RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE

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"Nurturing Our Congregation Through Our Relationship with GOD"

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

A THANKFUL HEART

Good morning, Heavenly Father.

Thank You for another good night's rest. Lord, we gather here this morning to give You the highest praise; because, You are worthy of it. Hallelujah. Thank You for life, health, and strength; all You do for everyone of us; all You have done; and all You will continue to do.

Heavenly Father, I come to You with a grateful heart, knowing that it is because of Your grace and mercy that I am here today. God, I realize that this is another chance for me to right the wrongs I have done and to repent of my sins, knowing that this is what You want me to do.

You have blessed us in so many ways. You told us to love one another. Heavenly Father, I pray that You will remove the blinders from our eyes and help us to be whom You set aside to glorify and honor You.

Heavenly Father, I pray that You bless families and friends as they gather with love and forgiving hearts. I pray they gather with You in the midst, and that their relationship with You will grow stronger.

Heavenly Father, I pray You will continue to bless this nation; turn the hearts of man back to You, heal the broken-hearted, strengthen the weak, lay Your healing hands on the sick, and reclaim backsliders.

We will always be mindful, Heavenly Father, to give You all the glory, honor, and praise. In the name of Jesus, I submit this prayer. Amen.

Sis. Bonnett Nash

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The First Sunday of Advent is

November 29, 2026,

and continues through December 24.

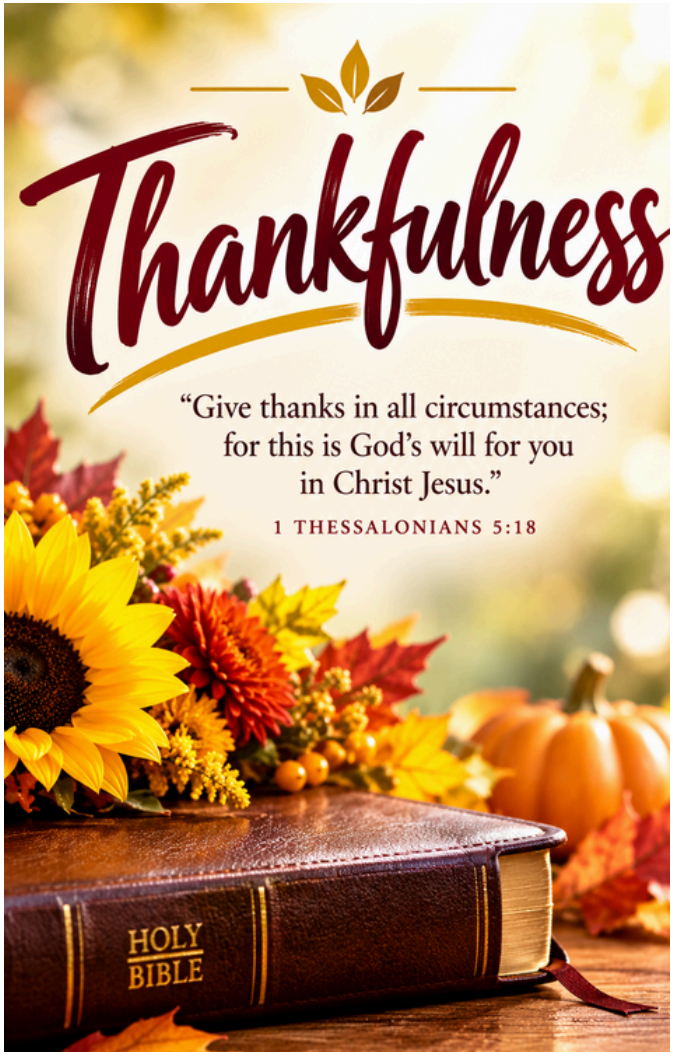
THANKFULNESS IN ALL SEASONS

GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS

What does thankfulness mean?

Is thankfulness just a polite response or is it much more? Is it *typically a reaction to an immediate, external circumstance—such as receiving help, avoiding a dangerous situation, or experiencing a stroke of luck* or is it much more in your life?

In the Bible, thanksgiving is a spiritual posture that changes one's heart and realigns one's perspective. *[Furthermore,] It is a way of remembering God's goodness, honoring His faithfulness, and trusting Him in every season. [Indeed,] thankfulness to God deepens our relationship with Him by shifting focus from personal wants to God's grace, sovereignty, and ongoing care.*



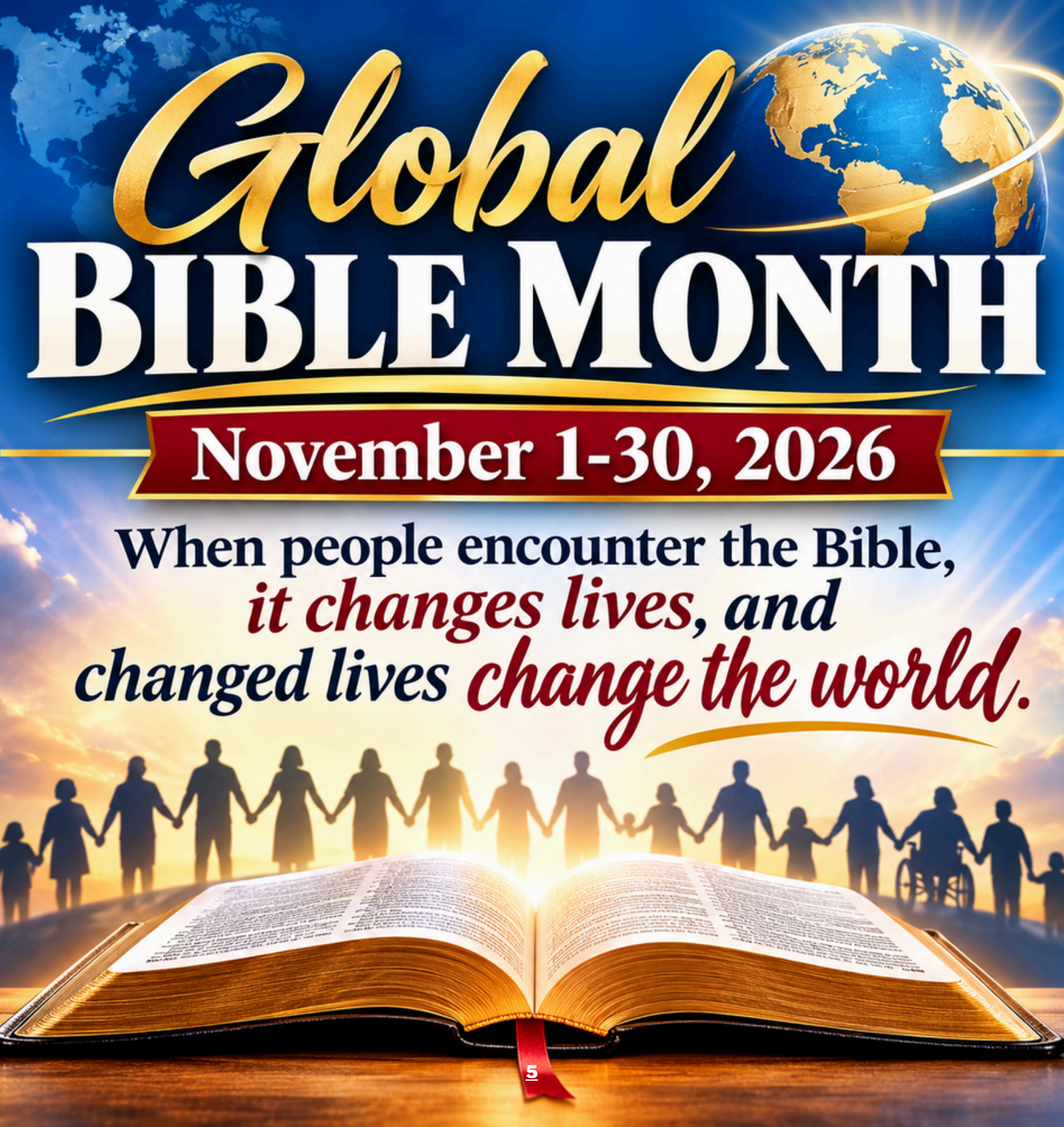
Sis. Julia M. Dinkins



We've all heard that physical activity is good for us. That's even more true if you have diabetes. Being active is one of the most powerful tools you can use to manage diabetes every day. By being active, you can–

- Lower your blood sugar.
- Lose inches and fat.
- Boost muscle strength and heart health.
- Lower your blood pressure and cholesterol.
- Help your body's insulin work better.
- Enhance your mood and feel less anxious.
- And even add years to your life.

Source: CDC's Diabetes KickStart Printable Handouts


Global
BIBLE MONTH
November 1-30, 2026
When people encounter the Bible,
it changes lives, and
changed lives change the world.

WBALD Convention 2026

Congratulations Ms. Skylar Powell

Overall Oratorical Winner

First Place: Little Miss Wateree







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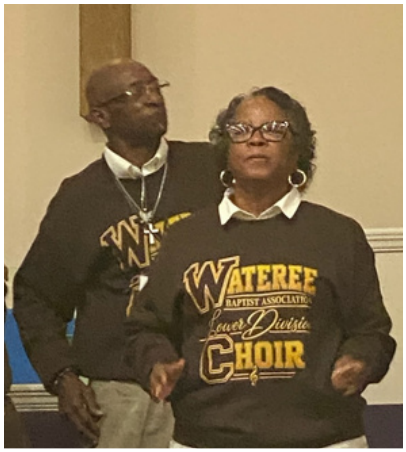








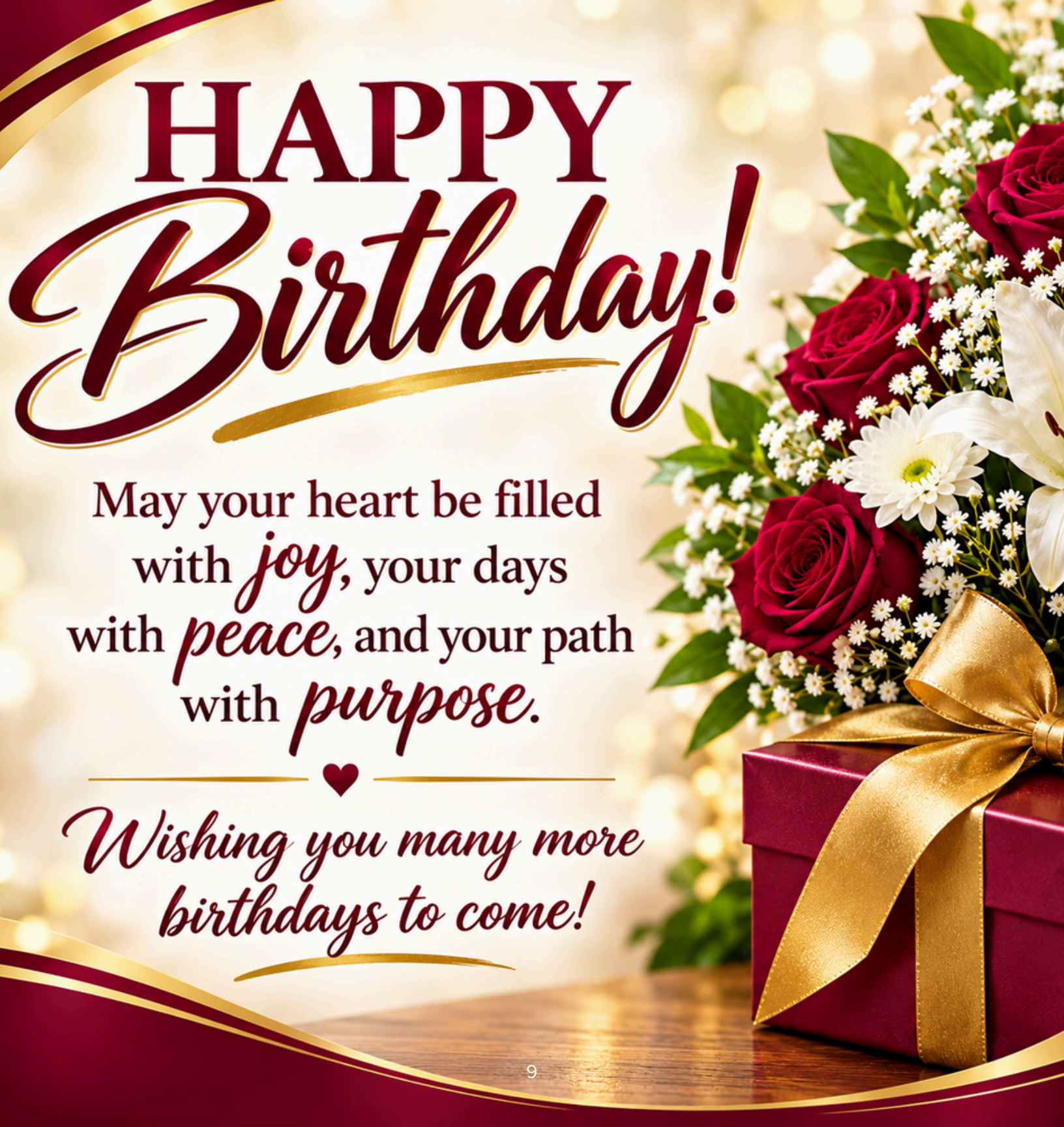
WBALD Convention 2026










HAPPY
Birthday!
May your heart be filled with joy, your days with peace, and your path with purpose.
Wishing you many more birthdays to come!

MONDAY'S PRAYER

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Lord, once again we come

before Your holy throne to give You the praise, glory, and honor You deserve.

Lord, we look to You for all our grace and mercy; we know all our help comes from the only living God. Thank You, Lord, for Your everlasting presence in our lives.

Lord, I thank you for that unconditional love, joy, peace, and happiness that have been available to all mankind from the beginning of time till this present hour.

Lord, when we fall, You pick us up, dust us off, and forgive us of our sins and shame; then, oh Lord, our misgivings are thrown into the sea of forgetfulness and will not rise again. Thank You, Lord, for forgiveness that is unconditional.

Lord, there are children of God all over the land that are in need. Lord, go with the sick, the shut-in, the isolated, the lost, the abused, and those experiencing other injustices. Lift them, Lord, to higher heights as only You can.

Now, Lord, as we travel through this land, I thank you for discernment. John 10:27–28 tells us of a promise that gives us hope for our tomorrows as we look to the hills from whence cometh all our help: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

Thank You, Lord. In the holy name of Jesus Christ, let all God's people say, AMEN.

Deacon Wallace E. Dinkins

**Italics added.*


VETERANS DAY
2026
Honoring all who served.
Thank you for your courage, sacrifice,
and unwavering commitment to our country.
WE SALUTE YOU

Trunk or Treat 2026













Meetings and Rehearsals

Morning Prayer
Monday–Friday, 6:30am
Deacon Ministry
Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm
Brotherhood
2nd Saturday, 9am
Inspirational Choir
Wednesday, 6pm
Tuesday Bible Study
6pm, via Zoom & Conference Call
Ministers & Deacons Spouses Ministry
3rd Saturday, 12pm
Pastor's Aide Ministry
2nd Saturday, 11am
Senior Missionary Ministry
2nd Saturday, 12pm
Scriptural Presentations
Thursday, 6pm
Young Women's Auxiliary
1st Saturday, 10am
Trustee Ministry
2nd Wednesday, 6pm
Winter Months, TBA
Public Relations Ministry
1st Tuesday, 7pm, Zoom

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