and have the peace that passes all understanding.

*"Be strong and courageous,
for the Lord will be with
you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

Please Pray for our Faith Promise Missionaries

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist
Aaron & Leticia Zapata	Mission to North America — Mexico
Chaplain Ministry	Mission to North America
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Beth Acton	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Jonah & Jennifer	Frontiers — Nineveh
General Support	Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL
General Support	Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS
Sewing Project	Isaiah 55 — Reynosa, Mexico

Hooked On Prayer (HOP):

Allinder, Ike	Farst, Dick	Mills, Angel
Allinder, Kate	Finley, Betty	Morgan, Laura
Bazuin, Caiden	Grace, Hope	Pendegrass, Lois
Beeler, Peggy	Harstad, Paula	Pickerill, Paula
Belcher, Samuel	Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Plummer, Kaegan
Boggs, Ben	Harvey, John	Reeves, Bob
Brantley, Maggie	Hayes, Betsy	Reynolds, Christy
Brooker, Chrissy	Hocker, Jeannie	Sakon, Ethan
Brooker, Jan	Hogg, Ian	Sall, Terry
Bryant, Jessica	Hoggle, Judy	Sharp, Chris
Bules, Jaimee	Holman, Joann	Sims, Anna Katherine
Busby, Rhae	Hooks, Chesnee	Sims, Sarah
Chambless, Sherri	Husbands, Jennie	Stemple, Nita
Coker, Jean	Hux, Karen	Stephens, Kay
Collins, Brandon	Ivy, Kendall	Stephens, Ronnie
Cook, Patricia	Jennifer (Missionary)	Taylor, Marie
Copeland, Roy	Jowers, Walter	TenHaaf, WM
Cross, Margaret	Lane, Barbara	Thornton, Alaina
Crispin, Michelle	Leascher, Chad	Tipton, Carolyn
Curry, Walter	Leascher, Jim	VanderMolen, Popko
Daughtery, Jody	Lessman, Linus	West, Beth
Davidson, Karen	Lewis, Kathy	Wise, Naomi
Duncan, Conner	Ligon, Brandon	Witherspoon, Mary Stewart
Dunning, Norbourne	Lockett, Joanne	Womble, Caleb
Dyer, Doug	McCraw, Beverly	Wright, Hettie
Eatmon, Megan	McIntier, Jodie	
Eshee, Judy	Miller, Tommie	

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer:

Jody Daugherty
 Luke (Jonah's son)
 Kaleigh Craig
 Scott Kirkpatrick
 Heather Wilson
 Maggie Brantley
 Kendall Ivy

Illness:

Carolyn Tipton
 Ian Hogg
 Dick Farst
 Laura Morgan
 Neal Bules
 David Headley
 Allen Hammond

Special Needs:

Liz Bond
 Sarah Elizabeth Hart
 Frank Ramey
 Viola Cook
 William R. Horton
 Baby Oliver Sullivan
 Francis Mahaffey
 The Hutton Family

Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick
 Sam Brasfield
 Steven Mackin
 Victor Resto
 Josh Allums
 Joseph Wilson
 Josh Tyson
 Blake Ivy

Expectant Mothers:

Kelsey Huizinga
 Courtney Coddington

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

