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#### A Thanksgiving Prayer—by Garrison Keillor, author and radio host

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food, For every blessing, every good. For earthly sustenance and love Bestowed on us from heaven above. Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. Thy children bless and grant that we May feast in paradise with Thee.







May God bless you with a Happy Thanksgiving:

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#### **REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS**

Sunday 8:30a **WORSHIP** 9:30a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly—begins @, 9:30a on 11/1/15) ■ Bible Study/Sunday School 9:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship** 10:30a **Monthly** Last Sunday WORSHIP 6p 6-8p Youth Ministry Mtg. (wkly mtgs) 7:30p Deacons' Mtg. (last Sun of month) Monday 5:30p **Tuesday** 11a Worship Cmte Mtg. (4th Tues, monthly)

Wednesday Kids' Klub (for grades 2-6) 6:30-8p Prayer/Bible Stdy 6:30-8p

6th graders may now attend.

BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

**Thursday** 

10a **Choir Practice** 11a Ladies' Prayer Time

#### **Budget/Attendance Analysis**

Budget/General Fund Weekly Average as of 10/11/15 (41 wks): \$3,542.

Needed Weekly: \$3,437.

PTL! As of 10/11/15 we are over budget: **\$4,277**.

Audio/Visual Fund Received to date: **\$3,730**. Still Needed: \$665.

State Missions Offering

Received to date: \$629. GOAL: \$750.

Average morning worship attendance 9/20/15-10/11/15: 80.



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## **Pray that Operation Christmas Child** will bring hope, joy, and love

An eleven year old boy in Guvana needed a calculator for

school. but his family could not afford one. His father had died

when he was young leaving his mother, three sisters and two brothers. So the young boy started praying for a calculator. Soon after, he received a shoe box from Operation Christmas Child. The first item he saw when he opened his shoe box was the calculator he so urgently needed! He was very excited and exclaimed, "Lord, I thank you!"

As you prepare your shoe box(es) this year, we encourage you to pray for the child receiving your box. You never know what an impact it will make on that child.

Last year, our Mid-Atlantic region was the first region to collect over a million shoe boxes.

> Our goal this year is 1,123,456.

**Dedication Sunday** is November 15th. If at all possible, bring your shoe boxes in that day and join us in

offering our gifts to the Lord.

Please see the inset below for the dates and times our Relay Center will be operating.

You are welcomed to come and be a part of the process of receiving and packing the shoe boxes into shipping cartons.

We do ask you to pray that Operation Christmas Child will bring hope to the hopeless, joy to the sorrowful, and Christ's love to the lost—both the children who receive the shoe box gifts and to their families.

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Our Relay Center will be operating Monday, November 16— Monday, November 23. The hours are as follows:



Mon NOV 16—Sat NOV 21—10am-4pm Sun NOV 22—1-3pm Mon NOV 23—8am-10am

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** 

## **SQUANTO** experienced God's leading

Squanto, the Native American who helped the Pilgrims, has a background remarkably similar to that of Joseph in Genesis.

Years before the Pilgrims arrived in America, English traders kidnapped Squanto and other Native Americans and sold them as slaves in Spain. Incredibly, Squanto was bought by monks, who set him free and taught him about Jesus. Later Squanto sailed to England, hoping for passage to America. But he had to wait vears, so he worked as a stable hand and learned English. Finally able to travel home, he was devastated to find his tribe wiped out by smallpox.

A couple of years later, the Pilgrims came ashore, tired, sick and having lost many shipmates on the way. They encountered an Englishspeaking Native American, who shared his friendship and knowledge. Like Joseph going from his homeland to Egypt and from slave to experienced leader, Squanto experienced God's leading—even when the path was littered with misfortune.

Using Squanto, God saved a whole community. What some intended for harm, God turned into good, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving



Treetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Last month we told you about the community outreach we are planning. It is almost here. This week we are sending

out a very attractive postcard to every home in the North East zip code, 21901. Did you know there are 7.690 homes in our area?! That is about 25,000 people! The postcard introduces people to our church and invites them to join us for worship. We are also inviting the community to breakfast on Sunday, November 1, 9:30-10:15am.

On Saturday, October the 24th we are also going to go out into several

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neighborhoods around our church. We will knock on doors and invite people to come to our church and to trust Christ as their Savior. We have prepared "bags of blessings" for each household. Each bag will contain a Gospel of John, Billy Graham's booklet "Steps to Peace with God," and the postcard I told you about. We hope to prepare 300+ bags. Grant money (\$2,500) we received for Community Outreach from the "Strengthening Churches Funds" of the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network is funding this outreach project. In addition, if people are interested we will offer them two 9-volt batteries for their smoke alarms. Lowes is donating the batteries! We thought that this would be a nice gesture that shows people that we really care about them. Please pray for these endeavors, that they will reach many souls for Christ's kingdom.

In conjunction with this I will be preaching a 5 Sunday series on things you need to know about the future. The topics are:

- **1** Why is Israel so important?
- What is the Rapture?
- **3** Who is the Antichrist?
- When will these things happen?
- **5** Why is prophecy important.

It is our prayer that many visitors will be attracted to Jesus and hear the glorious good news of the

gospel. Maybe you can help out. We need lots of helping hands.

We will all meet at the church Saturday, October the 24th at 9:30am. After some brief instructions and prayer we will go out in teams of 2 or 3. We will meet back at the church for a sharing time and lunch at 12:30pm. If you can take part please let me know and let's begin to pray every day for this evangelistic endeavor.

Jesus told us to, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). What Christ commands us to do, He also empowers us to do, and He also will bless it.

Your fellow servant,

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf

**P.S.** Time changes on Sunday, November 1, 2015, "FALL" back 1 hour.

**P.P.S.** We're planning a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25 @ 6:30pm.



#### **Pray that Operation** Christmas Child . . .

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Also pray for the children participating in The Greatest Journey discipleship program to have a clear understanding of what it means to have a relationship with Christ as well as how to share what they have learned and experienced with others.

Nancy Hudler



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# NOVEMBER

Mon Tue Fri Sat Sun Wed Thu 10:30a TIME Go out into the highways and SBA Pastors'/ **CHANGES** hedges, and compel them Wives' "FALL" Back 1 hour Fellowship to come in . . . Conowingo 9:30a COMMUNITY Luke 14:23 Baptist **Breakfast** 10 12 13 11a Church COUNCIL, Dec/ Jan 17 19 20 16 18 21 **OCC Shoe Boxes** 10a-4p 10a-4p 10a-4p OCC Relay 10a-4p 10a-4p 10a-4p OCC **DEDICATION** OCC Relay OCC Relay Relay CTR OCC CTR CC Relay Relay Lamplighter CTR CTR articles deadline 23 24 25 26 27 28 6:30p THANKS-1-3p OCC Relay CTR 8a-**10a** 11a **THANKSGIVING GIVING** Worship OCC **EVE Service** Relay CMTE CTR 29 59th ANNIV of **First Baptist Church** 7:30p Deacons' Mtg See page 4 for regular services/events.



Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be

#### What you need: 🏽 🎢

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

#### What you do:

- 1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
- 2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
- 3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
- Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
- 5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



## birthdays

- Chelsea Logue
- Goldia Gregg Tommy Murray
- Alicia Callaghan Mark Gibson
- April Vance Rachel Cain

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Birthday

- Audrey (Beman) Hammond 11 Iva Lewis Sophia "Sue" Moore Esther Watson
- 12 Deb Davis
- 13 Dorothy Lundberg
- 14 Megan Burns Michael Jones

- 15 Melissa (Jackson) Marvel Cassandra Walsh
- 16 Delilah Keyes Brian Musser
- 17 Colby Brice 18 Cameron McCann
- 19 Jennifer Barker Connie Hamilton
- Anthony Taylor 20 Bobby Hilaman
- 21 Matthew Hamilton 23 Frances Cantler
- Kelly Ramsey 24 Joe Cain
  - Ethan Hokuf
- 25 Amy Hall Jason Whitmore

- 26 Logan Hokuf Morgan Naggie
  - Janet Hokuf Bowen Milburn
- 28 Ann Reeder

#### anniversaries

- John & Nancy (Carpenter) Carr David & Mary Beth Naggie (25th)
- 5 Kevin & Jennifer Barker
- 11 Albert & Emma Goad
- 22 Carl & Evelvn Moore
- 26 John Jr. & Manda Barber
- 27 Jim & Patricia Adkins (5th)

