**Hickory Valley Baptist Church**
**Announcements – November 1, 2026**

## A huge "Thank you!"

**Thanks to every person who prayed, distriuted invitations, decorated a trunk and gave out candy, donated candy, and help in others ways durig our gospel outreach last Sunday. We know of 5 salvation decisions and 2 rededications. Praise the Lord!**

## Bible study — 6:00 Sunday night

**Pastor David will continue the study of Bile prophecy pertaining to the future. Sunday night's study will deal with the fact of God's judgment.**

## Mid-week fellowship — Wednesday

**Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by sharing of Scriptures, singing, a brief devotion, sharing prayer requests, and spending time individually in prayer.**

## Men's prayer breakfast — Saturday

**At 8:00 am. The cost is $4.00 per person**

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## Women's Bible study begins — Tuesday, November 3

**At 1:00 in the afternoon. A new 6-week study entitled "The Essentials of Effectoive Prayer." For more details, please contact Miriam Epperson.**

## Thanksgiving potluck lunch — Sunday, November 22

**The church will provide the meat. Sign-up sheets are in Sunday school classrooms and at the information center.**

## Gospel tracts and invitations to HVBC

**In the lobby, there is an assortment of gospel tracts, including some written in Spanish and some designed to reach Jewish people. There are also business card-sized invitations to HVBC. Consider making it your goal to give out at least one tract and one invitation each day.**

## Benevolence ministry

**Donations to help those in need may be placed in the benevolence boxes in the lobby and in the fellowship hall. A special "Thank you!" to those who give to this ministry.**




# Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection

**It's time to pack shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies for Samaritan's Purse to distribute to children throughout the world. You may donate money or bring filled shoeboxes to the church up through November 22.**

**Financial Report**

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| **Last week's tithes & offerings** | **$3,568.26** |
| **Weekly operating budget** | **$5,566.59** |
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| **Year to date tithes & offerings** | **$274,498.90** |
| **Year to date operating budget** | **$239,363.37** |

**sermon notes**

**The Blessings of Salvation —**
**You Are Spiritually Richer Than You Might Realize**
**John 3:1-7— November 1, 2026**

Those people who put their _____faith_____ in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation experience tremendous blessings as a result (John 1:16; Ephesians 1:3).

These blessings are _____everlasting_____ (Romans 11:29).

These blessings are unrelated to any human ____works____or merit whatsoever. They are gifts from God that He gives by His grace — His undeserved favor (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**1. The Blessing of Being Regenerated**

To be "regenerated" is to receive _____new life_____ — spiritual life (John 3:3, 7; Titus 3:5).

1. The _____need_____ for regeneration:

supporting Scriptures: Genesis 2:7; Genesis 2:17
Romans 5:12
Ephesians 2:1-2
John 3:3, 6-7

2. Regeneration is a creative act done by _____God___, not a reforming process done by people.

supporting Scriptures: John 1:12-13
Ephesians 2:4-5

Regeneration is not turning over a __new leaf_____.
Regeneration involves receiving new life through personal faith in Jesus.

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3. The _____Holy Spirit_____ has a crucial role in regeneration.

Jesus equated being "born again" (John 3:3, 7) with being "born of the Spirit" (John 3:5-6).

The Holy Spirit __convicts__ unsaved people of their sinfulness (John 16:8-11), including:

1) their _____personal____ sinfulness, including the sin of not putting their faith in Jesus

2) the righteousness of _____Jesus_____

3) the judgment of _____Satan_____ — the fact that the power of Satan has been broken

4. The _____word of God_____ has a crucial role in regeneration.

supporting Scriptures: James 1:18
John 5:24

5. In regeneration, God works to totally ___change_____ people's lives, not just improve them.

supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:17
Philippians 2:13

personal applications:

1. Put your faith in ___Jesus____ alone for salvation if you have never done so.

supporting Scriptures: John 3:3, 7

2. _____Tell others_____ that they can be regenerated — born again, the recipient of new spiritual life — through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

supporting Scriptures: Acts 16:30-31