

October brings lots of special activities.

First, we are excited that one of our CDC parents is coming to play the fiddle for us during a week, that we are studying the letter "F"!

The fire department will be coming to teach us more about fire safety to extend our classroom learning. Fire Pup is scheduled for an appearance as well, just before students explore the fire truck.

Fall photos are on the calendar, along with our Fall Fun Party with James and festive snack snacks.

What a month! Happy Fall!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

ANN SMITH, Director 455-8642

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If there were such a thing as “better” chapters of the Bible, John 17 would certainly be one of them. Its truth and doctrine are so vast that we could spend a lifetime studying them and never fully reach their depths. It's been called “The Real Lord’s Prayer,” “The Greatest Prayer Ever Prayed,” and “the Holy of Holies of Prayer.” James Montgomery Boice said that we should approach this chapter like Moses at the burning bush and remove our shoes, because John 17 is truly holy ground. In this chapter we have the remarkable privilege of listening to Jesus pray. Our prayers often reveal our priorities, circumstances, and even something about who we are. So what can we learn about Jesus by listening to His prayer? And what can we apply to our own lives as we seek to glorify the Father and live in light of the prayer Jesus prayed?

John 17 lets us eavesdrop, so to speak, on the greatest prayer ever prayed. Consider the setting, the subject, and the Speaker. The setting is the night before Jesus would be arrested. The subject is the glory of the Father and the work Jesus came to accomplish. And the Speaker is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The language Jesus uses tells us about His relationship with the Father and gives us an opportunity to examine our own relationship with God. In Matthew 6, Jesus warned against empty, repetitious prayers offered simply to be seen or heard by others. We should never use lots of words just to appear spiritual. Instead, we ought to examine our own prayers. Are they so familiar that we can pray them without really thinking? Have they become so repetitive that we can almost say them without actually praying? When we pray, does it sound like we genuinely know the One to whom we are speaking?

When we listen to Jesus pray, we immediately see something of His deity. In John 17:1-5, Jesus calls God “Father,” refers to Himself as the Son, speaks of the authority the Father has given Him, and reminds us of the glory He shared with the Father before the world began. These are unmistakable claims concerning who Jesus is. He is God who came in the flesh. John 17 is called the High Priestly Prayer because of the identity of the One who is praying. Jesus is our High Priest. Yet as we listen to His prayer, we also see His humanity. The truths are deeper than the ocean, yet God has communicated them in language we can understand. Our great God has come down to us, and Jesus’ words reveal His intimate relationship with the Father. That raises an important

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question for each of us: What does our prayer life reveal about our relationship with God?

John 17 contains the longest recorded prayer of Jesus, yet it can be read in only a few minutes. That reminds us that the power of prayer isn't measured by its length. Peter prayed, “*Lord, save me,*” and Jesus did. The thief on the cross said, “*Remember me when You come into Your kingdom.*” The sinner in Luke 18 prayed, “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*” John 17 is deep and profound, but not overly long. It also gives us a glimpse into the consistency of Jesus’ prayer life. He lived in continual fellowship and communication with His Father. Paul told believers to “Pray without ceasing” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and to be “praying always” Ephesians 6:18 Our greatest danger isn’t that our prayers are too long, but that they’re too infrequent. Maybe our public prayers are sometimes too long because our private prayers are too few. As we listen to Jesus pray, we’re challenged to examine our own prayer lives and strive for that same closeness with God. Jesus lived a life of intimate prayer. May we follow His example and make prayer a consistent, personal, and intimate part of our walk with God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim



Deep in the jungles of Peru, Operation Christmas Child reached the isolated Chapra people, where alcohol abuse and ancestor worship are widespread. During a weeklong journey upriver, the team shared the Gospel and gave children shoebox gifts along with The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet—the first printed Gospel resource in their language. In less than a week, Operation Christmas Child held 15 events in 12 communities, reaching 1,058 children with shoebox gifts and the Gospel. Follow-up discipleship is now taking place.

Help us pack
a shoebox or
collect items to
fill them with all
throughout this
month!

Deacon of the Week

October 3-9	Jimmy Gaddis
October 10-16	Steve Conner
October 17-23	Bradley Rogers
October 24-30	Rick Miller
November 1-9	Steve Stone

Greeters – October 2026

October 4 – Jimmy/ Kristy
October 11 – Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian
October 18 – David/ Diane
October 25 – Samantha/ Linda/ Kathy

VOLUNTEERS

Needed!

Join our Ministry Center Team!

FRIDAYS
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

PROVIDE
BATHROOM
FACILITIES

OFFER
WATER/COFFEE

SHARE
THE GOSPEL
IN CONVERSATION

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Sharing Hope.
Meeting Needs.
Making Jesus Known.

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HBC Deacon Family Assignments 2026-2027	
Group	Deacon
A-BO	Roger Williams
BR-DOU	Stan Smith
DUN-F	Steve Conner
GA-HEN	Jimmy Gaddis
HES-JOR	Bradley Rogers
KI-MOF	
MON-PEP	Rick Miller
PUR-SM	
SN-V	
W-Y	
DEACONS	Mark Smith



**I have had this poem on a small card since I was a little girl.
God is Faithful to His Word and He will do it! Kathy
Praise the Lord, and leave tomorrow
In thy loving Father's hands;
Burden not thyself with sorrow,
For secure the promise stands.**

October Nursery Volunteers

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

Sunday October 4:

Bible Study: Diane Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Linda Bolinger, Lauren Fults

Evening Worship: Samantha Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday October 7: Fall Break – No AWANA

Sunday October 11:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Phil & Traci Henderson

Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday October 14: Kim Dodson, Rick Miller

Sunday October 18:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, David Inocencio, Kelly Farris

Evening Worship: Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday October 21: Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Sunday October 25:

Bible Study: Liz Bond, Lauren Fults

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Steve Stone

Evening Worship: No Evening Worship/ DRBA Celebration

Wednesday October 28: Kim Dodson, Linda Bolinger

The youth could use your help collecting quarters for a day of ministry on November 14th. November 14th is the National Day of Youth Evangelism, when youth groups worldwide share the Gospel in their communities. This event is led by the ministry Dare 2 Share. On that day, our students will be trained, equipped, and sent to pray and share the Gospel. We want to meet a physical need while also pointing people to Jesus. Our ministry project will be to help cover the cost of washing clothes at local laundromats. Our goal is to collect \$500 in quarters. If you would like to help us reach our goal, please let me know. Please pray that we are led by the Spirit, are bold, and are filled with the Lord's wisdom. As I have told the students, we are called not only to live out the Gospel but also to share the Gospel.

Parents, I need to know by October 15 if your child will be attending the conference in January. Several students have said they are interested! Don't let the price be an issue. There are scholarships if needed. This will be an overnight event.

Generate is the camp we attend in the summer, but they are now doing weekend conferences. This will also be a CME where we focus heavily on discipleship. The cost to attend is \$70. For parents with multiple kids who might attend, I will offer a discount. Contact me for more information. The goal is to have enough girls and boys to split into two separate Airbnb groups. I will cover the Airbnb cost. I am currently working on getting chaperones. Chaperones will lead small-group Bible study sessions. Students will need money for dinner (Friday night) and lunch (Saturday afternoon). We will cover breakfast on Saturday morning. The conference speaker and worship leader are the same as at camp. If your student(s) went to youth camp with us last year, they will be familiar with them.

Matt Koehler

Minister of Youth & Education



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Childrens Church – October 2026 10/4/26 – Matt Koehler, Ryan Robison 10/11/26 – Jonathan Sipe, Julie Rogers 10/18/26 – Joanna Koehler, Abigail Peppers 10/25/26 – Mark Raymond, Ann Smith		Sound Volunteers – October 2026 9/30 & 10/4 – Ben Murray 10/7 & 10/11 – Ben Murray 10/14 & 10/18 – Ben Howell 10/21 & 10/25 – Janice Davis 10/28 & 11/1 – Ben Murray		1 Brad Barksdale Felecia Frasch	2 Food Share Ministry Center 9:00-11:30AM Kandi Pearson	3
4	5	6 Paco Prince Janet Villafuerte	7 Wen Ni Lin	8 Jordan Monroe	9 Food Share Ministry Center 9:00-11:30AM Tommy Griffin Matt Koehler	10 Jim Hess
Fall Break - No AWANA						
11 Deacons Meeting 4:00 PM Jimmy Davis Myra Patton	12 Kim Dodson Suzanne Fulkerson School Out	13 PrimeTimers 12PM	14	15 Gail Holland	16 Food Share Ministry Center 9:00-11:30AM	17
18	19	20 Carolyn Waller	21	22	23 Food Share Ministry Center 9:00-11:30AM	24
25 DRBA Annual Celebration - Grace Baptist at 4PM Steve Conner	26	27 Suzanne Barton Phil Henderson	28	29 Imogene Smith	30 Food Share Ministry Center 9:00-11:30AM	31 Trunk or Treat 5PM Linda Bolinger



Highland's Highlights

Counters for October
Linda Conner, Becky Moffat

TRUNK or TREAT
OCTOBER 31
5:00 PM
Help us collect candy and drop it in the box outside the church offices.

DUCK RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 200 YEARS 1826-2026
TWO CENTURIES OF FAITH, ONE ETERNAL MISSION.
OCTOBER 25 4PM-8PM
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POTLUCK MEAL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
12:00 PM
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