



# Happy Thanksgiving

November 2018

- November 4th Diaper Shower for Shelby Porter
- November 6th Election Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale 8AM—1PM
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Joyful Sound AM Service
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:30
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Camo Men's Ministry Night 7 PM
- November 25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day

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Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.; Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Services - 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

*A Bible Believing, Christ Centered, Mission Minded, Friendly Fellowship*

**“To be light by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and to be salt by standing against evil”**

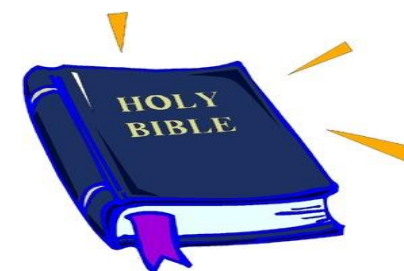
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*Psalm 7:17*

*I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.*

*Psalm 69:30*

*I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving.*





A Word from Our Pastor

## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

### **Greetings in the name of The Lord.**

Many things have been happening, are happening, and will continue to happen here at El Bethel as we close out the 2018 calendar year. The Children and Youth have been busy and the Jolly Seniors have as well. We met our Janie Chapman Offering goal and are now working toward our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Joyful Sound will be with us on the morning of November 18 and we will have our Annual Thanksgiving service that night.

I'm excited about our Men's Ministry event of November 19, our CAMO night, which stands for Calling All Men Out. We are in the world, but we do not need to be of the world. God is looking for Christian men (and women) who will stand boldly for Him. As we think of America, this week we have the privilege to vote and we also celebrate our veterans who gave us the freedom that we enjoy. May we never forget the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve in our Military. As we head into the Holiday Season, may we remember that every good gift comes down from the Father and the greatest gift is the gift of His Son; because God does not want any to perish.

In closing, let me once again thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and other acts of kindness shown to my family and me during Dawn's recent medical trials. We appreciate you and all that you have done to help us and to encourage us during this difficult time. May God richly bless all of you.

*Yours in Christ,*  
Joe

## MUSIC NOTES



El Bethel Family,

I'd like to say, "Thank you," once again for your warm reception into El Bethel's church family. My family and I have thoroughly enjoyed worshipping with you. If you asked any of the choir members, I'm sure they'd tell you we have been working hard, but having fun doing it. I hope the time and effort the choir has put in shows, and that you're enjoying the music and worship services! And speaking of services, Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching. As you know, those are times when the church and choir present special programs to the congregation and community. I would love to have the choir full and overflowing! If you used to sing in the choir, it's time to come back – we need your help. If you've ever thought about joining the choir, there's no better time than now – we need your help. If you're young or young-at-heart, child, youth, or adult, there's a place for you in the choir. There is always an open invitation. Please prayerfully consider adding your talents, and let's make beautiful music for the Lord! May God bless you mightily, and I hope you have a great week! Love you all. David

## JOLLY SENIORS NEWS

The Thanksgiving Season is a time we spend with our loved ones giving thanks for the blessings we are given, I Chronicles 16:34 says, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever." Our Jolly seniors are a blessing to El Bethel and to Butch and me. Thank you for your dedication through the years.

We are thankful for our recent trip to Pigeon Forge; we had a great time of fellowship. The Jolly Seniors will enjoy our Thanksgiving Meal with the Church Family, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Butch and Kathy

## TRANSFORMED STUDENT MINISTRY

Hey Church family,

I hope you had a great October! I love this time of the year when the weather becomes a little cooler and you can just feel a change in the air. We are blessed that we get to experience the different seasons here in South Carolina and experience them in a way that makes them enjoyable.

We had a great time taking the preschoolers and children to the pumpkin patch this year. A huge shout out to all those who helped with that activity. We had a good turnout, and we had a great time. Also, I want to thank everyone who donated candy to the Fall Festival and for those who helped in the festival and the chili cook-off.

As we look forward to November, I am excited about the youth trip to Denver Downs. We normally have a good time there, and their corn maze was voted the second best in America. The corn maze is over 10 acres, so hopefully we don't lose anyone!

When I think about November I cannot help but to automatically think about Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for, and one of the most important if not the most important is

our Salvation that was bought with a price from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but given to us freely. I hope we will all be thankful for the love our Heavenly Father had and has for all of us. I hope you are able to share some of His love with others this month, and I hope you will praise Him for all He has done for you. I know I certainly will, and I hope I can thank Him every day! Another thing I am thankful for is a wonderful church family at El Bethel and a great staff to work with. I hope you have a great November!

*I Love you all!*

Rylan Johnson

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

We will be having a 'Thanksgiving Bake Sale' here at the church on Saturday, 11/17, from 8AM-1:00PM. Donations are needed from our wonderful cooks at El Bethel, **(LADIES & MEN).**

El Bethel has been blessed to have some of the best cooks in Greer, and we hate to see this talent go to waste. All desserts are needed, but we had specific requests for MORE CAKES. Pies and cookies were very popular also at our sale on 10/20, but ran out of cakes. Since many families will have guests for the holidays, we were asked to have another sale to help with Thanksgiving meals. We have a signup sheet available. If anyone has a request for a specific cake we will have a sheet for this also. Monies raised from this event will be used for continuing ministries here at El Bethel. Thanks again to all involved in our Craft/Bake Sale on 10/20. We raised the entire amount needed to cover shipping/postage for at least 125 shoeboxes, with an additional amount also going to our church ministries.

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