



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday
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Celebrating
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YEARS

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Psalm 50:14–15 says, “Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” What does God really want from us? He wants our gratitude. God doesn’t need our possessions or rituals. What He desires most is a thankful heart that recognizes His goodness. The psalmist calls it a “sacrifice of thanksgiving.” Sometimes it feels like a sacrifice to give thanks—especially in difficult times—but gratitude is still the offering God values most. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Ephesians 5:20 also says, “Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” There are several things we ought to be thankful for.

First, we ought to be thankful for the goodness of God. If you’ve ever doubted God’s goodness, remember this: the very repentance that brought you to salvation was born from His goodness. God’s goodness drew you to grace—and that alone ought to fill your heart with thanksgiving.

We also ought to be thankful for the grace of God. Every day we live under grace, as the psalmist says in Psalm 136:2, “Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.” If you’re saved by grace, then every sunrise is a fresh reminder that your standing with God doesn’t rest on your merit, but on His mercy.

We should be thankful for the guarding hand of God. Think of all the unseen dangers that God has protected you from. Many of us could testify of times when God delivered us from what could’ve destroyed us. His protection is one of the quietest but greatest gifts we receive.

We also need to be thankful for the guidance of God. When Nehemiah finished rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, he didn’t throw a banquet—he organized two great choirs to give thanks to God’s guidance. When Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and his life was spared, he said in Daniel 2:23, “To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might.” Every success, every finished task, every answered prayer is a reason to say, “Thank You, Lord.”

Finally, we should be thankful for the greatness of God. Psalm 30:4 says, “Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name” In Revelation 11:17, heaven shouts with praise: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and

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begun to reign.” From Genesis to Revelation, thanksgiving belongs to God. Everything He does in you, through you, and for you is meant to bring Him glory through your gratitude. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:15, “It is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God” You can’t miss the point—thankfulness isn’t optional; it’s the will of God for every believer. Yet how often do we grumble about what we don’t have instead of rejoicing in what we do have? It’s far better to lose count while naming your blessings than to lose your blessings by counting your troubles. No matter what we face, gratitude keeps our hearts anchored in faith. When we thank God for His goodness, His grace, His protection, and His guidance, we begin to see His hand in every detail of our lives. John Wesley once prayed after being robbed: “I thank You, Lord, that I was never robbed before, that they didn’t take my life, that what they took wasn’t much, and that I was the one robbed—not the one who robbed.” Our lives need to be so rooted in gratitude that even in loss, we find a reason to give thanks. In this day God has given us the gift of 86,400 seconds. Have you used even one of them to say, “Thank You”? Gratitude changes everything. When is the last time you thanked God? Make a list and start today...

Pastor Jim Norman

Highland On Mission

NOV. 17 – 24

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

PACK A SHOEBOX

November Mission Opportunities

November 1-16 – Collecting WOW Items for OCC (soccer balls, dolls, trucks, stuffed animals, etc.)

November 16-Dec. 14 – Angel Tree Gifts for Headstart

November 17-24 – OCC Shoe Box Collection Week

November 30-Dec. 7 – Lottie Moon Christmas Emphasis

Every Friday Foodshare Ministry

Sign-Up for Volunteering at the OCC Processing Center in Atlanta on Sat., December 13th @ 10am

Deacon of the Week

November 1-7	Ben Murray
November 8-14	Mark Smith
November 15-21	Roger Williams
November 22-28	Stan Smith
November 29-Dec. 5	Steve Conner

Greeters – November 2025

November 2 – Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian
November 9 – Linda/ Samantha/ Kathy
November 16 – Jimmy/ Kristy
November 23 – David/ Diane
November 30 – Keith/ Ramona

Security – November 2025

November 1-7	Mark Smith
November 8-14	Roger Williams
November 15-21	Stan Smith
November 22-28	Steve Conner
November 29-Dec. 5	Jimmy Gaddis

HBC Deacon Family Assignments

2025-2026

Group	Deacon
A-BO	Roger Williams
BR-DOU	Stan Smith
DUN-F	Steve Conner
GA-HEN	Jimmy Gaddis
HES-JOR	Bradley Rogers
KI-MOF	Ben Murray
MON-RAY	Rick Miller
RID-SM	Paco Prince
SN-V	Jason Robison
W-Y	Jonathan Sipe
DEACONS	Mark Smith

Angel Tree

Highland Baptist Church is partnering with Tullahoma Head Start to sponsor an Angel Tree for the children at Tullahoma Head Start. Watch for deatils later this month!

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

November Nursery Volunteers

Nursery Director – Kathy Hasty – If you are not able to serve on your assigned date then please contact Kathy Hasty.

Sunday November 2:

Bible Study: Kelly Farris

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Kelly Farris, Linda Bolinger

Evening Worship: Samanthia Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 5: Kim and Kathy

Sunday November 9:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Phil and Traci Henderson

Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 12: Kim and Carrie

Sunday November 16:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 19: Kim and Kathy

Sunday November 23:

Bible Study: Liz and Lauren

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Steve Stone

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday November 26: No Awana

Sunday November 30:

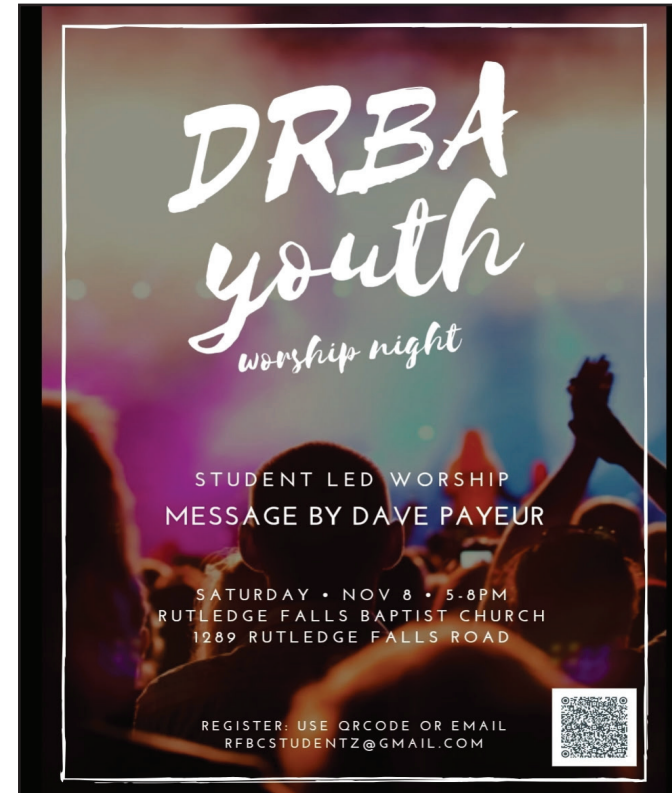
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There are only two months left in 2025! Parents, please mark your calendars for the Youth Night of Worship on November 8th at Rutledge Falls Baptist Church from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This event promises a great time of fellowship and worship. We will depart from Highland at 4:15 pm.

As Christmas nears, I'd like to offer your family a free Advent devotional, "Prepare Him Room," available in versions for kids and students/adults. Let me know if you'd like a copy. "Prepare Him Room: The Nearness of Jesus" is a 25-day Christmas and Advent devotional designed to help students slow down, reflect, and experience the wonder of God with us. Each day focuses on a different way Jesus came near—God With Us, Human Like Us, Our Servant, Our Light, and Our Savior. With Scripture, reflection, and application questions, this



resource points students to the heart of Christmas: the nearness of Jesus." – YM360

Recently, I was reading John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me." How many times have we tried to do life without Christ, only to feel lost or frustrated? Jesus reminds us: we must stay connected to Him. The vine gives the branch what it needs to flourish. Use these last months to draw near to the Lord. Don't let busyness distract you—stay connected to Jesus, remain in the Word, and walk by the Spirit.

Matt Koehler, Minister of Youth & Education



HAPPY
Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed
November 27-28