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Come make a Friend for life at Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dothan, AL October 2024



*“Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.” Proverbs 11:28*

Autumn is here! I love this time of year. The leaves begin to change. Reading about this in the Old Farmers Almanac, I learned that the colors are there even when the leaves are green. The main reason for the eye-popping color change is not the autumn chilly weather, but sunlight—or rather the lack of daylight. Nights are growing longer, and the days are growing shorter. As the Autumn days get shorter it tells the trees that it’s time to stop gathering energy and get ready for the dormant season winter.

Our God who has created all life has a pattern for even the autumn leaves. The proverb tells us the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. As we think about our lives as Autumn is upon us, are we thriving like the green leaves of summer. Or do we change colors with the trials of life? There are so many who get discouraged when sickness comes, or financial troubles come upon us. Or maybe we trust in riches and forget that God is the one who gives us all we have, and it belongs to him.

Many places where people go to see the leaves change are not accessible because of the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Keep those in your prayers who have lost loved ones and for all the people who have lost so much.

Are you thriving in your spiritual life? This is something to ponder as we enjoy the changes of the leaves in October.

Blessings,

Pastor Stephanie

Praises

*Jeff Ball, his sister Vicky, Brother Jay & Cherie were rescued from Taylors Valley and are now home safe.*

*Annette Farmer’s son has moved from Alaska to live with her*

*Leigh Manning released to return to work and driving*

*Robert, grandson of Pastor Stephanie & Jack arrived in Japan safely*

*Willie Wiggins is cancer free*

*Dr. Hassan Kesserwani’s family is home safe from Beirut.*

Prayer Request

*Family of Pam Jacobs*

*Family of Wanda Putnam-Aunt of Gayla Miskell*

*Family of Lisa Henry-Daughter of Emory & Frances Foster*

*Prayers for Elliott Melvin, Pastor Stephanie’s son-in-law as he is in Georgia area putting tarps on roofs*

*Ilene Tracy-In hospital with heart issues-Long time church friend of Pastor Stephanie & Jack Cox*

*Annette Farmer-Issues with vision in one eye*

*Jan Spencer-Several health issues*

*Prayers for those affected by Helene, damage & family of those that lost loved ones/friends.*

*Prayers for those in path of Milton*

*Prayers for all that are helping to get food, water, power on and materials to rebuild.*

*Prayers for our country*

Our Church Family

James & Carmon Broxson\*

Marsha Graham\*

Zanatta Hagan\*

Nona Hutto\*

Anne Kelley\*

Deborah Lawrence\*

Cecelia Maddox\*

Leigh Manning

Gloria Mims\*

Jan Spencer\*

Jackie Turner\*

Shut-Ins

Annette Farmer\*

Sara Fletcher\*

Nona Hutto\*

Nadine Newsome\*

Betty Watson\*

Nursing Home/Assisted Living

Mary Freeman\*

Mark Ann Stanford\*

Mary Jean Jackson

Extended Church Family

Joey Alford\*

John & Shirley Andress\*

Hannah Andrews\*

Kathi Atkins\*

Linda Bell

Wade Boyle\*

Mary Emma Calhoun\*

Mike Carroll\*

Kenny Carter\*

John Charping

Charles Cox\*

Donna Crozier\*

David Deal\*

Eddie Deshazo

Robert Dowling\*

Mary Downing\*

Greg Enfinger\*

Alice Jewel England\*

Brian Faulk\*

Emory Foster\*

Sharon Fuller\*

Jennifer Thompson\*

Zadie Grace Ward\*

David Watson

James Bubba Wells\*

Beverly Zorich\*

John Zorich\*

\*Ongoing Prayer Needs

**Events**

10/12 9:00 a.m. Men’s breakfast at Golden Corral

10/20 Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon-immediately following the worship service

**October Mission**

Our Mission for October will be to collect non-perishable items for Love In Action. Love In Action’s pantry is very low, so during the month of October, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for them.

Some items needed are:

Canned meats: Tuna, chicken, ham, etc.

Canned vegetables

Packages of spaghetti & cans or jars of spaghetti sauce

Canned spaghetti and Ravioli

Rice

Soup

Peanut Butter (small jars & preferably creamy), jelly

Fruit

Crackers, Snacks, Small cans of applesauce and fruit

Vienna Sausage, Beanie Weenies

**October 27-November 20**

Operation Christmas Child-Christmas Shoeboxes

Beginning Sunday, October 27th we will be collecting items for the Christmas Shoeboxes. We will end collecting items on November 19th and will pack them on November 20th immediately following Bible Study.

These are some items that can be used: Crayons, Coloring books, stuffed animals (small), brushes, combs, hair clips/bows, small cars, small balls, gloves, socks (boys & girls), pencils & sharpeners, rulers, jump ropes, etc. Julie Culbreth will help us again this year with the shoeboxes, packing and dropping them off to be mailed.

**NOTE:** Mary Jean Jackson has moved to Whitehall Assisted Living and welcomes visitors. The address is 2094 John D. Odom Rd., Room 208, Dothan, AL 36303. Her phone # is 334-794-3324.

**September Finance Report**

Income \$ 11,607.81

Expenses \$ 8,120.22

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:30 Bible Study/ Lunch 6:00 Small Group	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 11:30 Bible Study/ Lunch 6:00 Small Group	10	11 Ella Ferguson Ella Wiggins	12 9 am Men's B/ fast at Golden Corral
13	14	15	16 11:30 Bible Study/ lunch 6:00 Small Group	17 Dennis Miller	18	19
20 Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon	21	22	23 11:30 Bible Study/ lunch 6:00 Small Group	24	25 5:30 Soup Kitchen	26 Laura Pippin
27	28	29	30 Tracy & Deborah Lawrence	31		