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Due to the special youth service in the Fellowship Hall, there will be no Wednesday Night Supper on November 2nd. Each of the studies that are part of The Lift will still meet.



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mearles Parrish and Henry Pope.



KidStuf is an exciting worship experience for children grades K-5. In November, it will meet on the 6th, 13th and 20th. Children are dismissed to KidStuf after the offertory during the morning service.



Enlightening sermon, pastor...now we know exactly what it's like when believers "endure to the end."

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Tapestry, Gate City's Women's Ministry, will be sponsoring its annual Hospitality Banquet on Friday, November 11th at 6PM.

Anita Gutschick will be our guest speaker, sharing a presentation called "Women of the Bible." Tickets for this event are \$12/person and this includes a buffet meal. Tickets are available in the side lobby after the morning worship service. See Darnell Bullins for further information. Invite a friend and make your plans to join us!

Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, is an effort to provide needy children throughout the world with a gift at Christmas. In addition, it provides an opportunity for them to hear the message of Christ. We are trying to collect as many shoe-boxes as we possibly can for boys and girls. Our collection day at Gate City is November 14th. For more details on what can/not be in a box, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.



On Sunday, November 20 we will have a special joint Thanksgiving worship service with Ebenezer Baptist Church. We will begin at 5 PM with a meal in the fellowship hall and the worship service will begin at 6 PM in the sanctuary. The church will provide the meat, but families are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Make your plans to be part of this special service!

From the Pastor...

When we think of our favorite books of the Bible, Lamentations is not typically very high on that list. It is not a very "happy" book. After all it is a collection of laments.

As Jeremiah was writing the words of this book under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he was witnessing horrible sights. Jerusalem has been effectively destroyed by the Babylonians. Many lost their lives, and countless others were carried away as slaves. Those that were left had nothing. Homes were demolished, fields were destroyed, animals were killed or stolen and there was no food. It got so bad that mothers ate the bodies of their children that died of starvation. We cannot even imagine that kind of suffering.

In the midst of this unmitigated misery, Jeremiah says, "This I recall, therefore I have hope. Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

On the fourth Thursday of each November, we observe Thanksgiving. Were it not for an actual observance, too many of us would simply not stop long enough to count our blessings and thank God for His goodness.

For the people in Jeremiah's day, it wasn't until they lost virtually everything that they recognized God's graciousness and blessings. Don't allow that to be true of you. Every day, this day began with a fresh package of God's mercies for you. Let today, tomorrow, the next day and every day be Thanksgiving day for you!

—Pastor Michael



Night of Worship

Youth will have a special worship service on Wednesday, November 2 in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a night of worship with Tennessee Temple's worship band, Union Avenue. Pizza and drinks will be served. We are asking for \$5/person to defer costs.

Fusion Fundraiser

Students are selling beautiful 2012 Creation Calendars for \$10. These would be great for personal use or make a nice gift. See Shawn if you would like to purchase one.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Meet the Seat

Thank you for your response to our Sunday School emphasis in October. On our high attendance day, we had 202 people in Sunday School! Now that you have "met the seat," make Sunday School a regular part of your walk!

College & Career

We are re-launching our College & Career Sunday School class. Caroline Owens will be the teacher. The class will meet in room B-121.

Make your plans to be part of this new opportunity!

Teacher's Meeting

There will not be a teacher's meeting in November.



Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly deacons meeting will be on Sunday, November 14 at 4PM.

Deacon Assignments

You should have received a letter in the mail informing you who your deacon is for this church year. If you have not received this information, please contact the church office.



Thank you to Marie Haymore for organizing and leading this year's Fall Festival. In addition, we are grateful to all the volunteers who staffed this event and for all of the donations. Thank you!



We will soon be revamping the visitation teams that are part of our Connections Ministry. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to be part of a visitation team that is responsible for visiting on one Tuesday night each month. If you would be willing to be part of this vital ministry, please speak with Shawn Mehegan or the Pastor.



The monthly church council meeting will be on Monday, November 7th at 7 PM for all ministry and committee leaders.



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November 1st and
15th at 8:30AM at
the Golden Corral on
Wendover.



There will be no Wednesday evening meal or activities on November 23rd.



You can help support our Awana ministry by donating items that can be used as prizes in our Awana store. Donations can be given to Marie Haymore or dropped off with Nancy in the church office.



Gate City Family,

The family of Mearles H. Parish wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and flowers sent, food prepared and memorial gifts given.

—J.W. and Peggy Cecil

Church Family,

Saying thank you somehow doesn't seem enough to express our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love you have shown to our family with the passing of Henry S. Pope (husband, dad and granddad). Thank you for the meal provided, the food prepared and delivered, the visits, the calls the cards and most of all for the prayers lifted up on our behalf. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness, support and continued prayers during this difficult time.

—The Family of Henry S. Pope

Special thanks is extended to the Hospitality Committee for all of their hard work in making our homecoming luncheon such a wonderful experience!



Because of the special Thanksgiving service, there will be NO Awana on Sunday, November 20th.



There will be an interest meeting for all high school and college students, and any adults who would be interested in being part of a mission trip to Toronto, Canada next summer. The meeting will be on Sunday, November 6th at 4:15PM in the youth room. We will be working with 963 Missions and Toronto Church Planting to work with churches who need help spreading the Gospel. Your attendance at this meeting does not obligate or commit you, so join us!



We are already in the process of receiving donations for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for international missions. Our goal this year is \$12,000. Prayerfully begin to ask God what He would have you give. Please put your contribution in an envelope and label it "Lottie Moon."



So that we do not have any scheduling conflicts, please call Nancy in the church office with dates and times for any Christmas parties your class or group is planning.



November Birthdays

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| 1 Shirley Williams | 17 Roberta Frush |
| 4 Debbie Haymore | 18 Jean Dunlap Kathy Miller |
| 6 Susan Hensley | 22 Larry Lanning Mary Thomas |
| 7 Carolyn Minor | 24 Gary Folsom |
| 8 Todd Lundeen | 27 Eddie Brown |
| 11 Ellavay Brown Dick Newsome Joseph Harrington | 28 Mike Morrison |
| 12 Peg Kiss | 30 John Melville |
| 13 Neil Glass Xavier Beard Carli Duncan | Please contact Nancy Pen- dergrass in the church of- fice if your birthday is not listed. |
| 16 Juanita Holcombe Nicky Bruce | |