



BRIDGES

A Newsletter of New Baptist Church - November 2018

The Strength that the Lord gives

One of my most favorite stories in the Bible is the story about the prophet Elijah that is recorded in 1 Kings 19. The land had been without water for over three years, but the drought came to an end after a powerful demonstration of the Lord's power. In 1 Kings 18 there is a story of Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal. The challenge takes place between two sacrifices. The prophets of Baal fail to have their sacrifice accepted despite much effort. Elijah, then soaks his sacrifice and all the wood in water, and simply prays to the Lord. Verse 38 says *"Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench."* This is one of the most extraordinary



visible displays of God's power in scripture. The passage reads, *"When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, 'The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God' (v.39).*

At this point in time Elijah must have felt really good. The Lord has won, the people confess Him. Reading further in the story it only gets better. The Lord sends the rain, the prophets of Baal are rejected (and killed) by the people. Surely now, Elijah must have thought, a religious awakening will take place in the land. Surely now that the people have seen the power of God at work, they will return to Him. The story continues that Elijah is so excited about the Lord's victory that he outruns a chariot to inform the King's court of the news. This must have been the best day of Elijah's life. The Lord is victorious.

Yet, on the way to the royal court, Elijah hears the news that instead of a national repentance and a turning to the Lord, people hardened their hearts against the Lord; and Jezebel, the queen, wants Elijah dead. We read on in 1 King 19 that Elijah goes from an eagerness to proclaim the victory of the Lord to running for his life and hiding. Elijah was so depressed that he actually prays to the Lord to let him die. 1 King 19:4-5 says *"He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. 'I have had enough, Lord,' he said. 'Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep."*

The day went from being the best day of Elijah's life to Elijah being so discouraged that he actually asks God to let him die. Why? The answer is that Elijah was so thoroughly discouraged by the hardness of people's hearts in spite of the manifold revelation of God's power upon Mt. Carmen.

The hardness of people's hearts is sometimes one of the most difficult things about serving the Lord. Everyday is filled with the beauty of His creation, or the power of His Word, or the love of His people.

Yet, despite what is seen or experienced, so many people choose instead to continue in disobedience and blindness. People would rather criticize, disobey, complain and foster a spirit of discontent instead of a spirit of thankfulness. It is hard to serve the Lord when people's hearts are hard. I imagine that this is how Elijah must have felt when he prayed to the Lord to let him die.

What makes this story so powerful is how the Lord responds to Elijah. Reading from 1 King 19:6-21 the Lord cares for Elijah and responds to the Elijah's deepest needs.

- The Lord gives nourishment to Elijah (*"take and eat for the journey is long "* - v.7).
- The Lord provides Elijah with His presence (*"after the fire came a gentle whisper"* - v.12).
- The Lord reveals to Elijah His purpose and reminds Elijah that he is not alone. (*"I reserve 7,000 of Israel"* - v. 18).
- The Lord strengthens Elijah with friendship (*"Go and anoint Elisha"* - v.16).

In all of these things the Lord does not criticize Elijah but instead loves him and cares for Elijah's hurting heart. The Lord does the same for you and me.

The Lord has given to us all that we need to serve Him, even during times of disappointment, discouragement or depression. The Lord sustains us through His Word; the Lord renews our vision and purpose for His work; and the Lord provides the fellowship of believers. So pray to Him not as a last resort during times of discouragement, but as the first resort, and may the power and the glory of the Lord be revealed to you and in your life.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Trent

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

- 1 Patty Green
- 2 Jack Hendrick
Jennifer Simms
- 3 Kim Stinespring
- 6 Abigail Harman
Glenn Harman
- 10 Cathy Wells
- 11 Max Blake
Meredith Hadlock
Jeff Riley
Lanna Waugh
- 12 Jay Powers
- 15 Patti Cooper
- 16 Sharon Wimmer
- 17 Landon Campbell
Mary Scott
- 22 Amillia Howard
Roberta Noble
- 23 John Hall
Roberta Noble
- 24 Debi Campbell
Jody Duncan
Joyce Kinder
Valerie Moore
Sara Wilson
- 25 Cheryl Adkins
- 26 Trent Eastman
- 27 Phyllis Gould (97 yrs. young)
- 28 Ashley Summers
- 30 Dan Wells

Happy Anniversary

- Jordan & Rachel Jefferson Nov. 1
- Ron & Barbara Jarvis Nov. 2
- Major & Lynnette Simms Nov. 4
- Charles & Isabelle Bonecutter Nov. 6
- Dallas & Sarah Nibert Nov. 6
- Art & Myra Lydick Nov. 10
- Dan & Cathy Wells Nov. 14
- Rick & Linda Harris Nov. 17
- Sam & Mary McClure Nov. 17
- Luke & Bessie Vanover Nov. 20
- Tyler & Melissa Marcum Nov. 23
- Wylie & Christie Jeffrey Nov. 24
- Phil & Sara Simpson Nov. 26
- David & Sandra Watkins Nov. 27

Judy's Shawls



Judy's Shawls will meet Monday, Nov. 5 at 5:30 pm in the Bykota room.

Please note the time change!!



Veteran's Day

Nov. 11, 2018



Church Family—It is time for Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

New Baptist has a goal of 300 boxes for OCC this year. AWANA will be able to fill 50 boxes, one for each child in AWANA to send to a child in another part of the world. If you would like to help us pack a box, some of the items needed are:

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| small hand towels | Pencils and sharpeners |
| Wash clothes | T-shirts |
| Soap boxes | Barrettes, hair ties |
| Soap | Small stuffed animals |
| Toothbrushes | Socks |
| Ink pens | Small cars |

The most important part of a box is prayer, God will direct you with the items for your box and to whom that box should be received with prayer. In AWANA, we have the blessing of watching your child fill a box for another child. They pack their box with items they would want to receive and send it out with their love. They do not ask for anything for themselves and are excited to send it on to another.

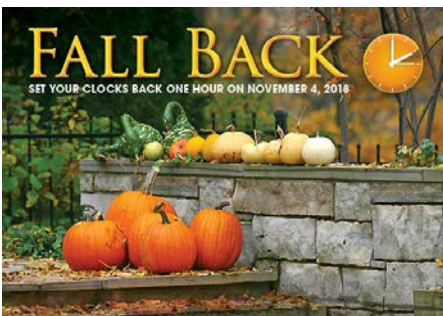
Thank you for your children. Thank you for teaching them their material wealth is nothing compared to helping others by showing them the love of Christ.

Can you help?: donate items, help a child pack their box (go through the line with them), pay for some of the shipping fee. Pray for the child sending the box and the one receiving it. Pray that the contents of the box gives the child or family a blessing.

My heart is overwhelmed with joy and love for my church family and for the honor of loving your children.

In His Service,

Debbie Harman



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4.



**LOVED
BY
GOD**

In Sunday School we were recently challenged to offer a blessing over our children on a regular basis. This continues to stir in my mind. Not only do we see Esau distraught in Genesis 27 that Jacob stole his blessing from his father, it makes him so mad that he threatens to kill Jacob. I haven't experienced cases as extreme as this, but I have seen both children and adults

working tirelessly seeking the blessing or affirmation of someone. There is a blessing offered in Numbers 6 to the people of Israel that I think is a good reminder for us and one that we can pass along to our children to remind them who and whose they are.

"The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

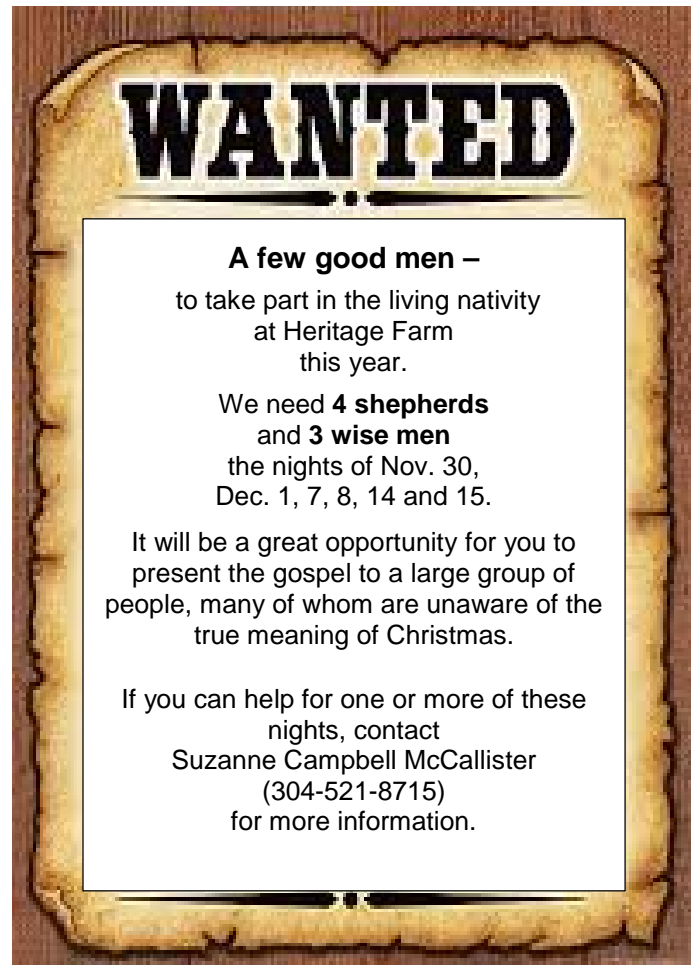
Verse 27 says "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." John repeatedly calls us "Children of God" in his gospel and letters, and as such, we carry God's name upon us and are able to receive his blessing. At the same time, we can pass that blessing along to our children, asking God to bless and keep them, showing them grace and peace. There are multiple blessings offered in scripture and so there is not just one way to offer a blessing to your children.

At a recent workshop, I offered this idea and had a number of pastors and parents share stories about receiving blessings from their parents or from grown children running back to them asking for a reminder that they are loved, known, and kept by both God and their families. Wow! What a wonderful gift to be thankful for: to know that the God of the universe knows you and loves you, and that your parents desire to remind you of that on a regular basis.

We build holidays into our November calendar in order to remind us that our freedom was not free and to create space to be thankful. Why not build reminders into our daily lives, providing space to be reminded that we are known and loved by a God who not only desires to rescue us but to bless us and keep us.

Praying that God will reveal Himself to you, that His presence will be made known to you and your family!

Lee Boso<><
Family Life Pastor



WANTED

A few good men –
to take part in the living nativity
at Heritage Farm
this year.

We need **4 shepherds**
and **3 wise men**
the nights of Nov. 30,
Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15.

It will be a great opportunity for you to
present the gospel to a large group of
people, many of whom are unaware of the
true meaning of Christmas.

If you can help for one or more of these
nights, contact
Suzanne Campbell McCallister
(304-521-8715)
for more information.

Lightly-Used Children's Book Drive



Two Marshall speech pathology students are hosting a book drive for children who are homeless or who are from low-income families in the Huntington community. If you have gently used children's books that your children or grandchildren have outgrown, they would love to give them a new home. Please place donations in the box located by the mission board. **Books will be collected through November 25th.** Thank you in advance for supporting this cause.

Budget \$ Planning

The Board of Finance will meet on Saturday,
November 17 at 9:00am to work on the
2019 Church Budget.



Wednesday, Nov. 21
for the December
issue of *Bridges*

**New Baptist Church In Mission
November 2018**

Thank you for your continued support of Pastor Dasni's ministry in Ft. Liberte' Haiti. So far you have donated over \$4200 to his ministry this year!!!



Haiti Medical Mission Trip:

A medical team recently returned from Haiti. The group consisted of 12 people total; four were NBC members including Tom Rushton, Larry Harman, Gail and Virgil Kelly. Be sure to ask them how their trip went and how God continues to work in Haiti.

Food Pantry:



Our food pantry continues to amaze me with all they serve! The backpack weekend food given to Highlawn Elementary each week has increased from 50 to 60 totaling 420!

In August and September, they served 505 families totaling 1,164 people (370 children, 610 adults, 184 seniors) and 62 homeless. They were also able to distribute

125 hygiene kits.

Service Opportunities:

Operation Christmas Child:



Shoeboxes are due on Sunday Nov 11. We have set a goal of 300 boxes as a church. Make this a family event. Let your kids help do the shopping. Draw the child a picture and then let your kids pray for the child that will receive these boxes. This is more than just a shoebox. Each child that receives these boxes will also hear the Gospel. Each child is also given the opportunity to be involved in a discipleship training to learn more and grow deeper.

OCC also works with local churches to minister to these children long term. This is way more than a shoebox...it is a tool that is advancing the kingdom!

Branches Ministry:

Branches is a secret safe home for women who have left abusive situations. They are asking for donations of old cell phones and chargers. You simply need to remove your SIM card. You can drop donations at the mission display board and we will get it to them.

Marcum Terrace:

We will be serving a holiday dinner to the residents of Marcum Terrace on Sunday, November 18. This has been an ongoing tradition of NBC for many years. We are looking at this being the last year we serve this dinner there, but we are looking at other avenues to serve next year. Watch the bulletin for more information on this event and plan to come help serve that evening!

Missionary Updates:

Drew Osenbach: we have been seeing God do some amazing things. I think we have seen 23-24 decisions to put faith in Christ (which is amazing). We have seen amazing growth and probably have a movement of about 130 students.

Cru was also recently able to celebrate 50 years of Cru being at Marshall. It was a great night celebrating God's faithfulness.

Katelyn Hannan: Bridges recently had 15+ students attend bridge day this past Saturday!! Which is SO many more than have come out to recent events so, they were super PUMPED. It was a great day of culture, fellowship and gospel conversations. Myra Lydick is hosting an event at her house on Friday October 26 for Bridges students to have a fall get together with all kinds of activities so it's an exciting opportunity for partnership with our church family ☺

**Food Pantry item of the month for November – Soup/Chili
Monetary contributions are always welcome.**



The choir is working diligently on the Christmas Cantata, "There is Peace in the World Tonight". It will be presented on Sunday, December 16th in the morning service and will be a multi-generational presentation. We have rehearsals each Sunday evening at 5 while also working on songs for our Sunday morning services. In addition to these rehearsals, we will be having 3 Saturday morning rehearsals on November 10th, December 1st and December 15th. Each of these will begin promptly at 9:00 and last for a couple of hours. If you want to join us in this special worship service for Christmas, please let Karen know and try your best

to make it to these rehearsals.

If you happen to have any choir music at home, it's not too late to turn it in and will be greatly appreciated! (i.e. past cantata books or anthems)

We are in need of tenors and basses. If you have a talent for singing please pray about joining us. We are a group with a passion for singing praises to our Lord and in doing so we have become a choir family. We'd love to have you join us!

News from kidZcity —

Many helpers are stepping down for a sabbatical or a because of their schedules, family needs, and sickness among other reasons. **CAN YOU HELP?**

- We need **Sunday School teachers for all ages**; 9:40 - 10:45 on alternating months
- We need **Church Hour teachers and helpers for all ages**; 10:50am- noon. This is one Sunday a month.
- **One-on-one helpers** for those with special needs
- **Substitute helpers**; these special people are called (sometimes, oftentimes last minute) to stand in as helpers
- Youth helpers are needed

Thank you for loving and serving our families at New Baptist



In His Love, Debbie Harman



Patty Green has made the Herald-Dispatch AGAIN! She was pictured with a group of Herd supporters from Woodlands in a recent full-page ad.

From the Board of Finance



Contributions

Starting this year, most of you will no longer be able to itemize deductions for federal income tax purposes. Instead, you will claim the standard deduction, and will not receive any additional tax benefit associated with your charitable contributions.

However, if you have a traditional IRA and are 70½ years old (the age you are required to take minimum distributions from your account), you can have the custodian of your IRA make a qualified charitable distribution (up to \$100,000 annually) directly to a qualified charity, such as New Baptist Church. You pay no federal or state tax on the qualified charitable distribution, and you still claim your full standard deduction amount in determining your federal income tax liability. (The amount of qualified distribution from your traditional IRA is excludible from your income. Your tax savings is your combined marginal federal and state income tax rates times the amount of the qualified charitable distribution.)

This information is not intended to be a substitute for specific individualized tax advice. You should discuss your specific tax situation with a qualified tax adviser to see whether this strategy makes sense for you.

Darrell Walden, Chair

News from Children's Choir



Children's Choir Christmas program will be **Sunday, December 9th** during the 11:00am service. Our program is called, "Great Big Story" telling of God's miraculous plan and His great big love.

Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 8th at 10:00am sharp followed by our annual Christmas party, celebrating Jesus's birth and the redeeming of tickets for prizes. You may pick up your child at 12:30 on the wild side.

The children are asked to wear regular church clothes with a Christmas theme for the program. Is it too late for a child in grades K-5 to join us for this program? NO, we still have the month of November to learn and practice the music!

Children's Choir meets on Wednesday at 6:30pm and during November we will also be practicing Sunday mornings. Join us in singing His "Great Big Story."

If you have any questions, please see John or Kim Stinespring.

Prayer Concerns

(Please let the church office know if there are any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer concern list.)



Church Family and Friends: Karen Pruitt Adams, Chelcie & Coralie Adkins, Susan Arthur, Tom & Laura Blake, Janet Bricker, Philip Scott Burt, Hannah Caserta, Jim & Dorothy Castleberry, Ronnie Childers, Mary Clifton, Kenny Coates, Jack Cook, Brittany Crockett, Marion Davis, Rose Davis, Sally Davis, Tracy & Teresa Foster, Phyllis Gould, Patty Green, Doris Halcombe, John Hall, Minnie Harris, Bill Herrold, David High, John and Linda Hovey, Linda Hutchinson, Scott Jackson, Allison Sheils Kays, Virginia Lawrence, Jenka Lockwood, Betty Maynor, Richard Meade, Lois Merritt, Linda Miller, Mary Coughenour Murphy, Warren Napier, Paula Paden, Barbara Pauley, Bill & Paula Peyton, Jack Rickman, Walter Sansom, Dale Shao, Charlie Shorey, Major & Lynnette Simms, Bonnie & Keith Simpkins, Barbara Lynn Spurlock, Jim Spurlock, Raymond & Carolyn Spurlock, David Stevenson, Judy Swann, Sandy Taylor, Earl & Teresa Trawick, Pat Vickers, Emma Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Lee Wilkes, Mark Willett, Sharon Wimmer, Ed Yeager

Death in the Church Family



Teddy Joe McComas, 86, of Huntington, passed away Friday, September 28, 2018. Ted was an Army veteran and retired with over 30 years of service from Appalachian Power. He was a longtime member of the former Highlawn Baptist Church. He joined the fellowship of New Baptist Church in April of 2014. Ted was also a member of The Gideons. He is survived by a son, Gregory J. McComas; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Tom Wilson; two grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.



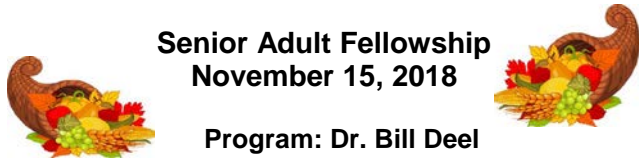
As Baptists we call ourselves "A People of the Book" and seek to be. The Bible is central in all we do. We seek to let the Bible say what it says and not just what we want it to say. We make every effort to conform our lives to the Bible and not conform the Bible to our lives. God's Word has a central role in our desire to mature in our relationship with the Lord.

We encourage you to read through the Bible each year. Every day as we read we ask God to speak to our lives and to draw us closer to Him. We hold the Bible in high esteem but we do not worship the Bible but rather the One it points us to. I hope you are taking time to read God's Word because it is through it that we gain a knowledge of God and are made aware of His provision for and faithfulness to us.

So how much do you know about the Bible? If you want to learn more and have an exciting experience along the way let me invite you to join us for a trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. The trip is being planned for **Thursday – Saturday, April 4-6**. The trip will include two nights at the Holiday Inn Capitol. The hotel is across the street from the Museum of the Bible and within walking distance of the Smithsonian and the Monument Mall. The trip includes one day in the Museum of the Bible and then you are free to explore other sites in Washington on the other day. Meals are on your own. The cost is \$450 per person based on double occupancy.

As we enter November our thoughts rightly turn to Thanksgiving. It is the only proper preparation for entering the Christmas season. In reality we are thinking about what gifts to give. The trip to the Museum of the Bible would be a wonderful gift to give. I hope you will join us as we deepen our knowledge, appreciation and love for God's Word.

Pastor Rowan



**Senior Adult Fellowship
November 15, 2018**

Program: Dr. Bill Deel

Catering by: The Scrumptious Company

Menu: Chef Bill's famous Reuben Sandwich, Tuna Melt Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Garden Salad, Chips and Dessert.

Donations accepted to help cover the cost.

Program: Let me see now: it is November, Halloween is history, Christmas is the future and November is the present and is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. You recall Thanksgiving is the day that probably saw the "covered Dish" introduced on the entertainment scene and we celebrate the feast of the Pilgrims and the Native American Tribes. In November 1621 Governor William Bradford organized the feast celebrating the Pilgrim's successful corn harvest, which was a joint effort between the Pilgrims and the local Native American Tribes. If it had not been for the Native American Tribes showing the Pilgrims how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees and catch fish in the rivers, the pilgrims would not have survived the harsh New England winters that still exist today. In appreciation for the help of the Native American Tribes, he invited them to join the Pilgrims and give thanks for the successful harvest that will provide food thru the coming winter. There were 50 surviving Pilgrims and 90 members of the Wampanoag Tribe and their Chief Massasoit at the feast. Their meal was a little different than ours today. They did not have Butter Ball turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, hot yeast rolls, butter, broccoli casserole, half runner green beans, pumpkin pie and sweet tea. I did read somewhere that they did have a football game and the Kansas City Chiefs played the Washington Redskins. Just kiddin'. Our program this month will be provided by Dr. Bill Deel, who is retired from Marshall University. Dr. Deel has presented several of our programs and we have asked him to come back and talk to us about "Porches". He has an interesting observation about porches and how they can affect our everyday lives. The way things are today in the USA, I believe we could use a lot more porches which would give us a different outlook on the happenings around us. You won't want to miss this!!!! We invite you to come out for this great time of food, fun and fellowship. We also hope you will invite a neighbor or two to come along with you. Looking forward to seeing you at our November PowWow.

Roy Maynor



New Baptist Church
Cat's Meow
\$15
Available in the church office

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH | 610 28TH ST.

COFFEE HOUSE AND OPEN MIC NIGHT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018. 6:30 PM.

Join us for 2nd annual Coffee House and Open Mic night! Admission is FREE, and we will have our very own Pastor Trent Eastman as a barista for the event. Signups will start at 6, and music will start at 6:30! FREE FOOD AND DRINKS

Jr. High Convention
November 16-18
Calvary Baptist Church
Oak Hill WV
Cost: \$25
(covers housing and all but one meal)

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Service Hours:

Sunday

9:30 Radio Bible Class
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
Kid's Church/Nursery
5:00 Choir Practice
6:00 Awana (Sept. – May)
Youth
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday

9:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Daniel
The Patriarchs
6:15 Ladies' Bible Study
Wisdom for Mothers
6:30 Ladies' Bible Studies
Me, Myself and Lies
One in a Million
Men's Bible Study
33 the Series A Man & His
Fatherhood
Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study
Children's Choir
Youth Pods



NEW BAPTIST CHURCH
610 28TH STREET
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Wednesday, November 14

6:30pm

Location: Former Highlawn
Baptist Church Building
2788 Collis Avenue

Marcum Terrace Annual Holiday Dinner

Sunday, November 18

4:00pm

Marcum Terrace Sports Center

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with the residents of Marcum Terrace by sharing a meal, playing games and just showing God's love.

Volunteers are needed to help serve food, interact with our guests and play games with the kids.

Contact Lisa Ghiz for more info
(304-634-5962)