

A background of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, with a bokeh effect of light circles. The text is overlaid on this background.

Chester Baptist Church

November 2020

*Worship Every
Sunday, 10:30 am*

A Season of Thanksgiving

Memorial Garden Update

The Memorial Prayer Garden is taking shape. The Garden is located to the left of the doors entering the Sanctuary if you are facing the church. The centerpiece is the lovely large tree which has been surrounded by a concrete walkway. There is a brick Memorial Wall that has 3 insets where names of loved ones will be engraved. Around the walkway, granite stones will be placed where the ashes will be buried. A large blue planter is across from the Memorial Wall. A bird bath, benches and additional plantings are scheduled for installation in the near future. The Committee has had several meetings in the Garden while the weather has been pleasant which allowed the members to be socially distant. We encourage you to take advantage of this tranquil place by bringing a chair and meditating there. Details on purchasing inscriptions on the Memorial Wall and burial of ashes in the Garden will be coming soon.



Come and Grab a Lunch To Go



RSVP for our "TO GO" lunch that will be Thursday, November 5. Pick up will be 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the front of the church. Please RSVP by November 2 by calling the church office, 748-2939. This event is open to the community! (This will be the only Community Fellowship Lunch for the month of November.)

Rusty's Rap Session



Earlier this month on October 6, 2020, guitarist Eddie VanHalen died. Why am I talking about this in a church monthly newsletter?"

I'm glad you asked!

During a question and answer session where he was the guest, Eddie was asked, "Of all of the deceased musicians out there... If you could pick one to play with, who would that be?"

He pause for a few seconds before replying. He glanced at the ceiling as he leaned forward in the chair rubbing his hands together and thoughtfully probed his mind. He looked down then looked back to the questioner and said without hesitation, "I'd love to jam with my father again." As he nodded his head in affirmation the crowd of people in the room applauded. He could have said, "I'd love to jam with Jimi Hendrix!" Or "I'd love to jam with Chet Atkins!" They were and are two of the most recognized names in the world as talented guitarists. In fact, I'm certain most people thought he would answer that way.....I certainly did. Yet, he desired to "jam" with his father. Although his father was gone, he was not forgotten. He may have had some issues in life, but this he got right.

His answer really spoke volumes to me of the love and devotion between a parent and a child. I remember when I held my firstborn child in my arms. The thought came to me, 'Now I understand a little about the Father heart of God.' You cannot effectively explain how to be a parent. You just have to BE one. You learn by doing and by listening to advice, but largely we learn as we go. (Parents, I see your heads shaking.) While I am here on this earth, if my children need my help, they know that they can call on me and I will be there as soon as possible. That's also how God is with us. He is the Father to the Fatherless, He gives Hope to the Hopeless and He has plans to bless us. He waits for us to call on Him. He wants to meet our needs. He wants to be our all sufficiency. He wants to comfort us, to lead us, to guide us. But that requires for us to want that as well. Just as Eddie VanHalen desired to "jam" with his father again, I also want to "jam" with my Heavenly Father on a day to day basis. Metaphorically speaking; I want Him to play lead while I play rhythm. I want Him to lead while I follow. I want Him to speak while I listen. The bottom line is.....I want to Get It Right.

Youth Update!



Our youth have been busy building community this fall. With our parking lot gatherings where we worship through prayer or when we are laughing as we roll downhill playing human bowling, our students are seeing the light that is Jesus in their day to day lives!

A BIG thank you to our students for leading in worship recently! Your courage and faith are inspiring! Our students at Chester Baptist Church know the importance of praising God and sharing the message that we are all welcome to come and worship the God above all!

We can not wait to see what the Christmas season and 2021 will bring!

Children's Ministry Update

Hard to believe that October is almost over and we are moving into November. We continue to plan for the return of our children to Bible Study and Children's Worship. The Children's Ministry Team will be getting together within the next week to discuss and plan for the return for our Children's Ministries, the when and how will be explored. We have all the needed protective gear in place, (mask, gloves, gowns and face shield) our preschool area is clean and sanitized, and we have on-going supplies to keep it that way. Schools are returning and hopefully we will also. In the interim we continue with on-going supports for our children.

Children's Packet's for Church:

Each Sunday morning we offer a packet for children who attend church to enjoy and learn from. These packets contain a book or other Bible information to read, complete and enjoy. As you come in for Worship, the children can pick from a container the particular story and activities packet. There are a number of different Bible information, so if you have done one, just look into the container and find another one.

Birthday Cards:

We hope you are enjoying receiving a birthday card and hope to hear how your birthday was celebrated.

Book Reading:

Hopefully you have gone on Facebook and enjoyed a book reading by Ms. Kimberly. Check it out.

Halloween:

Did you know you can use Halloween to be a witness for Jesus! Ministry Spark by David C. Cook publishing, shares a lot of ways we can celebrate Halloween as outreach.

Reverse Trick or Treating: Instead of waiting for trick-or-treaters to come knocking, do the opposite! Go out into your neighborhood and hand out a piece of candy with something about our Chester Baptist Church. You can print off the name of our church, address and time to visit or the Website. This way you can get to know your neighbors and invite them to church. Maybe put a table out in your yard and as people come by to trick or treat, give them something and again share about our church.

Get out in the neighborhoods surrounding your church. Identify strategic locations where many trick-or-treaters or partygoers will likely be passing by. Or ask families in your ministry where the most popular trick-or-treating spots are in their neighborhoods. At each of these locations, set up a small inflatable pool dressed to look like a well. Stock up with specially tagged bottled water or juices. Fill the inflatable pool with water and ice to keep the drinks nice and cold. Offer these drinks to passers-by.

The tags for the water bottles should contain the verse John 4:13-14: "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" You can print these tags on paper and laminate them before tying to the drinks. Or print on plastic sheets or transparencies to replace the original plastic wrapper around the bottled water. Be sure to include your church's name, address, service times, and website. Share the gospel with whoever is curious enough to stop and listen. You can use one of these [Gospel Tracts](#) to capture and hold the attention of your audience without distracting them from the gospel message.

Hopefully we will all be back together soon. I encourage everyone to take a look at Spark, David C. Cooke. They have an amazing array of things and offerings for Children and Families.

Darlene Williams



November is the month that we have chosen to receive offerings for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global Missions effort. The missionaries sent by the CBF throughout the U.S. and other countries serve groups not already being helped by the I.M.B. Please prayerfully consider an offering beyond your regular gifts this month. For those with boxes, an envelope is included. Chester Baptist Church's goal is \$500.00. Thank you for your generosity as we enter the season of Thanksgiving!

Celebration Corner

Wedding Anniversaries

- Dink and Beverly Phaup celebrate their anniversary on November 13.
- Alison and Aaron Gwinn celebrate their anniversary on November 15.



Finance Committee Report

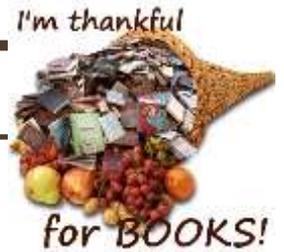
The Church completed its October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020, fiscal year with contributions exceeding expenses by \$191,448. Below are the year results.



	<u>Twelve months ending September 30, 2020</u>
Contributions to Church Operating Fund	\$634,645
Church Expenses	<u>\$437,317</u>
Church receipts greater than expenses	\$197,328
Receipts from Preschool	\$67,817
Preschool Expenses	<u>\$73,697</u>
Preschool expenses greater than receipts	-\$5,880
Net Results	\$191,448

The positive results were from increased contributions and reduced expenses. The contributions exceeded both the budget and the previous year. Expenses were lower because the Pastor and Youth Ministry positions were vacant part of the year and most church activities were suspended or curtailed because of the Covid-19 Virus.

Media Library Update



Christmas is right around the corner. We have lots of good Christmas books and DVD's for all ages in the church library. We invite you to come in and check out some of these new books as well as some others to enjoy. We are currently not open on Sunday. If you would like to check something out, please let us know and we can have it ready for you. We are also available during the week by appointment if you would like to come in or we can make arrangements to deliver items to you. Email libraryatcbc@gmail.com or call either Jewel at (804) 526-4332 or the church office (804) 748-2939.

New to the Church Library

Adult

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Christmas Fiction

Once Upon A Dickens Christmas: 3 Charming Christmas Tales Set in Victorian England by Michelle Griep

F/VAR

Treasured Christmas Brides: 6 Novellas Celebrate Love as the Greatest Gift by Various Authors

F/BRU/F-02

Amish Greenhouse Mystery Series - The Mockingbird's Song by Wanda Brunstetter

F/DEE

Before I Called You Mine: A Novel by Nicole Deese

F/LEW

The Stone Wall by Beverly Lewis

248.4/KEL

Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference by Timothy Keller

248.4/LUC

You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power by Max Lucado

248.84/ELL

Suffering Is Never For Nothing by Elisabeth Elliot

248.86/COU

Flirting with Darkness: Building Hope in the Face of Depression by Ben Courson

301.42/MAK

Fight For Love: How to Take Your Marriage Back From Porn by Rosie Makinney

Juvenile

JF/KIN/A-02

A Baxter Family Children Series - Finding Home by Karen Kingsbury

Children

C153.8/JAM

Where Is Wisdom?: A Treasure Hunt Through God's Wonderous World, Inspired by Job 28 by Scott James

C232.92/SCH

Advent Storybook: 24 Stories to Share Before Christmas by Antonie Schneider

C242.62/LEW

You Are So Wonderful by Jacqueline Janette Lewis

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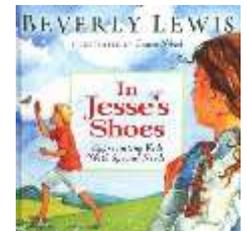
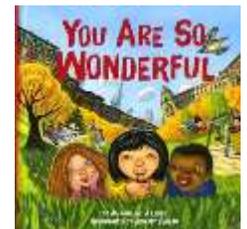
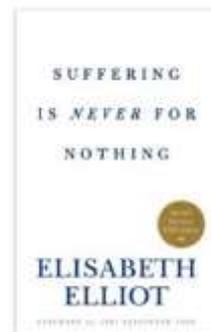
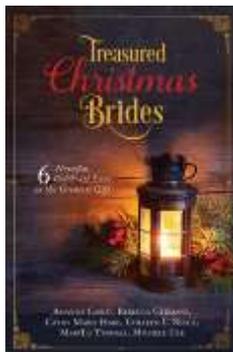
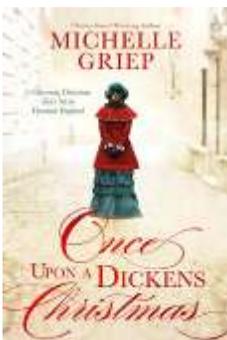
Roxy the Ritzy Camel by Anthony DeStefano

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Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too by Jennifer Grant

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In Jesse's Shoes: Appreciating Kids with Special Needs by Beverly Lewis



Weekly at CBC

Happy Birthday!

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Media Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Bible Fellowship (including Children)
- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Fellowship for Youth & Berea

Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Sept.-May)
- 11:00 a.m. Media Library Open

Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Media Library Open (Sept.-May)
- 6:00 p.m. Media Library Open (Sept.- May)
- 6:00 p.m. Activities for all ages (Sept.- May)
- Children's Activities (Nursery- 1st Grade)
- Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
- Prayer Meeting
- Ladies' Bible Study
- Media Library Open

Thursday

- 11:00 a.m. Media Library Open (Sept.-May)
- 7:00 p.m. Media Library Open
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday-Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Chester Baptist Preschool

For an accurate and complete list of all scheduled activities, please access the church calendar at the following website:

<http://chesterbaptist.mhsoftware.com>

- *Dr. Scott Spencer, Interim Senior Pastor
- *Rev. Bryce Williams, Associate Pastor to Youth & Young Adults
- *Randy McConnell, Minister of Music and Worship
- *Rev. Rusty Peaks, Contemporary Worship Leader
- *Edey Parrish, Church Secretary
- *Susan Meredith, Financial Administrator
- *Ellen Sapko, Pianist

November

1. Kevin Ellis, Matthew Fitzgerald
2. Allan Mays, Julia Meredith
3. Will Bailes, Shirley Harper
4. Carol Moffett
5. Deanie Clements, Dana Litton, Joanne Rivers, Lois Waddill
6. Lis Dickinson, Tammy Lohr, Brandon Wright
7. Blake Braswell
8. Layla Austin, Kristina Bales, Madison Braswell
9. Steve Bozarth, Emily Gibson, Nina Greene, Robert McNew, Bobby Parrish
10. Charles Freeman, Mildred Freeman
11. Alyssa Alexander
12. Don Blake
13. Pam Setterholm
14. Ryan Carter, Karista Isley
15. Eric Davis, Stanley Russo
16. Ellen Sapko
17. Grace Nottingham, Lauren Sullivan
19. Glen Boquist, Warren Landis, Gene Raines
20. Rhonda Blake, Marie Russo, Nira Wade
21. Sandra Bartle, Michael Gambill, Lori Morgan
22. Berley Wade
23. Shannon Hill
24. Beverly Cole, Moring Gravitt, Brianna Greene
25. Verta Blake, Zach Oliver
26. Kris Abbott, Barbara Marshall, Nicki Thomas, William Wingold
27. Shelly McCabe, Karsen Miller, Gerri Moore, Becky White, Steve Roberson
28. Mark Abbott, Chris Morris, Meredith Roberson
29. Velma Jones, Jennifer Benton
30. Cheryl Walker

December

1. Yolanda Micklem
2. Bruce Brockwell, Tom Magee
3. Carlene Joy
4. Renee Custalow, Carol Eckert, Katie LeRoy
5. Douglas Atkins, Corinne Hornberger
6. Austen Reid
7. Emma Farrier, Ginny Schwank
8. Hannah Spencer, Jack Spencer, Ryan Spencer
9. Jimmy Whipp
12. Brandy Martin, David Tillar Jr.
13. Catherine Atkins Thompson
14. Chris Berger, Dana Curtis, Paul Damon
15. Pat Barron, Robin Tillar, Karsten Wildeus
17. David Fitzgerald, Ben Gravitt
18. Barbara Estes, Michelle Hornberger, Charles Spencer
19. Brad Bowles, Bernie Morris
22. Pam King
23. Michael Carpenter, Janet Palmer, Aidan Woodson
24. Rhiana Kendall, Kathy Lilley, Beverly Phaup, Dink Phaup, Paul Sebra, Ed Stansfield
25. Sterling Osborne, Charlotte Wilson
26. JW Davis
27. Beth Sullivan
29. Sunny Hong
30. Sarah Allen, Georgeanna Lyne
31. Alaina Hopper, Shari Moore, Tristin Parker

What's Happening with the Young Adults?



The Young Adult Ministry has some exciting things happening! In addition to our small group gatherings the young adults are preparing a time of worship focused specifically on connecting with young people in the community. This recorded service will be all virtual at this time but led by our young people for our young people.

Another celebration is the formation of a small cohort focusing in on reaching out and connecting with young people. This group is reading through the book *Growing Younger* by the leaders of Fuller Youth Institute. This book invites us as a team and as a church to look within ourselves and empower young people to take part in the kingdom of God in new and exciting ways! We can not wait to share more about this time as we progress through this training.

Our Love and Sympathy...



...to Sheryl Magee and family. Sheryl's mother, Nancy Edwards, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 24.



...to Anne Braswell and family. Anne's father went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 27.



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