# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Dallas OCC Mission Trip**

From November 29 - December 2 we have a large group traveling to Dallas to volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child warehouse. Please be in prayer for our group as we team up with hundreds of other people from around the country to prepare thousands of shoeboxes to be sent all around the world.

### **Christmas Caroling - December 15**

Do you love bundling up in your favorite Christmas sweater and singing Christmas carols on a brisk December night? If so, you are in luck! On Saturday December 15 we will be meeting at the church at 2pm and heading out to sing and deliver fruit baskets to people in our area. Everyone is welcome to join us and sing along to some Christmas classics and spread a little joy during this Christmas season.

### Singspiration - December 30

Looking for some good food, music, and fellowship? Come join us for our Singspiration this month as we prepare to say goodbye to 2018 and usher in the new year. We eat at 5pm and sing at 6pm.

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### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:**

Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE: A Study of Genesis 25-50

GOT QUESTIONS? Looking to Scripture for Answers to Some of Your Biggest Questions

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.

FULFILLED: A Study of the Birth of Jesus (December 9,16, 23)

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING:**

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

JOURNEY: A Study of Exodus

#### **WE ARE LOCATED @**

3601 Lower Liberty Gloster RD Liberty, MS 39645

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# MINISTRY AND MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### **Apartment Ministry**

Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. (Please meet at the church by 9:20 a.m. if you are interested in coming)

## **Food Pantry**

We are always collecting food for our local food pantry. Please leave any donations in the food pantry donation box located in the fellowship hall.

# **Operation Christmas Child**

I (Bro. Shan) want to thank everyone for all of your help throughout the last year in making OCC shoeboxes for children in need. This ministry is an amazing example of what God can do when His people work together for His Kingdom. Our goal this year was to make 400 shoeboxes. We ended up making 601! Praise the Lord! Thanks to everyone for all the prayers, donations, and hard work that went in to making this year a success and most of all glory to God for blessing this ministry!

# **Appalachian Donations Update**

Thanks to all who have made donations for Bro. Alton's mission trip to the people in the Appalachians. Several buckets of food and blankets were donated and will be handed out to people in need at the end of November.

# MOST RECENT PRAYER REQUEST

Debbie Fenn Janey Stevens Rose Hinton Lori Hart **Thomas Tobias Charles Whittington** Mike Smith Gauge Hedrick **Ruthie Roberts** Tina Harris Jackie Strange **Dorothy Hughes Betty Humphries** Bill Berryman Josh Gordon Jay Myers Chase Cortez Bobby Hadskey Joseph Kirkland Jerry Wroten Diane Short Anita Campbell Carl Dixon Charles Dixon Dollie McKenzie Cathy Ruark Emma Rogillio Billy Judge Mike Pruder Delores Holden Rose Ferrar **Ernest Whittington** Karen Freeman Free Burma Rangers Juanita Patt

Baby Zane Baby Iris **Beatrice Whittington** Walter Hardy Billy Clemmons Richard Laird Joyce Gilbert Dana Bass Mark Manchester Chris Pittman Sam Moore Jamie Edwards Cliff Wheat **Austin White** James Bullock Mark Manchester John Mercier **Bobbie Powers** EW/Sandra Ravencraft Joann Holmes Lamar Case **Betty Humphries Larry Champion** Ann Kinabrew Kristine Wilson Hezekiah Fredrick Margie Binns Judy Short **Tony Nerad Guy Thompson** Roy Lee **Eddie Lott** Glen Huff Joyce Bacon

Virginia Dillon

# IN THE WORD

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

#### Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

Some people are good at making the most out of a little. If you have ever watched the TV show Chopped, you know what I'm talking about. Chefs are given just a few random items that in no way go together yet they are often able to use what they are given to make something wonderful. Sure, the chefs would love to pick their own ingredients and they could no doubt make some of the most amazing meals you would eat if they could. The chefs in this kitchen however aren't given what they want so they must do the best they can with what they are given. This is similar to what I think Jesus is asking of us in this parable. There is a man who leaves all of his possessions with his servants. They aren't all given equal amounts, but they are all expected to make the most out of what they are given. Two of the servants do well, but the third doesn't do anything. In the story the third servant didn't waste what he had, but he also didn't do anything beneficial with it either. God, like the master in the story, gives to all as He pleases. While we may not feel like we have all we want, God has given us all we need in Jesus Christ, and God wants us to use what we have and make the most of it for His Kingdom. Everything we have, whether we want to admit it or not, is the Lord's and whatever we have we should use in a way that will bring glory to Him and build His Kingdom. This parable teaches us an important lesson. It is not about how much you have, it is about how much you do with what you have. Are you being faithful with what God has given you? Have you entered into the Joy of the Lord? If not, ask God to help you see areas where you can use what He has given you to better serve Him so that when the day comes when you stand before God you can hear those wonderful words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

Want to learn more about Jesus? Read Luke 2