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Youth and Children Spaghetti Fundraiser & Dessert Auction

*Sunday, October 5
Immediately Following Worship
\$8/per person*



Registration is open!

Grades K-5

\$65 before November 1

\$80 after November 1

Visit Our Website to Sign Up

CORNERSTONE PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26



Dr. David Lambert, Lead Pastor

This month brings several important moments in the life of our church family—some filled with deep gratitude, others with eager anticipation.

Honoring the Life of Coach Paul Leroy

On **Saturday, October 4th**, we will gather for the memorial service of Coach Paul Leroy. Coach faithfully served our church for at least 18 years as a deacon. He was a tireless encourager of pastors and staff, a faithful servant to our shut-ins and widows, and a man who dearly loved children. Many of us still smile at his phrase, “the thundering herd,” describing all the kids who rush forward for the children’s sermon. In his honor, our children’s choir will sing during his service—a fitting tribute to his legacy of faith and love. Please keep his family in your prayers as we celebrate a life well-lived for Christ.

KBA Annual Fall Meeting

On **Monday, October 28th at 6:30 PM**, New Hope Baptist Church will host the Kilpatrick Baptist Association’s Annual Fall Meeting. These gatherings remind us that we are not alone in ministry. We have the joy of partnering with sister Baptist churches to serve our community and extend the Gospel around the world. I encourage you to come for a night of worship, fellowship, and learning more about the good work our association is doing.

Quarterly Church Conference

On **Sunday, October 19th at 6:00 PM**, we will hold our next QCC. These meetings are vital opportunities to learn more about the work and ministry of your church, make important decisions together, and celebrate God’s blessings. This conference will be especially exciting as we:

- Welcome and confirm many new members.
- Hear encouraging stewardship updates, including our *For All Generations* campaign.
- Approve and celebrate those who have committed to serve in 2026 on committees and ministry teams (thank you to all who signed up!).
- Receive an important update from our Campus Vision Team.

You don’t want to miss this time of worship, testimony, and church family business.

A Call to Prayer and Service

I deeply appreciate your prayers for myself, our pastors and staff, and our entire church family. God is moving in powerful ways—through new members and families, baptisms, and the many guests He is sending our way. With these blessings come great responsibilities. Every person God brings has a place to serve, and we especially need help in our growing nursery, preschool, and children’s ministries. Please make this a matter of urgent prayer—and action—as together we meet these needs.

Church family, I believe with all my heart that our best days are still ahead. As we follow God’s leading, pray faithfully, and serve generously, He will continue to use us to reach all generations for Jesus.



Dr. Matt Ward

Fall Festival Wrap-up

Thank you so much to everyone who helped us set up, operate, and clean up our Fall Festival. It was hot, but I think it was still our best-attended festival yet. We had hundreds of non-church members as our guests; they were invited to come to church with us, and most of them heard the gospel. And then we had 400 people with us in worship that next morning. How exciting!

But I hope you all understand that fun events and great preaching do not make disciples by themselves. That happens when all of us as church members build relationships with people—wherever they are on their disciple's path—and together study the Bible, learn what being a Christian looks like in today's world, and encourage one another towards faithfulness and godliness.

What are *you* going to do to help our church make disciples of Jesus Christ from all generations?



Serve Day—October 4

I've seen some discouraging weather forecasts for that Saturday, but that's still a long ways off. We can worry about the weather when the day gets closer. Everyone who has signed up to help us with Serve Day should have heard from me. If you have not, please get in touch with me so I can figure out why you haven't.

One observation that everyone has wondered about: yes, Coach's visitation starts that afternoon at 1:00. We are taking on some slightly smaller projects this time so as to be able to finish them with plenty of time to spare. That's also why we're starting at 8:00. So no worries! We will have plenty of time to clean up.

Miscellaneous Work around the Campus

If any of you have tried to get work done around your home or business, you know that it's a tough time to schedule workers. There's simply more work in the area than qualified people to do it. So, we do what we can as we can. In September, it was the handrails. In October, it will be cutting the sidewalks to remove tripping hazards. Just trying to make consistent progress every chance we get.

"Sunday School Weekend" Wrap-up

It's only been a couple of weeks since we had our kick-off breakfast. I want to say thanks again to everyone who brought and prepared food, and I want to say thanks again to our wonderful leaders. Our Sunday School is what it is because you guys have made it that. Let's grow even more this school year!

Rev. Ben Tarver

First, I want to thank our church family—and especially Bryan and Isaac Youngs—for covering Wednesday Night Elevate while my family was away. We had a wonderful visit with relatives in Oregon, whom we had not been able to see in their home state before. The time away was refreshing, and the beauty of God’s creation along the Oregon coast and places like Crater Lake National Park was a true gift.

Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction Fundraiser

On **Sunday, October 5**, immediately after worship, we will host a **Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Silent Auction** in the Fellowship Hall. Plates are **\$8 each** and include spaghetti, salad, and bread. Afterward, bid on a wide variety of homemade desserts. Families or groups can bid together to enjoy at the table or take home.

All proceeds benefit our **Youth and Children’s Ministries**, helping reduce costs for camps and events in the year ahead. By joining us, you’re investing in the next generation of our church.

Upward Basketball Registration Open

Registration is now open for the **2026 Upward Basketball season** for boys and girls in **K5 through 5th grade**. Early bird pricing is available now, so don’t wait to sign up.

Upward provides a Christ-centered environment where players of all skill levels can learn fundamentals, grow in teamwork, and hear the gospel. Practices and games begin in **mid-January** and continue through **March 2026**.

Visit our website to sign up.

Closing Word

These opportunities—whether sharing a meal, bidding on desserts, or signing up for basketball—are ways we strengthen our community and invest in the next generation. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.



Last Month

We Came		Morning Worship (in person)	Morning Worship (online)	Sunday School	We Gave
August 31		264	154	234	\$12,748.50
September 7		281	138	240	\$26,165.55
September 14		311	247	226	\$24,148.00
September 21		392	123	258	\$15,035.49
BUDGET		NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS			
Required	\$647,378.85	Cap. Improvements		\$10,264.65	
Received	\$709,181.62	Vision Implementation		\$552,619.98	
Disbursed	\$637,631.06	Go & Tell Mission Fund		\$27,623.83	

End-of- August Final Finances

Young @ Heart

**Tuesday, October 12
11:00 AM**

**Speakers: David Harbeson and
Bobby Hildreth**

RSVP By October 9 at Noon
Cost is \$10.00

BINGO!

**FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

**BRUNCH & BINGO
OCTOBER 25, 2025: 10AM**

\$5 PER PERSON FOR BRUNCH
***LADIES OF ALL AGES INVITED**

SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 12

Blood Drive

**October 16
1:00-6:00 PM**

**The bloodmobile
will be in our
parking lot!**

LORD'S SUPPER

October 19

A benevolence offering will be received.



**Quarterly Church
Conference**

October 19, 2025

FBC SERVE DAY

**October 4
8:00 AM- 12:00 PM**



\$6.50 ADULTS - \$4.00 UNDER AGE 12
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON MONDAYS

Family Night Supper
Wednesdays at 5:00; Fellowship Hall

October 1
Hamburger Steak

October 8
Chicken Strips

October 15
Chicken Salad/ Pimento Cheese
Kids: Bagel Bites

October 22
Pork Chops
Kids: Chicken Nuggets

October 29
Pizza



OCTOBER MINISTRY

**CRANBERRY SAUCE FOR
MANNA'S
THANKSGIVING BAGS**

October

SUN 9:00 Cornerstone Cafe
 9:30 Sunday School
 10:45 Morning Worship

MON 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 10:00 Stretch & Flex, Gym

TUE 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 1:30 Church Staff Meeting, 402
 5:15 Firm Believers, Gym

WED 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 10:00 Stretch & Flex, Gym
 5:00 Family Night Supper, FH
 6:00 *Disciples Pathway* (Adults, Fellowship Hall)
Women's Study, Room 410
Men's Study, Parlor
 Elevate (7-10 Grade), Warehouse
 TeamKID (1-6 Grade), Gym
 TinyKID (K4-K5), Chapel
 TinyTots (2-3), Nursery
 7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal, S

THU 6:30 *Stand in the Gap* Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:00 Walking Track open (until 5:00 PM)
 9:00 Nautilus Room open (until 1:00 PM)
 5:15 Firm Believers, Gym

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 10:00 Stretch & Flex, Gym

October 4, 2025

8:00 AM FBC Serve Day

October 5, 2025

12:00 PM Spaghetti Lunch and Dessert Auction Fundraiser

October 13, 2025

6:00 PM Property and Space Committee Meeting

October 14, 2025

11:00 PM Young at Heart

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

October 16, 2025

1:00 PM Blood Drive

October 19, 2025

Lord's Supper

6:00 PM Quarterly Church Conference

October 25, 2025

10:00 AM Brunch and Bingo

October 26, 2025

Cornerstone Preschool Sunday