SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Young at Heart

OF FIRST BAPTIST SPARTANBURG

NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Friends,

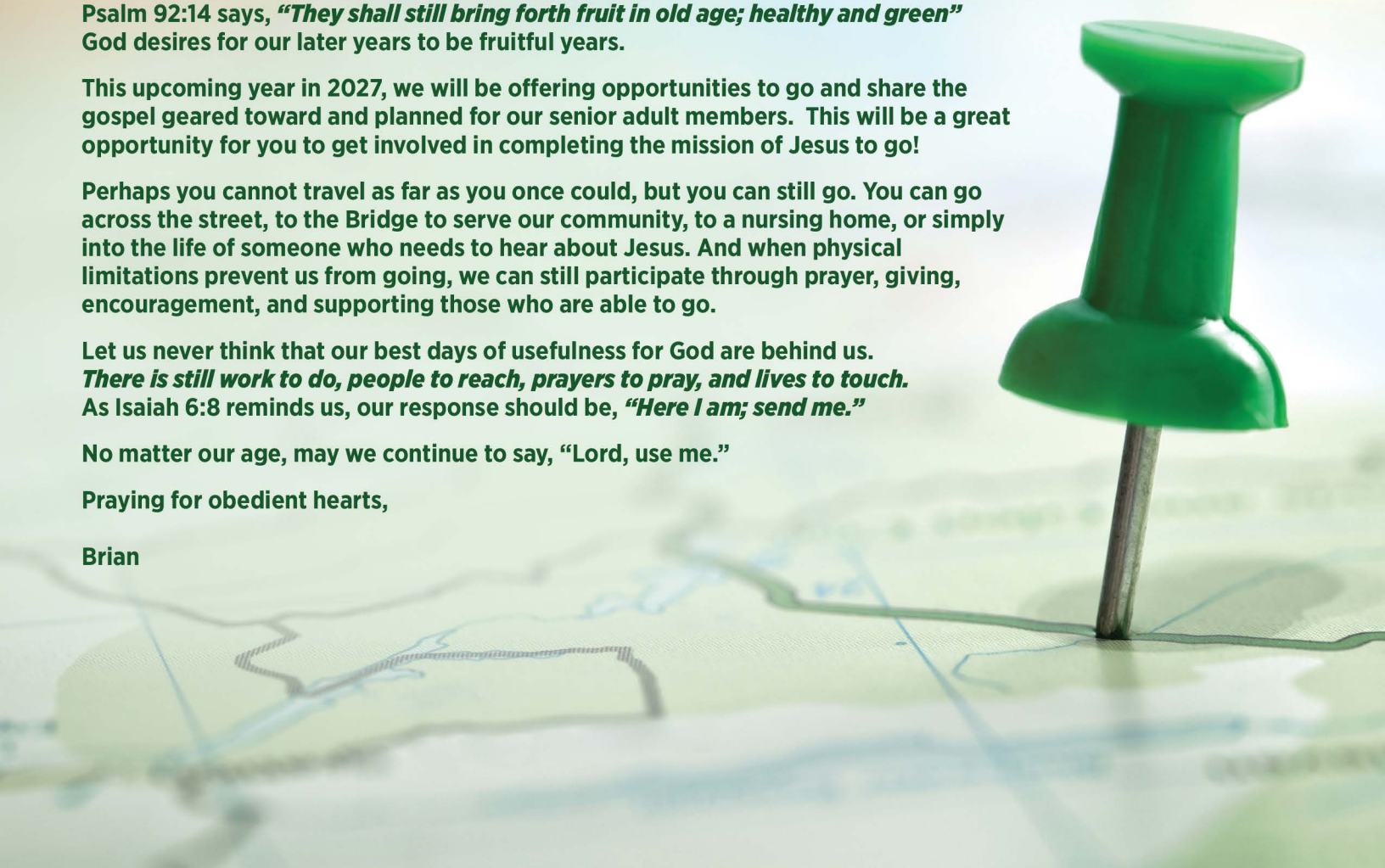
When we hear the word missions, we may picture young people traveling to distant countries or serving in places far from home. But the call to share the love of Christ is not limited by age. God can use us for missions in every season of life—including our senior years.

Jesus gave His followers a clear command: ***"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."*** (Matthew 28:19, CSV). Notice that Jesus did not place an age limit on this command. As long as God gives us breath, He can give us opportunities to serve.

The Bible gives us the example of Caleb, who at eighty-five years old declared, ***"Give me this hill country..."*** (Joshua 14:12). Caleb was still ready to serve God and take on new challenges. His example reminds us that growing older does not mean retiring from God's purposes.

Senior adults have something very valuable to offer in missions: ***experience, wisdom, compassion, and a testimony of God's faithfulness.*** We can encourage families, visit those who are lonely, serve in our churches, help those in need, pray for missionaries, and share the gospel with people God places in our path.

Psalm 92:14 says, ***"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; healthy and green"***
God desires for our later years to be fruitful years.



This upcoming year in 2027, we will be offering opportunities to go and share the gospel geared toward and planned for our senior adult members. This will be a great opportunity for you to get involved in completing the mission of Jesus to go!

Perhaps you cannot travel as far as you once could, but you can still go. You can go across the street, to the Bridge to serve our community, to a nursing home, or simply into the life of someone who needs to hear about Jesus. And when physical limitations prevent us from going, we can still participate through prayer, giving, encouragement, and supporting those who are able to go.

Let us never think that our best days of usefulness for God are behind us.
There is still work to do, people to reach, prayers to pray, and lives to touch.
As Isaiah 6:8 reminds us, our response should be, ***"Here I am; send me."***

No matter our age, may we continue to say, "Lord, use me."

Praying for obedient hearts,

Brian

THANKS

Psalm 95:2 *"Let us come before Him with thanksgiving."*

Psalm 100:4 *"Enter His courts with thanksgiving."*

November is traditionally a time that reminds us to give thanks. November 11th is set aside for us to remember and honor past and present veterans who have allowed us to experience freedom, for which we are thankful. Many towns have parades, fall festivals, and carnivals. (For a full list search "November National events" and be amazed.)

As a child of God every day is a time of Thanksgiving. The beautiful fall colors remind us of God's gracious hand. As we begin to gather as families, we are reminded of God's abundance. If we stop to give God thanks every day for three different things, we will grow a heart of gratitude. It will take a long time to run out of thanks for God's precious gifts.

We also remember that God goes before us, is with us, and surrounds us in our daily walk. Remember to show thanks for every kindness by calling a friend, writing a note or letter, preparing a gift of food, stopping by to visit someone, or sharing a much-needed hug of encouragement. With a grateful heart--dwell more on the "positives" and less on the "negatives".



"What if today, we are just grateful for everything?" – Charlie Brown

Philippians 4:6 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

May we have open hands and grateful hearts every day to share and give thanks to God and others.

Gratefully,
Rick

YAH ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS

Important Trip Information

Register and pay online at www.fbs.org/yah or call 864.596.4110. Forms for 2026 are in the church office

Upcoming 2026 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.

December 7 | SeniorSalt

Celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing our favorite Christmas carols and hearing an inspiring devotional message from God's Word. Bus will leave Dean St. parking lot by 8:00 AM. Return ETA 3:30 PM. Cost: $65 Bus or $54 Driving **Limited spots are still available. Call the office to secure your spot! You may pay at the November YAH Fellowship.**

January 15-18 | Myrtle Beach

This team of senior adults will travel to Horry County to support four church plants we have partnered with since January 2026. This team will encourage church leaders, host outreach events, prayer walk, and serve in other ways as needed. Cost: Couples -$800 total; Individuals - $450 per person with 2 individuals per room. Optional charge - $150 extra to have the room to yourself. Lodging: Hampton Inn | 4551 Highway 501 | MB, SC

YAH FELLOWSHIPS

Please remember to call by the deadline with reservations and seating preferences. Arrive early for 6:00 PM buffet and for valet assistance.

Monday, November 9

Noon | **Dave Edwards' Farm** | Buffet | Cost $10
Pay at event with check to FBS or correct change.
805 West Road, Sptbg | Off Zimmerman Lake Rd.
Special Guest: King James Boys | Call 864.699.4236 to register by Wednesday, November 3.

Monday, December 14

A Special Christmas Young at Heart at the
Piedmont Club of Spartanburg
361 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302
Noon | Cost $20 | You don't want to miss out on this special event as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together. Call 864.699.4236 to register by Wednesday, December 9.

YAH FELLOWSHIPS

YAH Prison Ministry Donations

Drop off desserts on MON & TUE, December 7 & 8 by 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall. These will benefit the Tyger River Correctional Institute's Christmas event.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

November Women on Mission

Wednesday, November 2 | 9:30 AM | Brunch | Hangar
Special Emphasis: Women's World Day of Prayer
AND Wednesday, November 18 | 9:30 AM | Hangar
Special Emphasis: Operation Christmas Child

November ROTO (Senior Ladies Without Spouses)

will join YAH at Dave Edwards Farm on November 9 | Noon

Christmas ROTO

Tuesday, December 1 | 12:30PM | Hangar
Call 864.699.4211 by MON, November 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

GriefShare

Sundays | 3:30-5:00 PM | Room 203 | Main Building
Surviving the Holidays will be on November 8.
Register at www.griefshare.org, www.fbs.org/groups, or call 864.699.4211.

Sanctuary of Prayer (Drop In Experience)

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

Crafty Connection

Tuesdays | 9:30 AM | Room 203 | Main Building

Divorce Care

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Room 200 |
Main Building. Register at www.divorcecare.org, www.fbs.org/groups, or call 864.699.4211.

Women

Fall Gather: A Night for All Women
Sunday, November 15 | 4:30-6:30 PM | Hangar
Doors open at 4:30 PM | Worship begins at 5:15 PM
Free event | Appetizers and desserts provided

FBS Events

There are lots of events, life groups, and bible study opportunities you can find on our events page at fbs.org/events or scan the QR code.

Ministry Connect | FBS 864.583.7245
Pastoral & Senior Adult Team 864.699.4211
Seniors' Prayer Warriors Team 864.699.4332

FBS Connect | www.fbs.org
www.fbs.org/yah
www.facebook.com/FBSseniors

Reservations | YAH Fellowships 864.699.4236 | YAH Activities or Trips 864.596.4110

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1
Kathryn Kelley
Chris Hammett
John Rasor, III
Dean Spencer
Chris Sturgill

2
Randy Bates
Mary Gooch
Nellie Ruth Tweed
Merle Parnell

3
Vivian McAbee
Mary Ann Hall
Darryl McKenzie

4
Jackie Fail
Chip Ferguson
Dallas Cone
Louise Gwinn
Ann Robbins

5
Ray Haas
Jane Warren
Camilla Ramborger
Steve Clem
Dale Anderson

6
Cathy Stout
Jean Brewington
Mike Sykes
Earl Brown
Debbie Nowlin

7
Jimmy Smith
Charles Butler

8
Meg Holloway
Anne Maddox
Jeff Rosenlund
Jolene Bradley
Joy Radcliff

9
Frankie Wright
Sheila Sistare
Rosa Longshore
Glenda Morris
Cindy Gregory
Janet Johnson

10
Charlotte Lyda
Mary O'Connor
Roy Leslie

11
Hilda Demondo
Olivia Spencer
Barbara Hirschy

12
Maurine Honeycutt
Elfriede Johnson
Mark Wofford

13
Jeff Austin
Ann Thompson
Debbie Newman
Tim Willard

14
John Craig
Janice Morrow
Greg Bowie
Kelly Griffith
Rob Rivera

15
Michael Greene
Beth Gurley
Andrea Zdyb

16
Susie James
Rebecca Hammett
Dewey Burdine
David Hall
Linda Martin

17
Bill Emery
James Dunn
Lynn Leslie
Laurene Dabney
Jo Meeks
Robert Johnson
John Smith

18
Tobey Jane Hammitt
Peter Fenn
Corinne Thomas

19
Peggy Pitts
Jerry Bridges
Tom Burnette

20
Sandra Mahaffey
Wilma Hayes
Marsha Humphries

21
Larry Tollison
Wanda Brothers
Pam Solesbee

22
Cindy Foster
Annette Buckley

23
Louise Hershberger
Lach Hyatt
Martha Grigg
Elaine Johnson

24
Darryl Everette
Mike DuBeau
Valentina Richardson

25
Sue Cashwell
April Ferrell
Victoria Thompson
Lee Ann Greene
Stuart Smith

26
Denise Jett
David Satterfield
Bobbi Kirkley

27
Mary Lou Thomas
Sonny Stokes

28
Patti Greene

29
Carole Skelton
Gail Hirschy
Carrie Tanenbaum
Libby Russell
Dick VanderMeulen

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Mike Weber
Bailey Humphries
David Proctor
Kathy Dickson
Deborah Lipscomb

