



Dear Roberta Church Family,

November has a way of slowing us down—just enough to feel the weight of time and the warmth of gratitude. The leaves fall, the air cools, and something sacred seems to stir in our hearts.

This month, we begin by remembering the saints. **All Saints Day** is a holy moment in the life of the Church—a time when we light candles, call out names, and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone home to be with the Lord. Their race is finished, but their witness lives on in us.

Each flicker of candlelight reminds us that **we are not alone**. We walk this journey surrounded by a great cloud of faithful believers—mothers, fathers, teachers, friends—who shaped our lives and pointed us toward Jesus. As we honor them, may we also be inspired to live boldly and love deeply, just as they did.

And then comes **Thanksgiving**—a season not just of feasting, but of remembering. We pause to take stock of what God has done, how He has provided, and where His hand has guided us—even in the hard places. Gratitude has a way of realigning our hearts and fixing our eyes on the One who never fails.

So this November, let's be a people of memory and mission. Let's give thanks for those who have gone before us, and let's live lives worthy of their legacy. And as we gather around tables and altars alike, may our hearts overflow with the goodness of God.

With thanksgiving and grace,

Pastor Chad

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders...and run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” - Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)



Cranapple Casserole

Submitted by:

Terri Killian

3 cups tart apples, cored, peeled and diced
 2 cups fresh or frozen whole cranberries
 1-1/2 cups sugar or Splenda
Topping:
 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/3 cup plain flour
 1 1/2 cups oats
 1/2 cup melted margarine

Mix topping together and sprinkle over fruit. Bake 1 hour at 325 degrees. Let sit a few minutes before serving. Leftovers are great reheated. Wonderful accompaniment to turkey, dressing and all the trimmings! Also good as a dessert.



Recipe Books can be purchased through any Lydia member for \$12.00 each.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bell Ringer	
11/2	Gage Simpson
11/9	Maddie Hudson
11/16	Kelsey Kanady
11/23	Mitch Kanady
11/30	Millie Pacious
Acolyte	
11/2	Kalli Hattaway
11/9	Aurora Cochran
11/16	Mitch Kanady
11/23	Millie Pacious
11/30	Maddie Pacious
Ushers	
11/2	Mike Kanady & Paul Pacious
11/9	Doug Conner & Ronnie Hinson
11/16	Darrell Ridenhour & Josh Brooks
11/23	Eric Howie & Ed Anderson
11/30	Larry Pigg & Jewel Williamson
Greeters	
11/2	Tammy Weddington & Kevin Dunham
11/9	Wendy Stirewalt & Susan Rosinski
11/16	Ed Anderson & Kari Thompson
11/23	Carolyn Pigg & Vicky Furr
11/30	Doris Burris & Brenda Koerner
Children's Church	
11/2	Mari Brooks & Corinne Smith
11/9	Mari Brooks & TBD
11/16	Mari Brooks & Doris Burris
11/23	Mari Brooks & TBD
11/30	Mari Brooks & TBD
Nursery	
11/2	Annemarie Irons & Shawn Marble
11/9	Kari Thompson & Kelly Almond
11/16	Paul Pacious & Annemarie Irons
11/23	Shawn Marble & TBD
11/30	Kelly Pacious & TBD
Multi-Media	
11/2	Soundboard: Jim Killian Computer: Sue Ridenhour Camera: Loren Koerner
11/9	Soundboard: Sue Ridenhour Computer: Regina Hinson Camera: Susan Ferguson
11/16	Soundboard: Rob Sossamon Computer: Loren Koerner Camera: Jim Killian
11/23	Soundboard: Regina Hinson Computer: Jewel Williamson Camera: Don Smith
11/30	Soundboard: Sue Ridenhour Computer: Jim Killian Camera: Alex Hattaway
Opening/Closing Church - November	
Kevin Dunham	

Church Fund Balances — September 30, 2025

General Fund Operating Budget	
Checking Acct.	\$105,044.47
General Fund Checking	\$50.00
General Fund CD	\$103,629.91
Total General Fund	\$208,724.38
Capital Fund / General Fund	\$11,039.13
Capital Fund / Music - Children / Youth	\$2,602.45
Capital Fund / Multi - Media	\$1,210.68
Capital Fund / Adult Choir - Hand bells	\$1,903.26
Capital Fund / Disaffiliation	\$6,387.98
Total Capital Fund	\$23,143.50
Building Fund Checking Account	\$16,984.55
Building Fund Money Market	\$290,667.44
Total Building Fund	\$307,651.99
Community Missions	\$1,714.85
Feed the Children	\$986.00
Missions Community Outreach Fund	\$2,700.85
Cemetery Fund Checking	\$4,255.44
Cemetery Fund CD— 1	\$22,231.57
Cemetery Fund CD— 2	\$32,524.11
Total Cemetery Fund	\$59,014.12
Educational Fund CD	92,379.25
Year to Date: 1/1/2025 thru 9/30/2025	
General Fund Income:	\$230,066.82
Expenses:	\$239,792.00



Please don't forget that we continue to gather coins for our "Can in Each Hand" on the last Sunday of each month. The funds go into the building fund to pay back what we borrowed for the ReFresh Project on our Sanctuary. A total of **\$1,082.40** was collected in **September** for a total of **\$12,608.57** for **2025**. Remember to bring in your cans of food for the needy in Cabarrus County. This goes to CCM to help those who need food. Also, bring food for Esther's Heart, Backpacks for Hope. This helps feed hungry children in our community.





Music – Sharon Wooten

Our Roberta musicians are excited about all the wonderful things planned for our church family throughout the month of November!

We begin the month by remembering our saints on **All Saints Day**. On **November 9th**, we'll sing in honor of our **veterans**. On **November 16th**, we'll celebrate **Christ the King**, and on **November 23rd**, we'll lift our voices with special **Thanksgiving music**. Finally, on **November 30th**, we'll begin **Advent 2025**.

Each Sunday this month is meaningful, and we're preparing music that will enhance your worship as we acknowledge these special days together.

This year, we're planning something *very unique* for the **lighting of our Advent Candle**.

Advent includes the four Sundays before Christmas as well as **Christmas Eve**, and we invite you to join us each week for this beautiful season of worship:

November 30th

December 7th

December 14th

December 21st

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

You will be blessed to experience it!

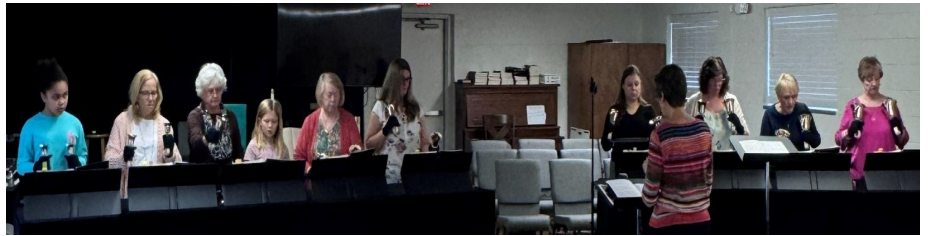
Reminders:

November 1st, 3:00–4:30 PM – Practice with the Advent Candle characters (in the Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 26th – *No Adult Choir Rehearsal*

Looking ahead to December, the **Roberta Ringers** will perform on **December 14th**, and our **Christmas Cantata** will be presented on **December 20th**. Both groups are working diligently to make their programs the very best they can be. I am deeply grateful for their dedication and the effort they pour into our music ministry each year.

Please keep all our musicians in your prayers as we prepare to share these special moments of worship with you.



MEMORIALS

A gift was given to the Building Fund in Memory of Larry Jones by:

Melba Dorton & Jesse Jones

A gift was given to the Building Fund in memory of Gene Gaddy by:

Vivian Bennick



LYDIA

Sharon Wooten — Cathy Thompson

Lydia would like to say a huge thank you to our Roberta family for your support of our bake sale on October 19th. As of end of day on October 19th, we had raised a little over \$1,200. There was some more money that had not come in yet that will be added to this amount. As stated before, this all goes to help those who are in need of providing for their families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Thanks to each of you who baked the good treats and those who purchased them.

Lydia will meet again on November 11th at the church in fellowship hall at 6:30 PM. **There will be NO meal. We will serve cookies from the lobby as we do on Sunday morning.** We will be talking about the families we will help. We will have a guest speaker, Cookie Carney. Cookie is a good friend of Cathy Thompson. She is an Independent Affiliate of Travel Experts, Inc. in Charlotte, NC. She has personally travelled to all seven continents. Her special interests include: adventure, beach, sun, food, wine, honeymoons, and river cruises. She had an unfortunate experience on one of her excursions. She has relied on her Lord and Savior to get her through and she has a powerful testimony to share. Please join us for this program.

Lydia will host the Senior Christmas lunch on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 1:00. Since we are unsure of the finish date for our ReFresh project, the location for the lunch is the Lions Club on Patricia Ave. in Harrisburg. Come just like always ready for good food and fellowship around the table.

Lydia just finished up the study from Right Now media on "The Unexpected." We plan to do another one when we come back after Christmas. Our first meeting in 2026 will be on Feb. 9th. This study will be on 2 Peter. This study has just been released and is very enlightening. Please plan to come and hear these videos. They are very powerful lessons.



- Sharon Wooten

Forward in Faith has begun the work of replenishing the funds used to pay for the Re-Fresh project in the sanctuary. The October fund raiser, The Giving Tree is about to conclude. As of October 19th, the total figure for this fundraiser is \$11,051. The final day to take an envelope off the wall and turn in your money is November 2nd. The

final figure will be reported to you on November 9th.

Please remember our Can-in-Each-Hand drive the last Sunday of each month. Bring in your coins for the coin collection and a can of food for the Harrisburg food pantry. Our coin cans have been doing well lately. As of September 30, we have raised \$12,608.57 with this, so keep up the great work.

Our next effort will be a bake sale scheduled for December 14 following the 10:00 service. Our wonderful Roberta bakers will have their delicious baked goods ready for your Christmas dinners on that Sunday, so please stop by to select something good for your special gatherings with friends and family. Be on the lookout for announcements as to the location of the bake sale. Location of the bake sale is dependent on whether we are back in the main building or still in the fellowship hall.

We will not do another fund-raising effort until after the first of the year. We will plan an old-fashioned Roberta hotdog sale sometime during first quarter of 2026. Please know that we appreciate all your donations to our ReFresh project. However, please also remember your regular tithes to the general fund as well so we can pay our bills and stay on budget. Keep our church in your prayers as we go about this and try to be good stewards of all God has given us. It will take each and every one of us doing whatever we are capable of doing to make all of this be successful. Thanks for all your efforts.



Cemetery Update and Research – Corinne Smith

THANK YOU, George and Fran Brown, Kirby Eudy and Kalli Hattaway, Eric Howie, Jim and Terri Killian, and Lisa Linker for coming out and helping at our Fall Cemetery Clean-up. Prior to our clean-up, George had inserted permanent PVC pipes at all our veteran graves, so the flags could be inserted easily at each headstone. On Oct 4th, flags were replaced on our veteran headstones, faded flowers removed, flat headstones cleared, and all headstones blown to remove grass. It was a beautiful day, and very rewarding. **A Spring Cemetery Clean-up will be scheduled in April 2026, so watch for it!**



Worship Committee

– Fran Brown

November is the month to GIVE THANKS! As we enter this season of gratitude and reflection, the Worship Committee invites us all to pause and remember all that God has done in and through our church and community this year. Let us give Thanks for the gift of worship, the joy of fellowship, and the presence of Christ among us each week.

Worship Highlights:

All Saints Sunday (November 2) We will honor and remember the saints who have gone before us.

Veterans Sunday (November 9) We will be remembering our Veterans.

Christ the King Sunday (November 16) The Choir will have Special Music for us.

Thanksgiving Sunday (November 23) Join us for a special service of gratitude and praise. ***As we prepare for Advent, volunteers are needed to help decorate-Please stay if you can!

First Sunday of Advent (November 30) What a Wonderful Time in our Christian Calendar as we Prepare for BABY JESUS' BIRTH! Each Lighting of the Advent Candle will be something very Special this year!!! You don't want to Miss It!!!

THANK YOU to our "Comfort Blessings Mission Ladies" for supplying our needs! These ladies provided us with our offering envelope holders which are actually Soap Holders. They have now made Tote Bags which will be used as a Welcome Tote for some of our visitors to Roberts Church. We will be ordering Poinsettias this year and a Sign Up sheet will be in our bulletin mid- November at a cost of \$7.00. They will be in our worship services on December 14th and December 21st.

Worship Committee Members please mark your calendars for our November 18th mtg in the conference room at 6:30 PM.

"Give thanks to the Lord and praise his name." - Psalm 100:4



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS – Mari Brooks

Count your blessings!

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a time for reflecting on blessings, spending time with loved ones, and expressing gratitude. Although we may do this throughout the year, we need to cherish our beliefs and personal growth. We should always be asking ourselves "What am I doing to have a stronger relationship with Jesus?"

True thankfulness is seen as an act of worship that involves acknowledging God's character and goodness, not just a reaction to receiving something.

I am thankful for all of you, and all of my students! They humble me by showing their childlike qualities that Jesus spoke of; qualities of humility as encompassing complete trust in God and an openness to learn and receive. We just started a new Bible Study lesson in both Children's Church and in Youth Sunday School. New Bibles have been purchased for the classrooms and students are really learning how to use a Bible and how incredible God's Word truly is. These lessons are fun and interactive, but also designed to keep students engaged in the Bible and all of its content. We are learning so much already!

We need Volunteers to assist in classrooms and for Holy Motion Club practices!

Contact Mari Brooks for more details

What is Holy Motion?

'Holy Motion'

This new program is open for all children and youth. Combining performing arts and worship, Holy Motion is designed to help kids and teens understand that their God given body is a vessel for the Spirit. Utilizing many areas of performing arts, students will learn and explore all of the ways that they can serve as a disciple and share Bible stories through movement, sound, and even puppets! This is a fun environment where your child or teen will find (some) of their gifts and talents. Through these gifts, we can express our love for Jesus in only the way that we know how, because we're all uniquely and wonderfully made. Bringing performing arts into our classrooms will help students build confidence and develop skills that will benefit them in other areas of life. Holy Motion will showcase what we've learned through scheduled performances during Worship, Holiday programs and productions, and other performances for our community.





Roberta Fellowship Group Camie Hooks & Barbara Anderson

In October, our Fellowship Group had an unexpected bump in the road. Unfortunately, Parkway House, where we have enjoyed our breakfasts for many years, closed its doors. Thankfully, Harrisburg Family House graciously accommodated us on short notice, and we are so appreciative of their hospitality. We had a very good group turn out and a couple of new faces! Although, everything turned out very well, the group decided to try Sunshine House for November's breakfast.

Looking Ahead:

November Lunch – Thursday, November 13th at 12:30 PM at Señor Agaves on Union Street in Concord.

November breakfast - Tuesday November 18th at 9:00am at Sunshine House in Concord.

December Lunch – Thursday, December 4th at 12:30 PM at Johnnys's Farmhouse

No December Breakfast

At our December lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse be prepared to discuss the following for next year:

1. Meet for Breakfast and lunch, or just meet once a month. Do we still want to do a different location for lunch each month or stick to one location.
2. If we choose to meet twice a month we would also need to choose a breakfast place.

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose water never fail." - Isaiah 58:11

Missions News: August Update – Camie & Dean Hooks

Operation Christmas Child

Our Operation Christmas Shoebox Drive will continue through Friday, November 21st. Pick up a shoebox or two, fill them with love, and return them to the church!

You can also pack a shoebox online. Each shoebox includes a \$10 donation that helps with shipping costs and provides literature in the child's own language to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- In-person shoebox: \$10 for shipping
- Online shoebox: \$30 total donation
- If you prefer, you may write a check to Roberta Church with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line, or place a designated envelope in the offering.

Esther's Heart – Backpack Packing

Join us for our next backpack packing event on Monday, November 24th at 6:00 PM

Andrea's team will have only 2–3 people, so we'll need plenty of helping hands from Roberta! (7+ would be great!)

Here's how we can help:

- 2 people in the packing room tying bags
- 1 person to pack bags into totes
- 1–2 people to assist with loading the truck
- 1–2 people to keep shelves stocked
- Everyone else will pack bags

After packing, we'll all pitch in to restock shelves and clean up for the next event.

Let's show our love and teamwork as we serve our community through Esther's Heart!

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Giving Tree: We will once again have a Giving Tree this year—details coming soon!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Friday, November 21st – 1PM – 7 PM @ Lowe's Foods in Harrisburg, Sign Up Sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Please Contact Barbara Anderson with any questions.

A Word of Thanks: Once again, Missions would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity, time, and heart for service. We could not do this without your continued support and love. God bless you, Roberta Family!



MINISTRY NEWS

Date	Event	Location	Time	Date	Event	Location	Time
Sat, Nov 1st	Craft Club	2B	9:00 AM	Thurs, Nov 14th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 2nd	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM	Sun, Nov 16th	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM		Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
	All Saints & Communion Sunday	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM		Roberta Ringers Practice	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
	Last Sunday for Giving Tree	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM		Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM		Advent Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall	3 - 4 PM
	Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM		Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM	Mon, Nov 17th	Men's Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Mon, Nov 3rd	Comfort Blessings Meeting	2B	3:00 PM	Tues, Nov 18th	Roberta Fellowship Breakfast	Sunshine House on 29	9:00 AM
Tue, Nov 4th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM		The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM
Wed, Nov 5th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM		SPRC Meeting	2B	6:00 PM
	Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM		Worship Committee Mtg	1st FL Conf Rm	6:30 PM
	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM	Wed, Nov 19th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM
Sat, Nov 8th	Craft Club	2B	9:00 AM		Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
Sun, Nov 9th	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM	Thurs, Nov 20th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	Online	7:00 PM
	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM	Fri, Nov 21st	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Lowe's Foods Harrisburg	1-7 PM
					Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Due Date	Fellowship Hall	
	Veterans Recognition Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM	Sat, Nov 22nd	Craft Club	2B	9:00 AM
	Roberta Ringers Practice	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM	Sun, Nov 23rd	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM		Thanksgiving Worship Service	Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM		Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary	11:00 AM
Tue, Nov 11th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM		Roberta Ringers Practice	Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
	Lydia Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM		Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM
	Afternoon Clubs/Holy Motion	Fellowship Hall & 2B	3-4:30 PM		Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM
Wed, Nov 12th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM	Tues, Nov 25th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 1	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	11:00 AM
	Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM	Wed, Nov 26th	Faith Forward	Facebook Live	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM		Rooted	1st FL Conf Rm/Online	6:00 PM
Thurs, Nov 13th	Roberta Fellowship Lunch	Senor Agave	12:30 PM		Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
	Charge Conference	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM	Thurs, Nov 27th	The Living Word Circle - Grp 2	CANCELLED	7:00 PM
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Dorthy Boynkin	1st	Taylor Darnell	14th
Barry Rimer	3rd	Jim Killian	15th
Corinne Smith	4th	Julie Conner	18th
Kelly Almond	5th	Terry Connor	19th
Eddie Taylor	6th	Gage Simpson	21st
Martha Harrison	6th	Nicole Horkey	22nd
Annemarie Irons	7th	Ed Anderson	23rd
Mari Brooks	7th	Terri Killian	24th
Ray Barbee	8th	Regina Hinson	26th
George Brown	11th	JR Furr	26th
Kelly Pacious	12th	Clifford Penninger	28th
Nicholas Alley	13th	Eric Pettigrew	29th
Nicole Alley	13th	Bobbie Sue Troutman	30th
Carolyn Hines	13th		



Ben & Randi Wilson	1st	Walter & Elaine Coutier	22nd
Jim & Terri Killian	6th	Chuck & Tammy Weddington	24th
Tim & Darla Natole	9th	Eddie & Kathy Taylor	24th
Jim & Dorothy Boykin	21st	Ron & Robin Clark	29th

