



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Young AT Heart

OF FIRST BAPTIST SPARTANBURG

NOVEMBER 2025

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I get excited every year around this time because there is so much to celebrate! As the season of gratitude approaches, I must remind myself that thankfulness isn't just a response to good times; it's a posture of the heart. True thankfulness doesn't depend on our circumstances; it flows from recognizing the goodness and faithfulness of God in every season of life. As we move through each year, we are faced with difficulties in our families, health challenges and unwanted changes, but as we look back on our lives, we see that God has always been faithful! As I write this article, I am with some of our senior adults at the Celebrator's Conference in Pigeon Forge. We have been able to experience some wonderful worship and hear great wisdom from the scriptures, and it was a great reminder to me that I can always "sing of the goodness of God" as the song says.

Gratitude shifts our focus. When we choose to give thanks, even in hardship, we acknowledge that God is at work in ways we might not yet see. The thankful heart looks beyond what's missing and celebrates what's present — God's presence, His promises, and His daily provision.

The psalmist wrote, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise..." (Psalm 100:4). Gratitude is our entryway into deeper fellowship with God. When we start our prayers with thanksgiving, our worries shrink in the light of His greatness. When we thank others, we build unity and encouragement in the body of Christ. And when we practice gratitude daily, our hearts grow softer, stronger, and more joyful.

This month — and every month — let's cultivate the habit of thankfulness:

- Pause to notice God's blessings each day.
- Pray with gratitude before asking for more.
- Praise God for His goodness, even when life feels uncertain.
- Pass it on — express thanks to those around you who bless your life.

A thankful heart sees God's fingerprints everywhere. As we grow in gratitude, we reflect the heart of Jesus — who, even before going to the cross, gave thanks.

May our words and actions overflow with gratitude, and may others see Christ in the way we give thanks.

I am truly thankful for each one of you and the example you are to my family on this journey together for God's glory!

Brian

THANKFUL PRAYERS

November is here and our thoughts turn to the season of Thanksgiving. I am going to share several prayers of thankfulness from a small book I have called "Everyday Moments With God". Feel free to make them personal for yourself as you read each one.

THE ONE WHO IS: Heavenly Father, today I'm grateful for all You are--the God who is, the God of the living, the great I AM. Your character is unchanging. You are the epitome of perfect holiness and love. Because of who and all You are, I believe and trust in You. Your truthfulness is indisputable and Your power is established. Not just for the majestic works by Your hand but for the pure glory of Your nature--I worship You today. In Jesus' Name, Amen. "Who is like the LORD our God, who dwells on high?" Psalm 113:5 NKJV

GRACE FOR EVERYTHING: Father, I'm thankful for Your grace--Your unmerited favor to me through Jesus Christ, and that special strength You give Your children in times of need, trial, and temptation. If not for Your grace, I wouldn't even be able to approach You. Thank You for extending favor to me: forgiving my sins and adopting me into Your family. And thank You so much for that extra dose of perseverance that You keep giving to me in tough situations. I'm so thankful Your resource center will never experience a shortage. I praise You today for grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen. "But He gives us more grace." James 4:6 NIV

AMAZING FORGIVENESS: Lord, I come into Your presence, thanking You for forgiveness. In a culture where many experience clinical depression because of guilt, I can know my past is redeemed because of Christ's sacrifice for me. Your forgiveness is so amazing. Although I don't deserve it, You pour it out freely and lovingly. Because You have seen fit to pardon me, I bless Your name today. Amen. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." Ephesians 1:7 NKJV

THE INSPIRATIONAL WORD: Lord, Your word thrills me, convicts me, comforts me, and strengthens me. I am so thankful that You gave us the Bible. Thank You for inspiring the prophets of old as they penned Your truth. Thank You for giving me the blessing of this treasure, for allowing me to hold it in my hand. "When I am hungry, Your Word feeds me; when I am fearful, it assures me; when I am uncertain, it guides me." Your Book is the light upon my path. Without it, I would be lost. In Jesus' Name, Amen. "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

I hope these prayers have been as meaningful to you as they have been to me. I pray your Thanksgiving celebration is blessed beyond measure as we give our thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior for all He has done and continues to do for us! "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 118:1 NKJV

Blessings and Love with a Grateful, Thankful Heart,

"Sam" Summey 😊



YAH ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS

Important Trip Information

Register and pay online at www.fbs.org/yah or call 864.596.4110. Forms for 2025 are in the church office
Upcoming 2025 Trips: Trip fees are only available for refunds when someone takes your place and pays the fees or the venue cancels the event and gives the church credit or a refund.



Christmas at the Cove: DEC 5

Includes round trip luxury motor coach to Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove in Asheville, delicious buffet dinner, and concert featuring Travis Cottrell. Cost \$84. Call 864.699.4202 to check on any available spaces for this trip. Buses will leave Dean St. Parking Lot at 3:00 PM.

YAH FELLOWSHIPS

Please remember to call by the deadline with reservations and seating preferences. Arrive early for 12 Noon buffet and for valet assistance.

MON, November 10

12 Noon | Dining Hall | Buffet | Cost: \$9 (Note time)
Special Guests: Providence Trio (Southern Gospel)
Call 864.699.4236 to register by WED, November 5.

MON, December 8

12 Noon | Dining Hall | Plated meal | Cost: \$15
Special Guests: Carolinians Jazz Band
Call 864.699.4236 to register by MON, December 1.
(Note early registration date.)

YAH Prison Ministry Donations

Drop off Desserts on MON & TUE, Dec 8 & 9 by 2 PM in the Dining Hall. These will benefit the Tyger River Correctional Institute's Christmas event.

MINISTRY CONNECT | FBS 864.583.7245
Pastoral & Senior Adult Team 864.699.4211
Seniors' Prayer Warriors Team 864.699.4332

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary of Prayer (Drop In Experience)

TUESDAYS | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | FBS Sanctuary

November Women on Mission

MON, November 3 | 10:30 AM | Dining Hall
Spartanburg County Baptist Network: Women's World Day of Prayer | Lunch served after meeting

November ROTO (Senior Ladies Without Spouses)

No meeting in November. Next meeting will be TUES, December 2 | 12:30PM | Dining Hall
December ROTO: Call 864.699.4211 by MON, November 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



GriefShare (www.griefshare.org to register)

Surviving the Holidays Seminar | TUES, November 18 6:00 PM | Room 220 | Cost: \$10 at door | Register by November 12 | Regular sessions in January.

DivorceCare (www.divorcecare.org to register)

WEDNESDAYS | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Room 220

Men's Retreat

November 13-15 at Hickory Knob State Park
Cost \$200 | www.fbs.org/events



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RESERVATIONS | YAH Fellowships 864.699.4236 | YAH Activities or Trips 864.596.4110

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kathryn Kelley	1	Mary O'Connor	10	Wanda Brothers	21
Kathy Lollis	1	Barbara Hirschy	11	Clara Dillard	21
John Rasor	1	Margaret Hughes	11	Pam Solesbee	21
Harold Dean Spencer	1	Olivia Spencer	11	Larry Tollison	21
Miriam Vickery	1	Jane Vigilante	11	Annette Buckley	22
Mary Gooch	2	Maurine Honeycutt	12	Cindy Foster	22
Patricia Hammett	2	Elfriede Johnson	12	Jan Smith	22
Cathy Martin	2	Mark Wofford	12	Martha Grigg	23
Beth Miller	2	Joy Arrington	13	Louise Hershberger	23
Nancy Osborne	2	Jeff Austin	13	Lach Hyatt	23
Merle Parnell	2	John Boniface	13	Elaine Johnson	23
Lisa Ruble	2	Sandy Davis	13	Bonnie Coquin	24
Nellie Ruth Tweed	2	Debbie Newman	13	Mike DuBeau	24
Larry Fields	3	Ann Thompson	13	Darryl Everette	24
Mary Ann Hall	3	Tim Willard	13	Leslie Garber	24
Amanda Kuykendall	3	Greg Bowie	14	Valentina Richardson	24
Vivian McAbee	3	John Craig	14	Jay Bulman	25
Darryl McKenzie	3	Janice Morrow	14	Sue Cashwell	25
Steve Skinner	3	Janet Tisdale	14	Lee Ann Greene	25
Kay Bogan	4	Randy Willingham	14	Stuart Smith	25
Dallas Cone	4	Mary Ann Medlin	15	Victoria Thompson	25
Chip Ferguson	4	Andrea Zdyb	15	Diane Coggins	26
Louise Gwinn	4	Dewey Burdine	16	Denise Jett	26
Montez Langford	4	Bobby Colvin	16	Patsy Moore	26
Ann Robbins	4	David Hall	16	David Satterfield	26
Dale Anderson	5	Linda Martin	16	Linda Turner	26
Ray Haas	5	Ed Trammell	16	Steve Lovelace	27
Camilla Ramborger	5	Laurene Dabney	17	Mary Lou Thomas	27
Gale Rowland	5	Kerry Davis	17	Melinda Young	27
Jane Warren	5	James Dunn	17	Myra Caddell	28
Jean Brewington	6	Bill Emery	17	Patti Greene	28
Earl Brown	6	Ron Eubanks	17	Lin Hall	28
Debbie Nowlin	6	Robert Johnson	17	Judy Weld	28
Kim Rogers	6	Lynn Leslie	17	Hattie Colvin	29
Cathy Stout	6	Jo Meeks	17	Gail Hirschy	29
Mike Sykes	6	Ronald Riddle	17	Betty Keim	29
Charles Butler	7	John Smith	17	Harold Outz	29
Jimmy Smith	7	Cecil Worley	17	Libby Russell	29
Barbara Stowell	7	Brent Bogan	18	Carole Skelton	29
Meg Holloway	8	Edna Eggleton	18	Carrie Tanenbaum	29
Loretta Holmes	8	Peter Fenn	18	Dick Vander Meulen	29
Anne Maddox	8	Tobey Jane Hammitt	18	Edward Wyatt	29
Jeff Rosenlund	8	Jim Stone	18	Elaine Carney	30
Pat Campbell	9	Jenny Brady	19	Kathy Dickson	30
Ruth Candler	9	Jerry Bridges	19	Deborah Lipscomb	30
Jackie Hunter	9	Tom Burnette	19		
Jenny Johnson	9	Curtis Cochran	19		
Rosa Longshore	9	Harry Kinard	19		
Glenda Morris	9	Peggy Pitts	19		
Sheila Sistare	9	Teresa Burnett	20		
Frankie Wright	9	Wilma Hayes	20		
Tommy Broome	10	Marsha T. Humphries	20		
Roy Leslie	10	Sandra Mahaffey	20		
Charlotte Lyda	10	Rita Vinson	20		

