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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon., Wed., Thurs.

Wednesdays 6:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Thursdays 7:00 pm
November 01 11:30 am
November 02 Noon
November 08
November 10 1:00 pm
November 13 11:00 am
5:00 pm

November 14 7:00 pm
November 20 11:00 am
5:00 pm
November 22 10:30 am

November 23 6:30 pm
November 24

Noon Devotional on Facebook Live

Facebook Prayer Meeting

Zoom Prayer Meeting

Choir Rehearsal (unless otherwise noted)

GPBC Book Club (Searching for Sunday)

Widow's/Single Ladies Support Luncheon at Harbor Inn

ROMEO's Lunch at Southbound Sandwich Shop

Election Day. Church Office will be closed.

SIA Planning Meeting

Youth Lunch and trip to Morehead Planetarium

Church Conference / Budget Presentation

Finance Committee (Zoom)

2023 Budget Vote

Alternative Christmas Market

Properties Committee

Operation Big Thing

Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service

Thanksgiving. Church Office closed.

The Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of Grove Park Baptist Church | November 2022

I'd like to share with you a story of true thanksgiving as first told by Paul Harvey. I pray it will invoke in each of us a desire to live a life of thanks.

It is gratitude that prompted an old man to visit an old broken pier on the eastern seacoast of Florida. Every Friday night, until his death in 1973, he would return, walking slowly and slightly stooped with a large bucket of shrimp. The sea gulls would flock to this old man, and he would feed them from his bucket. Many years before, in October, 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was on a mission in a B-17 to deliver an important message to General Douglas MacArthur in New Guinea.

But there was an unexpected detour which would hurl Captain Eddie into the most harrowing adventure of his life. Somewhere over the South Pacific the Flying Fortress became lost beyond the reach of radio. Fuel ran dangerously low, so the men ditched their plane in the ocean. For nearly a month Captain Eddie and his companions would fight the water, and the weather, and the scorching sun. They spent many sleepless nights recoiling as giant sharks rammed their rafts. The largest raft was nine by five. The biggest shark...ten feet long. But of all their enemies at sea, one proved most formidable: starvation. Eight days out, their rations were long gone or destroyed by the salt water. It would take a miracle to sustain them. And a miracle occurred. In Captain Eddie's own words, "Cherry," that was the B-17 pilot, Captain William Cherry, "read the service that afternoon, and we finished with a prayer for deliverance and a hymn of praise. There was some talk, but it tapered off in the oppressive heat. With my hat pulled down over my eyes to keep out some of the glare, I dozed off."

Now this is still Captain Rickenbacker talking..."Something landed on my head. I knew that it was a sea gull. I don't know how I knew, I just knew. Everyone else knew too. No one said a word, but peering out from under my hat brim without moving my head, I could see the expression on their faces. They were staring at that gull. The gull meant food...if I could catch it."

And the rest, as they say, is history. Captain Eddie caught the gull. Its flesh was eaten. Its intestines were used for bait to catch fish. The survivors were sustained and their hopes renewed because a lone sea gull, uncharacteristically hundreds of miles from land, offered itself as a sacrifice. You know that Captain Eddie made it.

And now you also know...that he never forgot. Because every Friday evening, about sunset...on a lonely stretch along the eastern Florida seacoast...you could see an old man walking...white-haired, bushy-eyebrowed, slightly bent. His bucket filled with shrimp was to feed the gulls...to remember that one which, on a day long past, gave itself without a struggle...like manna in the wilderness.

Grace Abounds,
Marc

We will be having our quarterly church conference on Sunday, November 13th at 5:00 pm in the gym. You may also participate via Zoom. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting. The Finance Committee will host our 2023 budget presentation at the conclusion of conference. If you or a committee on which you serve have business to bring before the conference, please let the church office and/or church moderator know prior to the meeting.

OPERATION BIG THING

Ham
Family Size Green Beans / 39 oz. can
Idahoan Instant Potatoes / 13-15 oz. box
One Apple Pie

If you have any questions or are able to volunteer, please let the church office know.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

A decorative graphic at the bottom of the page featuring several autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, arranged in a horizontal line.

Nov.. 03 thru 06	<i>Deacon Bob Webster</i>
Nov. 10 thru 13	<i>Deacon Joan Smith</i>
Nov. 17 thru 20	<i>Deacon Jim Etheridge</i>
Nov. 24 thru 27	<i>Deacon Larry Dodson</i>

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
(Romans 12:18)

However, I understand that November is a very dangerous time as well. The closer we get to Election Day, the more heated feelings and discussions become. Football games inevitably lead to extreme emotions - sometimes joy but other times anger. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving can be wonderful, but purchasing and preparing foods can be stressful and the dinner conversations sometimes unpleasant. And then there's Christmas shopping - enough said.

On a side note: thanks again to all who worked so hard to make the NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra such a wonderful evening! God certainly blessed your efforts!

Our Alternative Christmas Market returns this year on Sunday evening, November 20th, at 6:00 pm. We will again offer gift options that further God's call to love mercy and to do justice as we walk humbly with God. Our format will be the same as previous years. Please be on the lookout for the catalogue so that you can share a gift with a loved one while also spreading the Gospel to the ends of the world.



November Birthdays

Bill Pinson	November 01
Julie Turner	November 01
Jonathan Cuthriell	November 02
Donnie Johnson's 99th	November 05
Allen McKinney	November 05
Mable McKinney	November 06
Carol Williamson	November 07
Lisa Faircloth	November 09
Bethany Davis	November 15
Nancy Murchison	November 16
Leigh Anne Snead	November 18
John Mooney	November 20
Nancy Beck	November 21
Sue Ellen McKinney	November 25
Vivian Crawford	November 26
Linda Wood	November 26
Ben Bouldin	November 27
Cade McKinney	November 28
Sue Etheridge	November 29
Pat Sizemore	November 30

