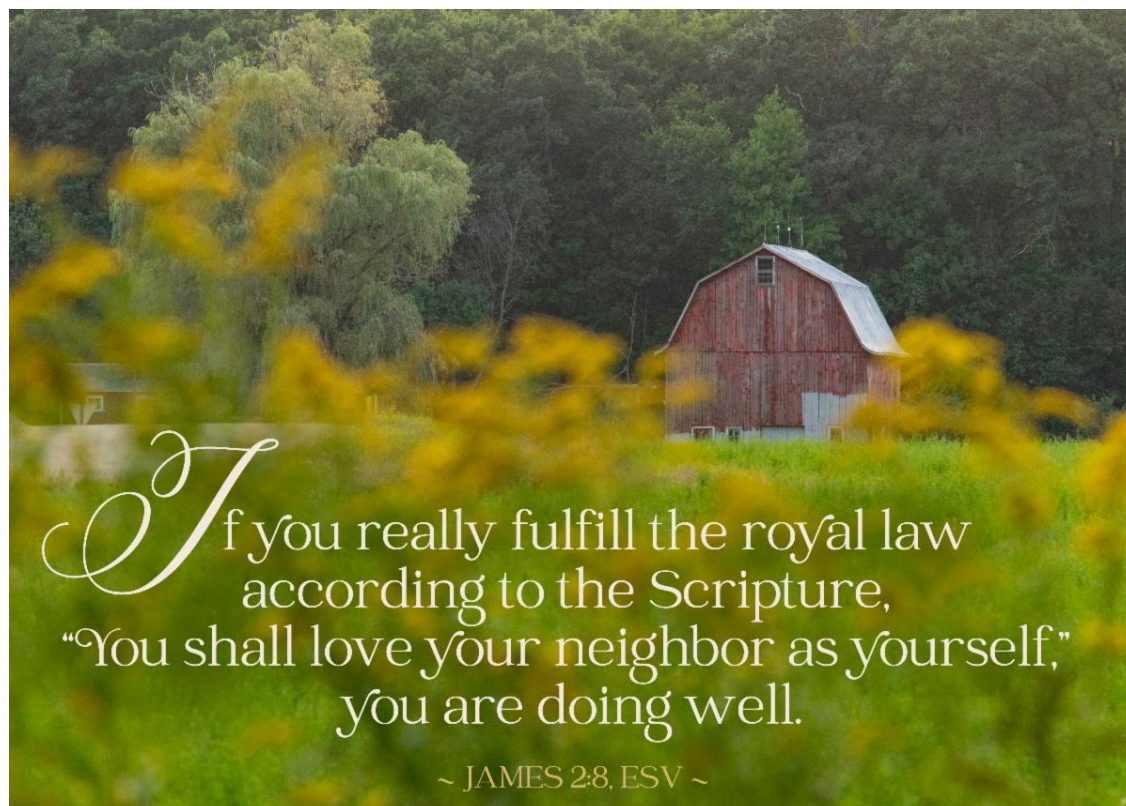




THE WEEKLY FIRST



This Sunday we will continue our study of the book of James. The passage on which the teaching is based on is James 1:25-2:13.

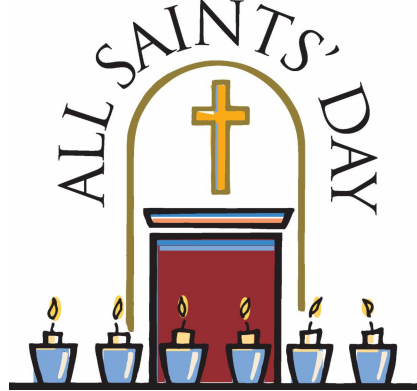
This Sunday is also a day in which many Protestant churches celebrate Reformation Day. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Thesis/Protests on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. These protests were surreptitiously printed into the German language and became a catalyst for a movement which eventually became widely known as the Protestant Reformation.

Luther, Calvin, and the other Reformers believed that the church of their day was drifting away from the essential and foundational truths of the Christian Faith. Guided by biblical convictions, the reformers sought to reorient Christianity on the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets with Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:19). The five “Solas” (Latin phrases) which gave unity and summarized the core theological convictions of the Protestant Reformation are as follows:

- Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
- Sola Fide (Faith Alone): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
- Sola Gratia (Grace Alone): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
- Solis Christus (Christ Alone): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God alone): We live for the glory of God alone.

[Martin Luther Bio](#)

Next Sunday, Nov. 2, we will commemorate All Saints Sunday. Our worship will include a time to remember those in our church family who passed away between



November 2024 and October 2025. If there is a name you believe should be included, please see Pastor Eddie or Michelle this Sunday!



The Building on the Cornerstone campaign is raising funds to make improvements to the exterior of the church property in the spring of 2026. Nearly \$106,000 has been contributed towards the goal of \$210,000! Thanks to all who have contributed already! If you wish to contribute, write a check to the church with “Cornerstone” on the memo line, or participate in the chili cookoff and dessert sale on November 2.



All are invited to attend the Chili Cookoff and Homemade Dessert Sale NEXT Sunday, November 2 after the worship service. This will be a time for fellowship as well as a fundraiser for the "Building on the Cornerstone"

campaign.

Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring any of the following items:

- 1) a crockpot of chili (can be any variety – mild, spicy, veg, etc.)
- 2) a homemade desert to sell (cake, pie, cookies, fudge, etc.)

Also please sign up if you can help with setup or cleanup.



[Sunday Bulletin](#) is Online!



Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.



Christmas Play Practice continues, as we prepare for our presentation on December 7!

Upcoming practices include:

Wed, Oct. 29 - 5-6pm in Sanctuary (Serve at Supper 6-7:30pm)
Wednesday, Nov 5 - 5:30-6pm in Sanctuary (Dinner at 5pm)
Wednesday, November 12 - 5-5:30pm in Sanctuary
Wednesday, November 19 - 6-7:30pm in Sanctuary (Dinner at 5:30pm)
Sunday, November 23 - 4:30-5:30pm in Sanctuary
Sunday, November 29 - 3-4:30pm in Sanctuary



Our Wednesday in Mission, October 29 from 6:00 - 7:30pm will be a Winter Clothing Giveaway and Soup Supper! You can help! Please donate new or gently used winter coats, gloves, toboggans, and clothing. Volunteers will also be needed to cook soup, serve, assist shoppers, and clean up. Youth will help serve the meal.

Place donations in the Linda's Closet bins outside the Fellowship Hall and sign up in the Narthex if you can serve with us!



on your trivia!

The JOY Group will meet again on Friday, October 31 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Heath Burchett will be sharing his ministry of "Watchman of the Streets" Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup, side or dessert. Brush up



The next Men's Fellowship Dinner will be held Thursday, November 6 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu will be steak or chicken, potato, salad and dessert for a suggested donation of \$15

Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday,

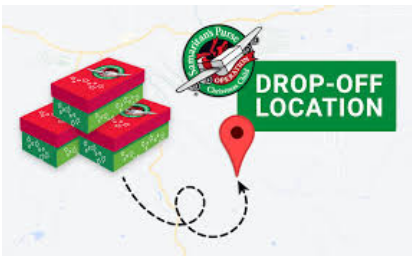
November 2nd.



Collection is ending for our 500 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes continues! We will soon pack 250 girls and 250 boys, ages 10-14. If you would still like to donate, you may give online or with an offering marked for “Shoeboxes”, by NEXT Sunday, Nov. 2nd!



It's time to pack our OCC shoeboxes! Wednesday nights in November will be dedicated to our packing efforts. All ages are invited to join in!
Wednesday, November 5; 6:00pm: OCC Craft Night
We'll finish our girls' hairbows and boys' tic tac toe sets.
Wednesday, November 12: OCC Packing Party
5:30pm - Pizza dinner (Donation basis) 6:00pm - Packing
Help us pack, pray for, and organize our OCC shoeboxes! We'll celebrate with dessert and hot cider after packing.



First Pres will once again serve as an OCC Shoebox Drop-Off Location from Monday, November 17 through Monday, November 24. Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, and help collect, count and cartonize their shoebox donations. Cartons will be

transported to Pitts Baptist Church on Monday, November 24 at 12pm.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, 11/17: 11am-1pm	Friday, 11/21: 10am-12pm
Tuesday, 11/18: 1pm-3pm	Saturday, 11/22: 10am-12pm
Wednesday, 11/19: 5pm-7pm	Sunday, 11/23: 1-4pm
Thursday, 11/20: 1pm-3pm	Monday, 11/24: 10am-12pm

Please sign up in the Narthex if you can help, or see Michelle Walker for more information!



Come see the next step in a shoebox's journey!

We have secured 30 volunteer spots at the OCC Warehouse in Charlotte to process shoebox donations. We will serve on Saturday, November 22 from 2pm-6pm. Meet at church at 1pm to carpool and join us for dinner immediately after. Volunteers must be

13 or over, and chaperones are required depending on the number of youth. **Sign up in the Narthex or see Michelle Walker for more information.**



Linda’s Closet is open the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 11:00am -1:00pm. Other Tuesdays are “work days”. See Trish Nixon if you can volunteer. Current needs:

- * Boys clothes, sizes 2-16
- * Men’s clothes
- *New underwear for all



Thank you for donating to the First Pres Blessing Fence! See Sam or Kay McAllister if you can help with current needs:

- *small cosmetic bags
- *feminine products
- *new/gently-used towels



The Missions Team is collecting “pull tabs” for the Charlotte-area Ronald McDonald House. Rinse the tabs (from sodas, soup/veg cans) and place them in the container in the Narthex.

Prayer Concerns

Help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates. Email the church or note on a prayer card & place in the offering plate.

Church Family

- Jean Bost - recovery from a fall
- Heath Culp - recovery from dental surgery
- Tony Rary - multiple myeloma treatments
- Carol Lowder - good report - treatments begin in November
- Walker Family - loss of Tommy Walker
- Judy Hunter - loss of friend, Barbara Coffey
- Chad Eudy - health concerns

Family & Friends of Church

- Sara Bailey Wooten's niece - recovery from injuries after accident
- Thomas “Bran” James (friend of Pam Hooks) - 10-yr-old with stomach cancer
- Zelda West (Trish Nixon’s granddaughter) - recovery from another surgery
- Jessica McDaniel stepdad - sepsis
- Rachel Duval (Sam McAllister’s granddaughter) - recovery from brain surgery
- Kim Stipe (Kay McAllister’s daughter) - recovery from surgery

Homebound

- Barbara Hancock - Home
- Loretta Young - Five Oaks

- Linda Bost - Best of Care

This Week @ FIRST PRES

Sunday, October 26

10 Cents A Meal

Reformation Sunday

9:30am - Morning Coffee

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service

7:00pm - *Wicked* Outing

Monday, October 27

2:00pm - Dorcas Circle in F Hall

Tuesday, October 28

11am -1:00pm - Linda’s Closet Workday

12:00pm - NA

3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen

Wednesday, October 29

3:30pm-6pm - Peek NexGen

5-6:00pm - Christmas Play Practice

6pm-7:30pm - Soup/Clothing Giveaway

6:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

10:30am - Ladies’ Bible Study

12:00pm - NA

3:30pm-6pm - Peek Nex Gen

Friday, October 31

12:00pm - JOY Group in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:30am - Morning Coffee

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship Service with Holy
Communion

12:00pm - “Building on the Cornerstone”
Chili Cookoff/Bake Sale

Servants

Elder Lock-Up: Jeff Barnhardt

Children’s Message This Week: Acting Out Drama Ministry

NO Children’s Message Next Week

Children’s Church This Week: Jenny Sparks

Children’s Church next week: Sue Maiocchi

Acolytes This Week: Oliver Townsend & Landon Walker

Acolytes Next Week: Caylin Lowder & Evie Sechler

Nursery: Jenny Sparks

Nursery Next Week: Sue Maiocchi

Ushers: Amy Hurst, Sam McAllister, Mal McDaniel, Tony Rary

Ushers Next week: Phil & Jill McLain, Phil Smith, Pam Hooks

Greeters: Raegan Swaringen & Renee Goodnight

Sue Maiocchi Phil McLain
Pastor Eddie Spencer, Moderator
Jeff Barnhardt, Session Clerk



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