

November 2017



PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
750 PEAR ORCHARD ROAD
RIDGELAND, MS 39157

Pear Orchard News

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

GOOD NEWS! GREAT JOY!

National Collection Week: November 13-20, 2017

For years, POPC has partnered with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (OCC) ministry to share the light and hope of the gospel to some of the darkest places on earth. Since 1993, OCC has hand delivered over 146 million shoeboxes to hurting children in over 100 countries. Shoeboxes filled with simple toys, personal care items, school supplies, and handwritten notes of encouragement are distributed by volunteers partnering with local churches all over the world. Each box is a gospel opportunity! Children who receive shoeboxes are invited to participate in a 12 week discipleship program called The Greatest Journey, which has been now translated into over 60 languages.

Pear Orchard again has the privilege of serving as a Central Drop-Off location for Central Mississippi. Over 45,000 shoeboxes are expected to be collected in Central MS during National Collection Week, November 13-20.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PRAY

No ministry is possible without the fervent prayers of all involved- for the collection, processing, and delivery of the Gospel Opportunity boxes around the world and for the children and families receiving them. Pray that they will come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus and Christ and be able to share that same love with others.

PREPARE

Help enlist families, schools, other churches, scout troops, neighborhoods, community groups and businesses to take part in creating many shoebox gifts for needy children all over the world.

PACK

Pack a shoebox! Don't forget to include your donation of \$9 to cover the costs of shipping, distribution and training. Give online through Follow Your Box to discover the destination of your shoebox. Step-bystep packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org.

PROCESS

Many volunteers are needed at POPC during National Collection Week. Sign up to help pack shoeboxes into cartons, greet people as they drop off boxes, and pray with over the boxes received. Children over 10 are welcome. If you or your family are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Jenny Murphy at 601-906-9776 or jmurphy61@yahoo.com

LADIES MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR NOVEMBER:

Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. They will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring a sack lunch. *Tabitha* Circle will meet Tuesday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Mary Frances Smith (104 Sandalwood Dr., Madison; 898-3523). *Ruth* Circle will meet Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Micki Smith (724 Woodgate Dr., Madison; 672-2513). Contact Amy Hatchett (832-4041) for directions.

Special points of interest:

- 11/7 - 9:00 a.m. - *Lydia* Circle - parlor (pack shoeboxes)
- 11/11 - 2:00 p. m. - Bridal Shower for Laurie Alvis
- 11/13 - 5:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 11/14 - 10:00 a.m. - *Tabitha* Circle - home of Mary Frances Smith
- 11/14 - 6:30 p.m. - *Ruth* Circle - home of Micki Smith
- 11/13-20 - Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week
- 11/20 - 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 11/23 - Thanksgiving Day
- 11/23-24 - Church offices closed due to Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER USHERS

EARLY

Mark Franklin (H)

Robin Harrigill

Michael Johnson

Brent McCullouch

Blake Morris

Jonathan Werne

NOVEMBER USHERS

LATE

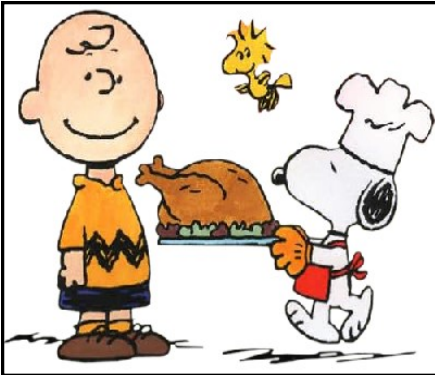
Wilson Van Hooser

Dick Hutchinson

Will Lurate

Justin Matheny

Jack Wilson (H)



POPC'S SONBEAMS

MINISTRY is offering a *Sonbeams Night Out* for parents of special needs children and their siblings, as well as adults with special needs, on Friday, November 3 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please call Nancy Hulsey at 601-898-0668 if you would like to volunteer to help with this wonderful ministry.

9/30 Financial Highlights

Through September, actual general fund contributions were \$33,578 more than budgeted general fund contributions. Actual total expenses were \$5,080 less than budgeted total expenses, and actual net loss was \$38,168 less than the budgeted net loss. Here are the details:

	Nine Months Ended 9/30/17		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Contributions	1,093,785	1,060,207	33,578
Reimbursement from CCS	183,687	183,687	0
Reimbursement from Missions	18,000	17,997	3
Other	1,907	2,400	(493)
Total Revenues	1,297,379	1,264,291	33,088
Staff Expense	742,469	771,806	(29,337)
General Expense	76,840	87,599	(10,759)
Building Expense	395,276	353,821	41,455
Ministries Expense	53,583	63,379	(9,796)
Benevolence Expense	124,379	121,022	3,357
Total Expenses	1,392,547	1,397,627	(5,080)
Net Income (Loss)	(95,168)	(133,336)	38,168
Sanctuary Bldg Fund Receipts	137,950		
Education Bldg Loan Payable	574,296		
Sanctuary Renovation Loan Payable	33,300		
Reserve Fund Balance	96,711		
Reserve Fund Requirement	159,239		
Reserve Fund Excess (Deficit)	(62,528)		

Give Thanks and Sing!

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
And your faithfulness by night. Psalm 92:1-2

I will sing to the Lord
Because He has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:6

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever! Psalm 30:11-12

POPC YOUTH

FALL RETREAT: Our youth Fall Retreat is November 3-5 at Central Hills Baptist Retreat Center. Please be in prayer for our speaker Rev. Claude McRoberts and the hearts of the 80 students and chaperones that will hear the Word multiple times throughout the weekend. Our chaperones for the weekend are Wilson Van Hooser, Molly Dawkins, Scott Miller, Abbey McRoberts, Grace Van Hooser, Tim Barnes, Ford Franklin, Nicole Franklin, and John Wiggins.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY: All 7th-12th graders are invited to our annual youth Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 6. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Building from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for pancakes and hot chocolate. Wear your PJ's and bring a \$5, wrapped gift for the White Elephant exchange. There is a \$5 fee at the door for food.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Make sure you bring supplies and are ready to pack a box on Wednesday, November 15. We will use the whole night to learn about OCC, pack boxes, pray, and write letters to the children. Bring everything you need to pack your own box!

PARENT SHEPHERDING: In the future, the youth committee and youth staff will be reaching out to each set of parents once a month to come alongside you, pray, and help you in any way we can.

November Shazam

Nov. 5 - canceled due to Fall Retreat

Nov. 12 - Bob and Parke Fowler

Nov. 19 - Youth Staff

November Vittles

Nov. 5 - canceled due to Fall Retreat

Nov. 12 - Will and Krisan White

Nov. 19 - Youth Staff

SHOWERS IN THE FORECAST!

There will be a bridal shower for Laurie Alvis, on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria. Laurie is registered at Target, Pottery Barn, Anthropology, and Bed Bath & Beyond. On Saturday, December 16, there will be a bridal shower for Haley Britt, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria. Haley is registered at Persnickety, Belk, Amazon, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Thanks from CCS!

Thank you for your support of Christ Covenant School and another successful Fall Into Fun event. October was a fun-filled month on campus. We hosted a Lunch With Lane event which resulted in funding being raised for a permanently mounted gym projector. Two former CCS students were selected as National Merit Semifinalists including POPC member, **Aidan Creel**. Our MS volleyball and football teams concluded the season with winning records. Our Girls Cross Country Team finished as the High School 1A State Champions for the 3rd year in a row and the Boys Cross Country Team finished a strong second! POPC members, **Julia Stradinger** (1st) and **Nathan Werne** (6th), were selected as All-State runners. Preschool students hosted Fall on the Farm and Kindergarten students honored their fathers during Donuts with Dads. Lower school students traveled to Timber Creek, Boyd-Nichols Pumpkin Patch, and the MS Museum of Natural Science for class field trips. Middle School students hosted a CCS Talent Show.

REASON TO SERVE IN THE CHURCH NURSERY

The church nursery is one of the first contacts young families have with our church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

November 5

Todd & Beth Perkins	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Price Perkins	8:15	2's helper
Mark & Elizabeth Franklin	8:15	4 yrs
Laura Ann Kelley	8:15	Infants
Mary Grace Kelley	8:15	Crawlers
Andrew Beard	8:15	Toddlers
Lanelle Fincher	9:50	Infants
Molly Dawkins	9:50	Crawlers
Duke Kimbrough	9:50	Toddlers
Cindy Fox	10:45	Infants
Anna Grace Randall	10:45	Crawlers
Anne Clark Harvey	10:45	Toddlers
John & Margaret Harvey	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Jack Harvey	10:45	2's helper
Paul & Cyndi Randall	10:45	4 yrs

November 12

Ben & Estelle Sones	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Brinkley Boswell	8:15	2's helper
Bob & Parke Fowler	8:15	4 yrs
Suzanne Eady	8:15	Infants
Maggie Boswell	8:15	Crawlers
Mike Eady	8:15	Toddlers
Laura Boswell	9:50	Infants
Joy Brewer	9:50	Crawlers
Peter Boswell	9:50	Toddlers
Jeanne Russ	10:45	Infants
Laura Cangelosi	10:45	Crawlers
Rod Russ	10:45	Toddlers
Michael & Betsy Denny	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Miles Denny	10:45	2's helper
Parker & Whitney Reece	10:45	4 yrs

November 19

Kap & Rachel Primos	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Sophia Primos	8:15	2's helper
John & Doreen Slater	8:15	4 yrs
Mary Frances Smith	8:15	Infants
Kathryn Kwasny	8:15	Crawlers

Walt Lucas	8:15	Toddlers
Debbie Barnes	9:50	Infants
Janet Shearer	9:50	Crawlers
Neil Barnes	9:50	Toddlers
Lela Carter	10:45	Infants
Rebecca Franklin	10:45	Crawlers
Alan Carter	10:45	Toddlers
Madison & Liz Taylor	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Parker Ryan	10:45	2's helper
John & Susan Ryan	10:45	4 yrs

November 26

Greg & Angie Smith	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Noah Smith	8:15	2's helper
Jay & Chasity Thames	8:15	4 yrs
Jo Hubbard	8:15	Infants
Emma Smith	8:15	Crawlers
Nora Beth Smith	8:15	Toddlers
Claire Winchester	9:50	Infants
Kelli Ricchetti	9:50	Crawlers
Seth Winchester	9:50	Toddlers
Stacy Maris	10:45	Infants
Rebecca Reese	10:45	Crawlers
Ryan Ricchetti	10:45	Toddlers
Justin & Chelsea Aldred	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Kaylee Ricchetti	10:45	2's helper
Everett & Jennifer White	10:45	4 yrs

DON'T FORGET!

Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 4.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lou Heaney	11/3	Fletcher Hood	11/20
Laura McMaster	11/3	Caleb Randall	11/20
Thomas Werne	11/3	Ezra Cangelosi	11/20
Andrew Fehrenbacher	11/4	Jamie Austin	11/22
Wilson Dallas	11/5	Bethany Austin	11/22
Wilson Eatherly	11/5	Barry Biggers	11/22
Phil Wilson	11/6	Jo Hubbard	11/23
Lyn Utley	11/6	Abigail Austin	11/23
Kevin Wright	11/7	Sara Fox	11/23
Mattie Walker	11/7	Jeff Gamblin	11/23
Angie Autrey	11/7	Emily Wright	11/25
Bryant Boswell	11/8	Ken Haynes	11/26
Cindy Cochran	11/8	Jenny Atkins	11/27
Gia Browne	11/8	Ann Shipley	11/27
Katie Files	11/9	Ronald Trauttsch	11/27
Bill Creel	11/9	Aiden Richardson	11/28
Holmes Maley	11/9	Margaret Sprow	11/28
Mary Kate Shearer	11/9	Todd ZumMallen	11/28
Julia Stradinger	11/10	Caroline Clark	11/29
Sophia Primos	11/11	Paul Randall	11/29
Bob Fowler	11/11	Mary Tristan Walker	11/30
Grace Van Hooser	11/12		
Will Phillip Wilson	11/12		
Rowland Primos	11/13		
Walter Denny, Jr.	11/14		
Lanny Glover	11/14		
Phil Ethridge	11/16		
Boyd McCullouch	11/16		
Cassidy ZumMallen	11/16		
Katie Stewart	11/16		
Tammy ZumMallen	11/17		
Andrew Payne	11/18		
Jay Kimbrough	11/19		
Nina Waltzer	11/20		
Elle Green	11/20		
Crystal Newquist	11/20		



*Comfort & Joy Christmas
 Celebration*

*Thursday, December 7
 6:30 ~ 8:00 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Bldg.
 ~ Invite a friend! ~*

ORPHAN CARE SUNDAY:

In honor of Orphan Care Sunday, November 12, Moses' Basket will collect donations for orphan transition homes in Ukraine. Michelle Maly, a POPC supported missionary, is involved with the building of these homes. When teens age out of orphanages in Ukraine, they have nowhere to go and many end up on the streets. These transition homes give the kids a place to live while discipling them spiritually and helping them learn life skills. Be on the lookout for collection buckets in Sunday school classes throughout the month of November and for a flyer with current orphan and foster needs in the state of Mississippi.