

Ministry Updates

What our ministries have been up to this fall.

Little Blessings PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL AGE

September was a busy month at Little Blessings! We started our month out with our Annual Teddy Bear Parade. It was a little too warm to walk around outside so we went to the Fellowship Hall instead. There were people working on the new screen there and I'm not sure what they thought of a bunch of kids marching around with stuffed animals, but we had fun and that's what matters. The hero of the day was Ms. Sherry! She ended up with a pile of plushies from little ones that could no longer carry their own.

The NOW program started and our School Age kids are excited that Ms. Carla has taken over. She is doing a great job and I'm so thankful that I still get to volunteer. There are kids that began coming to NOW in kindergarten (when I started the NOW program back up) and this is their last year with NOW because they head off to middle school next year. What a gift it has been to see them grow and develop that relationship with Jesus!



An armful of plushies at the Teddy Bear Parade.



Chapel began for our 4-year-old preschool kids and it's going well. Ms. Amy does it most weeks, but Pastor Kyle and Pastor Lynn will also be leading chapel on occasion. In January, our 3-year-old classes will join in.

We were able to purchase a new bus in September with the help of a very generous friend. This is a true blessing as the other bus seemed to be in the shop more than it was out of the shop.

October means Trunk or Treat! You'll be seeing some information soon about it. We'd love to have you join us in passing out candy to our kids. Please consider volunteering. It's such a great time and who doesn't love a little one in a cute costume?



Lastly, recently you have been hearing about some of the needs of our teachers and our families. So many of you have reached out to ask how you can help. Amy, Andy, and I are blown away at how so many of you have expressed concern and have a desire to help them. And while we want to respect the privacy of our families, I want you to know that the families that have been helped have been brought to tears with gratitude. They feel seen and loved and that is because of you (and Jesus!!)

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FROM THE AUGUST ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

\$72,312

August revenue

\$36,464

Year-to-date deficit

\$139,442

Deficit at this point in 2025

Operation Homebound

MEALS & OUTREACH

Operation Homebound had the kitchen floor resurfaced. It is easier to maintain and brightens up the kitchen. You're invited to come by and check it out.

Our FAB dinners have increased, and we appreciate your support. All proceeds benefit our program and the less fortunate that we serve. We are gearing up for the fall season (cooler weather), our pie sales for Thanksgiving and Christmas, our yard sale, and monthly FAB dinners.

COMING THIS FALL

- Thanksgiving and Christmas pie sales
- Yard sale
- Monthly FAB dinners

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Delivering meals
- Serving food
- Food preparation

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412

Meals provided through scholarship in August

\$18,529

August meal and scholarship income

Presbyterian Women

FELLOWSHIP & MISSION

With the beginning of fall, the events for Presbyterian Women are starting to take shape.

September was a great start, with Mugs and Muffins for Missions and recognition of all Presbyterian Women on Sunday, September 20. Both programs were very informative.



Mugs and Muffins for Missions in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATES

NOV
14
2026

Friendsgiving

Saturday · 12:00–2:00 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall. A potluck luncheon and time of fellowship with our Sisters in Christ. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and a canned good for the Christian Food Pantry. Carolyn Pankella from Courageous and Free will share an update on that mission.

FEB
12
2027

Annual Fundraiser: “Remember When”

Friday · 4:00–8:00 p.m.

More details will be announced in the coming months, but it should be a great evening for everyone.

APR
24
2027

Spring Tea: “Cowgirl Chuckwagon”

Saturday · 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Our spring tea and luncheon. Get those creative juices flowing. More details to follow.

MAY
13
2027

Gathering & Salad Luncheon

Thursday · 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We recognize our current officers and leaders and install the 2027–2028 officers. A salad luncheon follows the business meeting.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME

All women of North Lake and your friends are always welcome to any of the events. We are such a loving group of women. Let us spread the love of Christ to all we meet.

Pamphlets are available at the Connect Desk as you enter the church. You can also contact our Moderator, **Donna Rahn (352-633-1980)**, or Co-Moderator, **Laurie Whitaker (352-630-8953)**. They will be happy to answer your questions.

Blessings to everyone!