

# ***Shore Lines***

## ***November 2024***



Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church and friends,

To bless and to bear, they are not the usual ways we articulate evangelism, but I find them helpful. They are biblical words, good words for the disposition of a Christian to the world around himself or herself. When I think of some of the wonderful ways Christians have shared the Gospel, I can be intimidated. "I am no Billy Graham," I think to myself.

### To Bless

To bless someone though sounds possible. When God called Abraham, God promised to bless him so that he could bless the world (Genesis 12:1-3). The promises to Abraham are ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the blessing to Abraham and to us. For those of us who trust in Jesus, we are invited to be blessed and to pass along the blessing of Christ. We can bless others with simplicity and kindness in seemingly ordinary ways with the extraordinary joy of the Gospel. I don't always feel like I can win a debate with a non-Christian, but I do regularly suspect that I can bless them with the compassion of Christ, the kindness of the Father, and the Spirit of Truth.

### To Bear

I feel like there's a real shot to bless the people I come across. Similarly, I feel like I can bear witness. I have heard Christians talk about "witnessing" to others. Often "witnessing" involves a brief presentation of the Gospel to strangers in public places. At least that was my experience of "witnessing." There is nothing wrong with that, but over the years, I have noticed Christians bearing witness in much more natural, organic ways. From my point of view, these organic moments of bearing witness had the hallmark of authenticity. Conversation passes between people, and one mentions prayer, church, or faith. There is no presentation or elevator pitch, just an honest openness about their love of Jesus. The challenge of bearing witness in this manner is that your faith must be real, tangible, and true.

To bless and to bear witness is simple, like the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-34). Love God, and love neighbors. Everything else will fall into place if we earnestly love.

I am not Billy Graham, and neither are you. That's okay. God did not call you or me to be Billy Graham. He called us to follow his Son, to love him, and to love others. Bless the world around you, and bear witness to the one through whom the world is blessed: Jesus Christ.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Dane

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."  
Martin Luther*

*Prayer is not about the words we say or how we say them, but about entering into a conversation with God and sharing our lives with him.*

*Following are 3 points that might aid you in starting the conversation:*

- 1. Relationships are built in the frequency of the conversations (don't limit your prayers to Sundays or bedtime).*
- 2. Good conversation is always two-sided (be sure to invite Jesus into the discussions).*
- 3. Listening is perhaps the most important part of conversation (we need to believe in prayer, that God is listening to us, that we should stop and listen for Him, and that He will engage with us in the conversation). \**

### **Please join us for small group prayer gatherings:**

- First Saturday prayer gathering: **Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.** (topics are counting our blessings and focusing on Christ at Christmas) (We plan to return to praying for the unsaved and unchurched in Jan. 2025)

-CCPC Prayer List: **Thursday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.** (praying for the needs of the church and the kingdom of God)

-Drive Thru Prayer at CCPC is **Friday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30-Noon.**

**If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email [prayer@calabash.church](mailto:prayer@calabash.church).**

Grace and peace,  
Prayer Ministry Team

\* adapted from article by Prayer & Possibilities

This month we recognize past and present **VOLUNTEERS** of the **MISSIONAL MINISTRY TEAM.**

Lead by Elder Sue Brandon, the missional ministry team introduces and integrates missional ministry and missional living by answering God's call in proclaiming the gospel and seeks to build relationships with our mission partners and our neighbors. Seeking to develop personal relationships between covenant partners and our mission partners, both locally and globally. As mission partners we sustain a relationship involving personal investment by each covenant partner through prayer, communication, invested time, or volunteerism.

If you would like to serve on the Missional Ministry Team, please see Elder Sue Brandon

## Please check out our Sunday School courses!

### FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the Calabash & Sunset Beach Trunk or Treats! Lots of children were seen all dressed up in their costumes and put smiles on the faces of our volunteers. Our volunteers dressed up, passed out candy, dog treats and CCPC information cards to all who participated. We pray that God will nudge some of those people to try CCPC so we can show them God's love.

Coming up, we have the **Calabash Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade on Friday, December 6th**. We are in need of Covenant Partners to walk the short parade route, handing out candy canes and CCPC information cards. You'll be hearing more about this in the future.

**Our Christmas Dinner and very short congregational meeting will be on Saturday, December 14th at 4:30 pm**. More information will be forthcoming. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Decima

### ART IN WORSHIP

“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor,  
summer an oil painting  
and autumn a mosaic of them all.”  
—Stanley Horowitz

Explore your creative side! Join us for Art in Worship where we join together in prayer, listen to hymns or scripture and paint. **We meet in Classroom 3 every first and third Thursday of the month, 10:00am-noon**. This month we will meet November 7 and November 21. Questions? Please contact Karen Scheboth, [schebopk@yahoo.com](mailto:schebopk@yahoo.com).

### CCPC T-SHIRTS

Many of you noticed and liked the T-shirts that our Brazilian brothers and sisters wore on their last Sunday here. We are happy to let you know they are available for purchase.

A sample shirt and the sign-up sheet are in the church office. Sizes available are adult Small through 3X. The material is soft, and cost is \$20.00.

We will place an order in mid-November.

## IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER IN MY LIFE

As a very young child I remember my twin sister and I being taught to pray together. We prayed before meals thanking God for the nourishment of our food. Praying at night, kneeling beside our beds saying the child's prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep". This was a special time for us because mother was always a part of our prayer time, and she would have us pray for the safety of our father and his buddies who were serving in the Navy during World War II. Prayer was an important part of our life growing up.

The Apostle Paul says to "Pray without Ceasing". Prayer is simply a conversation with God. It is opening your heart to him and sharing what matters. Time spent with God changes us. It helps us to see the big picture. It reminds us we aren't alone. It affirms that we are loved. His door is always open. Nothing is too large or too small to take to God. When I became a young bride and mother, I soon learned I needed more and more help from God. I wanted my children to grow up knowing God and knowing to open their hearts to Him. Thanks to prayer and Gods help my husband and I were able to be a part of the Christian Youth groups that my children participated in. We all learned together the love that God has for us and what a forgiving God he is.

**Proverbs 16: verse 3** tells us, commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed". What troubles you today? What faces you that stresses you out. Turn them over to Him in prayer saying simply "**God, I need you**" and trust Him for results. God is always with us, especially when things look the bleakest.

I have served as a care giver twice in my lifetime. First with my son who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident at 21 years old. He was in a coma for 4 months; I sat with him daily praying that God would awaken him. The morning he opened his eyes he was diagnosed with severe brain damage. Too often we fail to see the answer to our prayers because it was not the way we wanted it to be. I remember Garth Brooks song "**Unanswered prayer**". "Words from the chorus reminds us to "remember when you're talking to the man upstairs, just because he doesn't answer the way we hoped, that doesn't mean he doesn't care." I know He answered our prayers now because we still have him, and he is now 66 years old. I also cared for my husband for several years and God took him home peacefully. I could never have taken care of them without God by my side to pray with and seeing that I had the good health and strength to care for them. Prayer is an important part of my life, and I am so thankful that my mother and father gave me the foundation of a Christian home. It was not always easy, but God was there to hear my prayers!

Bonnie Lee



## **LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

### **Brunswick Family Assistance**

Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), a private nonprofit (501)(c)(3), is one of CCPC's longtime mission partners. The mission of BFA is to improve the lives of families and individuals in crisis in Brunswick County, who are willing to help themselves. By providing emergency assistance and educational and skills development programs. BFA is dedicated to aiding the unemployed, the working poor, the elderly, the homeless, and the disabled by providing a wide range of coordinated programs and services - food, housing assistance, housing assistance and emergency shelter, financial assistance for heating, utilities, prescriptions, and transportation. Brunswick Family Assistance provides emergency assistance to large numbers of our neighbors in need. BFA touches the lives of approximately 37% of our Brunswick County neighbors. Please pray for the clients, the dedicated staff, the many volunteers and the generous donors who support BFA, and continue to strive to reach the goal of making our community a better place to live.

## **GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT**

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the good news of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child is not intended as a solution for meeting physical needs, but rather a strategy for the local church to meet spiritual needs of children in their communities. The unexpected gift delights and sparks hope in the life of a child as they hear of Jesus' love for them. CCPC will be distributing preprinted shoeboxes on October 27, and November 3. Please include a check for \$10.00 made out to Samaritan's Purse to cover postage and handling. You can also pay the \$10.00 online and choose to follow your box and find out the country your box will be delivered with the message of Christ's love. If you are unable to fill a shoebox but still want to participate in this mission project, you may write a check to CCPC with Operation Christmas Child on the subject line and someone will do the shopping for you. Filled shoeboxes will be collected on November 3, 10 and 17, 2024. Thank you for your support.



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**NOVEMBER**

Dottie Spencer	10
Luke King	10
Sue Brandon	11
Barbara Bradham	12
Sterling Page	14
Tom Smith	14
Fran Thomas	17
Mona Rolison	17
Susan Strengberg	20
Frank DiFrango	21
Richard Burkett	21
Wendy Weber	21
Gene McKelvey	28
Lee Kalish	28
Bob Scheboth	28
Connie Ramsey	28
John Manning	29
Karen Toutant	29
Cheryl Hearn	30

**NOVEMBER**

Mark & Debbie Ryan	16
Robi & Sally Robichaud	29

**Long Term Prayer Requests**

Julie Adams, Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Sandy Brinegar, Rick Ellwanger, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, Diane Hahn, George Habel, Al Hertzog, Inge Hickson, Pat Huie, Maryann Krieger, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Keith Rosdahl, Betty Schillinger, Gary Sessi, Dan Stinnett, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber



# “NOVEMBER” THANKFULNESS

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| Day 1: 1 Thessalonians 5:18  | Day 17: Psalm 95:2            |
| Day 2: Ephesians 5:18-21     | Day 18: Revelation 7:11-12    |
| Day 3: Hebrews 12:28-29      | Day 19: Psalm 136:1-3         |
| Day 4: Philippians 4:6       | Day 20: Psalm 136:4-9         |
| Day 5: Psalm 89:1-2          | Day 21: Psalm 136:10-22       |
| Day 6: 1 Chronicles 16:23-26 | Day 22: Psalm 136:23-26       |
| Day 7: Colossians 3:15-17    | Day 23: Psalm 92:1            |
| Day 8: Colossians 4:2        | Day 24: Revelation 11:17      |
| Day 9: Psalm 28:7            | Day 25: 1 Timothy 4:4-5       |
| Day 10: Psalm 100:1-5        | Day 26: 1 Timothy 2:1-4       |
| Day 11: Psalm 116:17         | Day 27: 1 Timothy 1:12-15     |
| Day 12: 1 Corinthians 15:57  | Day 28: Psalm 107:15          |
| Day 13: Romans 14:5-6        | Day 29: 2 Corinthians 2:14-15 |
| Day 14: Psalm 69:30          | Day 30: Psalm 98:1            |
| Day 15: Psalm 50:14          |                               |
| Day 16: 2 Corinthians 9:15   |                               |
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# November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	<b>28</b> 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	<b>29</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm – Bible Study	<b>31</b> 10:00 am – Card Ministry 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am – prayer gathering
<b>3</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study 6:00 pm – The Chosen	<b>4</b> 9:30 am – Fellowship meeting 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>6</b> 12:00 pm – Assimilation 6:00 pm – Bible study	<b>7</b> 10:00 am – Art & Worship 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation	<b>8</b> 10:30 am – Prayer Ministry	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study 3:00 pm – Lydia circle	<b>11</b> 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	<b>12</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 10:00 am – Worship meeting 1:00 pm - Discipleship 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm – Deacon 2:15 pm – Tech 4:00 pm – Mission	<b>14</b> 9:30 am – Dorcas circle 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	<b>15</b> 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Food Pantry Collection</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study	<b>18</b> 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study 12:00 pm - Chatters	<b>19</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 am – Art & Worship 10:30 am – prayer gathering 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir	<b>22</b> 10:00 am – Random readers	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study	<b>25</b> 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	<b>26</b> 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Session**

Beth Decima, Don Mazingo, Pat Robison, Karen Toutant  
Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson  
George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett

**The Diaconate**

Barbara Poe, Mark Ryan, Barbara Volinic  
Judy Buschmeier, Don Decima, Donna Lee,  
Ray Beadnell, Jerry Coffey, Bonnie Lee

**CLP-1s**

Karen Scheboth  
Peg Stinnett  
Gloria Wimmer

**CLP-2**

Annelle Waldron (Leader, Whiteville Community)

**Group Leaders** Presbyterian Women – Debbie Ryan  
Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

**Staff****Pastor – Dane Deatherage**

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