Senior Adult's Newsletter
November 2026
Christ Covenant Church



HAVE YOU A WORD FROM THE LORD?

By Pastor Bruce Creswell

- ***King Zedekiah→ Last king of Judah. Things were not looking good for the kingdom of Judah.***
- ***Jeremiah→ Prophet, God's spokesman. He represented God; He was identified as knowing God and being in communication with Him.***
- ***King Zedekiah seeks out Jeremiah and inquires if he had "a word from the Lord?" Jeremiah responds to Zedekiah, "There is." Jer. 37:17.***

The question asked by the king was the thrust of **Dr. John Oliver's** charge to the pastor being installed as associate pastor at Christ Covenant Church. **Dr. Oliver** looking at the candidate began his charge, **"The people have a right to ask, '*Do you* have a word from the Lord?'"** He proceeded to unfold the solemn and sacred trust of the man of God to walk in daily communion with his Lord. That before he appears before his flock, he must first meet with the Chief Shepherd. The impact of this charge to the pastor continues, with those opening words written on the flyleaf of his Bible. I was that pastor; **Dr. Oliver** was preaching to that night.

On September 11, 2026, **John Oliver**, 91, died in his sleep and now resides in Heaven. Carolyn and I visited **John** and Cris in their Atlanta home in July. What a sweet and memorable time. Immediately upon our arrival, leaving our suitcases in the guestroom, we got down to business! Carolyn and Cris were hanging out in the family room, while **John** and I were in the living room. It was like old times! Sitting in his leather chair, the marathon discussion began. The topics covered everything from theology, church, seminary, preachers, preaching, books, and family. Several times, Cris summoned us to the dinner table, but we didn't hear her, until she walked in and plainly said, "It is time to eat." Needless to say, after dinner, we continued where we left off and around 10:30 we both agreed it was time to turn in.

The next morning, we had a good breakfast with hot fresh coffee. The day was spent visiting around Atlanta, which is Cris's old stomping grounds. We saw where she grew up and where her family was buried. For dinner, we went to the famous Mary Mac's Tearoom. It is the last of Atlanta's 16 tearooms still in business. The outside is not very fancy, in fact, it still has traces of its 1945 appearance. Inside the walls are plastered with pictures of the rich and famous who have eaten there over the years. But what makes it outstanding and exceptional is its genuine Southern fried chicken—fixed the old way—golden brown, deeply fried. There is nothing heart healthy about it, but, oh, it's the best chicken I have eaten. The collard greens and cornbread complement the fried chicken perfectly.

Upon our return to their house, **John** and I finished covering the rest of our discussion, while the ladies took a walk around the neighborhood. We turned in a little earlier than the night before, after a long and hot day in busy Atlanta. Though tired my mind was busy rehearsing all the discussions we had and finally I dozed off to sleep. The next morning, we loaded the car and had a good breakfast before leaving. It was such a blessed time of fellowship. We took pictures and said our goodbyes. Amazingly **John** and Cris were both in good health, apart from **John's** macular degeneration. **John's** mind was sharp as ever and his love for the Lord was fervent as well. Little did we think that this would be our last visit with him and Cris.

Around 7:30 am on September 11th, Carolyn got a phone call from Cris Oliver with the sad news of **John's** passing, both of us were shocked. **John** had the blessing of being transferred to heaven while sleeping, what an awakening he had! That evening, we had our first leadership session in the CLC. When **Pastor Derek Wells** announced in the meeting **John Oliver's** homegoing there was an audible "awe" throughout. Yes, there are quite a few who knew **John** and Cris here at Christ Covenant.

We had already made plans to be away when the date of **John's** funeral was announced. There was no question about attending the funeral. So, at 3am Carolyn drove me to the airport for Atlanta. Arriving there, with plenty of time I was able to have breakfast with 30 minutes to spare. I was invited to be an honorary pallbearer, sitting behind the family. The service was Christ honoring and Gospel oriented. The text was Ephesians 1: 3-10, the very same Scripture that **John** read at the inaugural assembly of the PCA in 1973. The hymns were special to **John**, one of his favorites, *Day by Day*, was a testimony to his long life. The service was well attended, our own **Caleb Johnson** was present along with many from **John's** former church in Augusta, Georgia.

Now **John** is in Heaven with his Savior. So, **John**, **"Do you have a word from the Lord for us today?"** Perhaps he would answer, ***"Be faithful in your walk, continue to meet with Me (Jesus) in prayer and in My Word, let your light shine before others, remember, I am with you and will not forsake you even as difficulties and sickness comes your way, and when you***

enter the valley of the shadow of death, Fear Not, for I will be with you, and welcome you Home."

Like many of you, I have more family and friends on the other side than here. But the blessed truth is that our parting is only temporary! We will all be together for Eternity, praising Him, **"Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive Glory, and Honor, and Power…"**

Remember, we don't say, "good-bye" but "good night" we will meet you in the morning!

"Just a few more years with their toil and tears,
And the journey will be ended;
Then I'll be with Him, where the tide of time
With eternity is blended." **Charles Gabriel**

RTS Remembers John Oliver: How do we stay faithful to our calling? | Reformed Theological Seminary (Ctrl + Click to open link).

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GREETINGS AND GOOD HEALTH TO YOU ALL FROM NORTHERN IRELAND!

I am delighted to once again write a few words for the Christ Covenant Seniors; we still miss you all very dearly and love to scan though your newsletter every month to learn how you are doing and what's going on in your neck of the woods.

I am writing from my home office overlooking the ancient and autumnal hills of Antrim that roll down towards Belfast. I've just enjoyed a bit of leftover BBQ pork butt for breakfast that we cooked up the other day and have before me on my shelves a watercolour of Christ Covenant in the fall. A scene that brings together my time in the States as well as my ministry here in the **Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI).** I am now into my second of the three years I need to complete as an Assistant Minister to be eligible for a call in the PCI, the congregation where we are members and in which we serve. **Muckamore Presbyterian** is a delightful place to be, full of warm and welcoming "gospel greedy" saints who love to learn from the word.

Just last night I was teaching at our Midweek Bible Study (A standard affair in the PCI, it is essentially Sunday School but on a Wednesday Evening). We are at the start of a series on the 10 Commandments that we are calling "Ten Words of Grace" for the commandments are gracious words from a gracious God who graciously wants to show us our sin, our need of a saviour, as well as show us the way He wants us (and will help us by His grace and power) to live. Last night we spent a good bit of time thinking through the Third Word, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). God's name is His self-revelation of Himself; His personal introduction to and sharing of Himself. In that sense God's name is more than simply the specific Proper nouns and titles He gives Himself but includes the totality of How he reveals Himself in His word. All God's revelation of Himself informs our understanding of His name.

I shared how the commandment **reveals** to us how seriously God takes His name (and consequently all self-revelation about Himself) and how seriously God wants us to take our *use* of His name. The commandment teaches us the importance of having the right attitude towards God and God's worship.

We then thought about how the commandment **confronts** us with our sin; how flippantly and carelessly we often misuse God's name, God's word, and God's worship. Sadly, we too often rush our prayers, fail to pay attention to our sermons, zone out when singing songs that celebrate God's greatness. Following this I explained how Christ **instructs** us in the commandment as to holy and reverent use of God's name; how he both invites and enables us to enjoy learning about God and growing in our faith and godliness. Being baptised in the *name* of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and being *named* Christians we are those who by grace *bear* or *carry* God's name in our very person in order that "whatever [we] do, in word or deed, [we] do everything in the *name* of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." I concluded thinking about how the commandment also **promises** blessing to those who use God's name rightly (the opposite of punishing those who misuse God's name); for "all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Joel 2:32; Romans 10:13) and "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10). When we seek God's help in prayer to learn more about Him (that is to gain a deeper understanding of his name) and seek His support as we sit under the reading and teaching of His word, we can expect God to use these ordinary means to do extraordinary things in our hearts for our good and His glory.

We are grateful to God that our partnership and fellowship with Christ Covenant remains strong and is growing stronger even though we are now a world apart. As Supported Workers we know that what we are doing here on the Island of Ireland would not be possible if not for your generosity in prayer and giving. We are hoping some of us may be able to return to Charlotte for the Missions Conference and Coram Deo and so look forward to a face-to-face reunion then. In the meantime, please keep us in your prayers that the Lord would keep us and would continue to provide for our every need in body and soul.

May God our Father so fill you all with the power of the Holy Spirit of His Son Jesus that you are encouraged and enabled to take up and call upon the saving name of the LORD in everything you say and do, in word and deed, all to the glory of our everlasting God.

With all our love in Jesus,

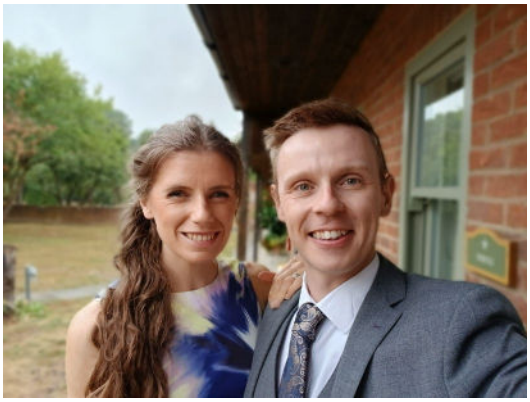
Matthew& Caroline Kirk plus Archibald (8), Beatrix (6), Cedric (3), and Douglas (2)



Cedric and Douglas walking along the Doagh (Pronounced Doke like Coke) Burn (Pronounced Burn…).



Cedric at the foot of the Antrim Steeple, the remains of an ancient Irish monastery that dates back over



Caroline and I at a wedding in Essex, England



Archibald, Beatrix, and I on a whistle stop tour of Berlin, Germany.

SENIOR STORIES

"One Senior's Life Story"

SECOND LOOK

Declaring his marvelous deeds

Psalm 96:3 is sometimes referred to as the "Great Commission" of the Old Testament: ***"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."*** It occurred to me recently that I have not responded adequately to the admonition of this verse. God has done a gracious work in my life, which ultimately led me into vocational missions. While a bit out of the ordinary for this column, I sense a burden of stewardship to share this story in print as a means to declare his glory and marvelous deeds.

I grew up in a small town along the **Delaware River** at the gateway to the beautiful **Pocono Mountains** of eastern **Pennsylvania**. It was a great place to be a kid. We could ride our bikes anywhere and cause no one any worry as long as we were home by suppertime. Although poor, my sister (six years my senior) and I felt secure and loved. Other than the great flood of 1955, life in our town was pleasant and uneventful. During my seventh year, however, it took a decided turn for the worse. My mother was diagnosed with acute schizophrenia and spent most of the next 25 years in state mental hospitals. My father enjoyed his beer too much and had a temper. Impulsive by nature, he also spent some time in a mental hospital. When I was 12 an auto accident took his life after an event where beer and anger played a major part.

After my father's death my sister and I went to live with our grandparents until my sister graduated from high school. We then moved back to our family home and largely parented each other for the next decade. This included parenting our mother as well, especially during those times when she was at home and experiencing many invisible, tormenting voices. Had it not been for something that had happened some years earlier I'm not sure we would have made it. At the age of eight, I was introduced to the person of Jesus Christ through the ministry of a **Back Yard Bible Club** and the testimony of my sister. I exaggerate not a whit when I say this made all the difference. During the years that followed God also provided several adults who took an interest in my sister and me and encouraged our involvement in the ways of Christ. I will be forever grateful to each of them.

Two other important things happened when I was 12. The first was my acknowledgement at summer camp of a calling to vocational ministry; the second was my explaining to the pastor of our church that my sister and I would be leaving because he was not preaching the gospel. In the years following, my sister and I were warmly embraced and discipled in a **Conservative Baptist Church** across the river.

One of the less happy features of growing up in a small town is that everybody seems to know everybody else's business. This grated on me during my teen years so that I could hardly wait to leave for college. College was also an important goal because I was battling a sense of shame. I had somehow concluded that I was probably doomed to inherit mental illness and my best shot at an antidote, I erroneously but genuinely believed, was education and achievement. That was an important part of the baggage I took with me to college. Thankfully I also took a profound faith and trust in Christ who had always been faithful to meet every need in my life. Trusting him fully,

therefore, became relatively easy. What was much harder was overcoming the overhanging sense of shame and lack of respectability that clouded my horizontal relationships.

In God's mercy, life in college was a new beginning that included lots of kudos for athletic, academic, and leadership achievements. These provided the crutch I needed at that time. It was not until my later twenties and beyond that a fuller understanding of all that I possessed in Christ freed me of the need for that crutch. But before that realization, I acquired several post-graduate degrees, including PhD work (ABD). Thankfully, God has managed to make good use of all of them. We also took a two year break during those years of education and threw ourselves into youth work at a local urban church. These were very rich years of ministry for us, as were the two months we spent in short term work with **SIM** in **Ghana**.

Three things were major influences in my long-term calling to missions. One was the preaching, teaching and life of my wife's father, a mission-minded pastor. The other two were the influence of **J. Herbert Kane**, who mentored me in mission history at **Trinity Evangelical Divinity School**; and **Urbana** 1973, to which I took several of the college youth from our church when I was a Youth Pastor.

In the final analysis it is undoubtedly true, as my uncle said in more recent years, ***"You could have certainly turned out differently***" (implying that it might have been a lot worse). Of that there is little doubt, but it is also true that the credit for whatever might be worthy belongs *only* to the Doer of "marvelous deeds."

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If you'd like to read more encouraging and inspirational Senior Life Stories of current and past classmates, you may purchase a binder of well over 100 stories, plus special tributes and remembrances of our beloved classmates who have graduated to glory. The cost is $10 which covers the cost of the binder, paper and printing. Contact Patty Marion during Sunday School class or email to pattymarion@runbox.us. If you'd like to submit your own life story, just send it to Patty at the email address above.



SAFELY HOME

By Randy Alcorn, 2001
Audio Version, read by Steve Sever
(available for free on Hoopla App)

" 'One day you will die. You must spend your life preparing for that day.' I have often asked myself, ***'Is this the day?' "*** Here lies the theme of this novel by the author of ***Heaven* (2004)**.

Set in modern day, **Alcorn** shows the listener the importance of "knowing where you're going". And he does it through the lives of two college friends who, after 20 years, are reunited and become reacquainted in China. Ben Fielding is the American businessman who is living the "American

dream". Li Quan is Ben's Harvard college roommate who, after his studies, returns to China as a hopeful university professor.

Fielding is introduced as a high-powered business executive working for a multi-national corporation. Fielding recognizes the importance of becoming friendly with the Chinese to the growth of the company and readily embraces that relationship. He also follows the "company/cultural-line", as he makes the decision to fire a relative working for him, a relative who makes no bones about his faith in Christ while at work. We learn Fielding has apparently "left his first love" for the glory of power, position and money. Along the way, he has left behind the broken relationships of his family. He is divorced and is somewhat estranged from his daughters. But we also learn of a faith-challenging tragedy in Fielding's life, of the grief and anger of personal loss, and how his blaming God for such losses pulls Fielding far from God, causing him to dismiss God altogether.

Fielding is called to China for several weeks for business. Here, the roommates are reunited, and we see how Fielding's interaction with his friend, Li Quan and Quan's wife and son, begins to change him. For Quan's life has taken a far more drastic direction when compared with Fielding's business successes and personal failures. Instead of becoming a university professor and author of many books, Quan is a "lowly" locksmith's assistant, living with his family in a small house. By any standard, the small family hovers near, if not below, the poverty line in society. Gone are Quan's ambitions of a professorship. Instead, his life is dedicated to his Lord and Savior.

Along with Fielding and Li Quan, the listener is introduced to another character and another world, that of The King, Yesu in Heaven. Alcorn does a masterful job of weaving together these worlds as he takes us "behind the scenes" and offers his interpretation of what Heaven may appear to be through the eyes and activities of Yesu, His angels and hosts and two other men, Li Tong & Li Manchu. Through these narrative interludes, the listener is reminded of pictures of the Revelation to John and is treated to Scripture references heard throughout the book.

More importantly, the persecuted church is presented through the lives of Li Quan, his house church brothers and sisters and his family. Here in the United States, we have a vague understanding, at best, of the hardships brothers & sisters face living in "closed" countries. Secret house churches, drop-offs, codes between pastor and congregation, hand-copied Scripture, the constant fear of raids by the State Police and the state run prisons, where political dissidents and those who defy the state-run church are persecuted, tortured and treated as slave labor. Li Quan's life changes dramatically when he is forcibly taken from his home and sent to prison for "crimes against the state". Yesu works through the circumstances to protect and comfort Li Quan. Quan's heart is so God-focused, he uses his position to minister to others within the prison to comfort and minister to the hearts of other prisoners and even the guards in the most unusual ways. And Ben Fielding becomes a witness to these events.

There are several memorable passages in this book, including:

"A fool who asks is a fool for a few minutes. A fool who does not ask is a fool for a lifetime."
"A church leader who does not believe in God is like a barefoot shoe salesman."

But the story is more than six hours of good entertainment. Alcorn uses his narrative to show us how our lives may become a "house of cards" revealing our fragility, shallowness and even depravity only in the light of the Gospel as presented in truth. For truly, what does it profit a man to gain the world, but lose his own soul along the way?

As noted at the beginning, this review is based on the audio version of the story, made available in 2014 by Tyndale House. But it is more than just a reading of the book. I believe great care was done to bring the text to life through the appropriate use of music and the reader's use of accents and inflections to bring depth & life to all the characters. The listener is given wonderful word pictures with which he or she can envision exactly what is taking place, the characters involved and even the motives of the characters.

This is an engaging story one can return to again and again. I highly recommend this book to anyone, Christian or not. Its passages and scenes will inspire the Christian to search out his or her Bible for the referenced texts. And (I believe) these same passages and scenes are written in such a way to evoke questions from those curious about Christ, God and the Holy Spirit, as well as the depth to which the church experiences persecution around the world.

"Heaven is my home, earth is a desert drear. Heaven is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand round me on every hand. Heaven is my Fatherland.
Heaven is my home."

Submitted by Pam Hollars November 2026

HYMN HISTORIES

By Peggy Dear

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS

This gospel song is a commentary on the writings of John in the Bible. The Gospel begins, as this song begins, by talking about the whole world being in darkness and Jesus coming as the Light. The chorus contains the line, ***"Once I was blind, but now I can see,"*** that is almost a direct quote of the blind man who was healed by Jesus. In that story Jesus declares that he is the Light of the world. The second stanza of this gospel song comes from John 12 as well as from John's first epistle, and the last stanza is taken from the last chapters of the book of Revelation which were also written by the apostle John.
If there were any doubt, Jesus declared boldly as he was teaching in the Temple, ***"I am the light of the world, if you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."*** **(John 8: 12)**

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shown in,
The Light of the world is Jesus.

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;
Once I was blind, but now I can see
The Light of the world is Jesus.

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide,
The Light of the world is Jesus.

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin blinded eyes,
The Light of the world is Jesus;
Go, wash at His bidding, and light will arise,
The Light of the world is Jesus.

No need of the sunlight in heaven we're told,
The Light of the world is Jesus,
The Lamb is the Light in the City of gold,
The Light of the world is Jesus.

PHILIP PAUL BLISS (1838-1876)

The Ladies' Luncheon will be on Friday, November 13th, at Trio's at 11:30. The address is 10709 McMullen Creek Pkwy (off Pineville-Matthews- Road).
Please let **Dot Branson (704-575-5955)** know that you will be there for great food and sweet fellowship.

The Senior Men's lunch will be Friday, November 20 @ 11:00am, at Park Place Restaurant.
Join us for a good, encouraging time gathered with your Christian brothers for great food and fellowship and Pastor Mo's devotional.
We welcome those Senior Men who have not been attending to join us and ask them to email or call me with that good news **(dwruths@gmail.com, 704-661-8201 mobile or 704-846-4074 home)**, just to help me with Park Place expectations. Thanks.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR
FOR THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: NOV 29- DEC 20, 2026

November 22: Caleb Johnson concludes his teaching
November 29 & December 6, 13, 20: Christmas Series
December 27 & January 3: NO Sunday School

SENIOR ADULT'S NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

You're invited! Please join the senior adults' community for a time of fellowship, good food, and interesting speakers.

Friday, November 6, 2026

Social time: 11:45 am / Lunch 12:00 pm / Community Life Center (CLC)

Speaker: Dr. Bill Barcley, Pastor Emeritus, Sovereign Grace

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Cost: $7 per person

Please RSVP via the SignUp Genius link below by Sunday, Nov. 1st or by calling ministry admin., Jenny Blackmon, 704-708-6104. Please wear your name tag.

Senior Adults: November Luncheon (Ctrl + Click to open link).

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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DINNER



*You are cordially invited to the Senior Adults' **Christmas Dinner** which will be held Friday, December 11, 2026, in the Community Life Center. This is a much-loved event and as many as 200 people attend annually!*

Speaker: Dr. Will Ross
Special Music: Jim & Ann Louise Wright

***Registration begins on Sunday, November 1 and ends on Sunday, November 15. The cost is $18, which includes a full sit-down dinner, devotion, and entertainment**. Payment confirms your registration. Cash is preferred. Checks (made payable to Lucille Ruths) may be given to Lucille, Registrar. Please indicate food allergies at time of registration.*

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO DATES

Karen Mayes will photograph our *regularly attending* Coram Deo Senior Sunday School class members starting **this Sunday,10/25**, and on **11/1, 11/8 and 11/15** both before and after Sunday School class. Since we have such a very large community, it's necessary to assign photo shoot dates alpha by last name. Efforts will also be made to obtain photos of all of our home-bound class members, as well. Married couples will be photographed together.

Because we have only four Sundays to do photos, **it is important for class members to be early, if you're able, to line up for photos**. Thank you, in advance, for your patience as we try to photograph ~180+ folks within the days and times allotted. *If you missed your scheduled date, please show up next Sunday. There will not be a make-up day once these four Sundays have passed.* ***Dates and times:***

- **LAST NAME** begins with **A - DEA**: **Sunday, 10/25** from **8:30 to 9:15** ***AND*** **10:15 to 10:30**
- **LAST NAME** begins with **DEL - KIN**: **Sunday, 11/1** from **8:30 to 9:15** ***AND*** **10:15 to 10:30**
- **LAST NAME** begins with **KIR - QUE: Sunday, 11/8** from **8:30 to 9:15** ***AND*** **10:15 to 10:30**
- **LAST NAME** begins with **RA - ZA: Sunday, 11/15** from **8:30 to 9:15** ***AND*** **10:15 to 10:30**

Location: Photos will be taken upstairs in the Worship Center on the carpeted area at the top of the stairs above the South lobby.

Patty Marion and one additional person will check each couple/individual off the list (and verify that your email addresses are correct) in order to keep the line for Karen filled and moving with minimal down time.

If you want your photo to be included but are not able to keep your assigned time, please be sure to let **Patty Marion** know at pattymarion@runbox.us. Thanks!

GET OUT AND VOTE!

Early voting has started—and will go until 3 p.m. Saturday, October 31st.
Election day is: Tuesday, November 3.

From protecting life and parental rights to defending religious freedom and election integrity, the decisions made by voters this year will have real consequences for our families, our communities, our church families and our state.

If you care about these issues, you cannot afford to sit this election out.

We have seen what can happen when lawmakers who oppose Biblical values have the opportunity to advance their agenda. For example, one bill filed in NC during the current legislative session included the 'Gender-Affirming Rights Act,' which would establish that

people have a fundamental right to change their gender and would repeal the protections we worked so hard to put in place preventing minors from being subjected to harmful, permanent sex-rejecting procedures. Another bill filed, the "Right to Reproductive Freedom Act," would enshrine Roe v. Wade into North Carolina law.

That is why your vote matters. Not voting is not neutral. When we fail to vote, we give people who oppose our values a greater say in what happens in our state. When you vote, be sure to vote the whole ballot all the way to the end. Download your ballot and research those you are not familiar with on-line.

First, make sure you're registered. If you are already registered, check your registration and make sure your information is current. If you are not registered, North Carolina allows eligible voters to register and vote at the same time at an early voting site in their county. But don't wait. Same-day registration is available during early voting, which ends at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. You generally cannot register to vote on Election Day, November 3.

Above From: NC VALUES COALITION (Faith-based non-profit organization)

You can find information on early voting and registration information and a copy of your ballot to download and print out at the sites below:

Mecklenburg County Board of Elections: mecknc.gov 741 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 202, Charlotte, NC 28204 Phone: 704-336-2133

Union County Board of Elections: 316-B East Windsor Street Monroe, NC 28112 PHONE: 704-283-3809, https://unioncountyncelections.gov/

North Carolina State Board of Elections (Can find your ballot at this website— click on "voter search"), https://www.ncsbe.gov/

Bonclarken Retreat / Christ Covenant Senior Adults
October 13-16, 2026





Tara Dabbs	Nov 02
Mark Costello III	Nov 03
Liz Parker	Nov 03
Glenda Dabbs	Nov 04
Dick Sylvester Jr.	Nov 04
Susan Reinken	Nov 05
Jane Gray	Nov 06
Dale Yurkovich	Nov 08
Janie Up De Graff	Nov 09
Pam Eash	Nov 11
Patty Marion	Nov 12
Renee Seel	Nov 13
Bob Guinn	Nov 14
Ruth Mangum	Nov 14
Debbie Burnett	Nov 16
Mary Newton	Nov 17
Barbara Smith	Nov 17
Judy Tyndell	Nov 18
Joe Wall	Nov 21
Carolyn Dellinger	Nov 23
Marilyn Frucella	Nov 25
Katrina Yates	Nov 25
Betty Williams	Nov 26
Tricia Neal	Nov 27
Sabra Romeo	Nov 27
Judy Williams	Nov 28
Jaye Hansen	Nov 29
Lu Murray	Nov 29



November 11, 2026



Terry & Beth Crimm	Nov 18
Hudson & Deborah Barton	Nov 23
Dick & Diana Sylvester	Nov 25
Norm & Dee Petty	Nov 30

NOVEMBER SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

Sunday School, Sundays, 9:00 am
Prayer Meetings, Tuesdays, 7:00 WC107
Senior Adults Luncheon, Nov. 6, 11:45, CLC
Ladies Luncheon, Friday, Nov. 13, 11:30am Trios Restaurant, McMullen Creek
Men's Luncheon, Friday, Nov. 20, 11am Park Place Restaurant, Pineville

Senior Adults Christmas Dinner, December 11, CLC – Register by Sunday, November 15

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Bonclarken Retreat October 2026
"Thanks for the Memories!"

Welcome!



Pastor Bruce & Carolyn plus the rest of the group enjoying a meal.



He did it again- remembered every name!



John & Chuck, elders and tech masters



Our youngest attendees.
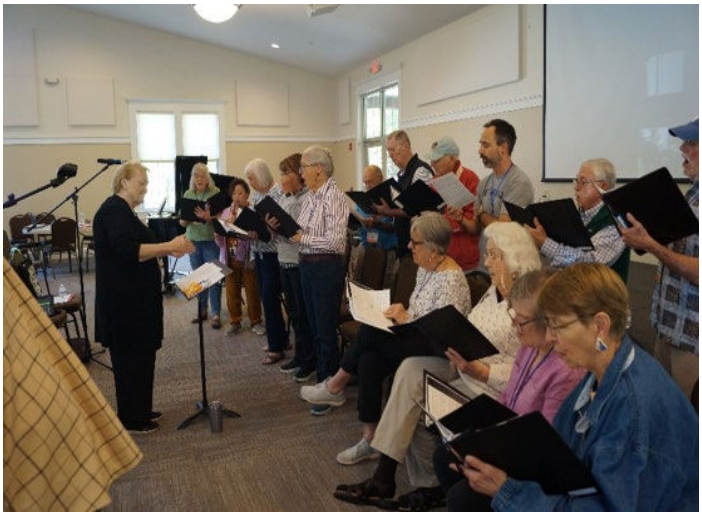


Get Acquainted Game: Which state were you born?



"The Three Elders" - Nathan George was the guest pastor teaching on Zechariah.



***The Joy Singers* Concert**



Pastor Bruce and his assistant leading songs.



The Snack Table!



Card Games, Chicken Foot, Puzzles, and More!



