Hickory Valley Baptist Church
Announcements – November 1, 2026

Bible study — 6:00 Sunday night

Pastor David will continue the study of Bible prophecy pertaining to the future. Sunday night's study will deal with the judgment seat of Christ.

Women's Bible study — 1:00 Tuesday

A 6-week study entitled "The Essentials of Prayer." For more details, please contact Miriam Epperson.

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.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

It's time to pack shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies for Samaritan's Purse to distribute to children throughout the world. Gospel presentations will be added to shoeboxes. You may donate money or bring a shoebox you have packed to the church up through November 22.

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.

30 days of prayer for America

Prayer guides are available at the information center.



Thanksgiving potluck Sunday, November 22

The church will provide the meat. Please bring either 2 side dishes or 1 side dish and 1 dessert. Sign-up sheets are in Sunday school classrooms and at the information center.

Financial Report

Last week's tithes & offerings	**$9,321.97**
Weekly operating budget	**$5,566.59**
Year to date tithes & offerings	**$283,820.87**
Year to date operating budget	**$244,929.96**

sermon notes

The Blessings of Salvation:
The Blessing of Regeneration, part two
2 Corinthians 5:17— November 8, 2026

introduction: Genesis 1:1, 31
Revelation 21:1
2 Corinthians 5:17

The blessings of salvation 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).

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

In regeneration, God works to totally _____change_____ people's lives, not just to improve them. Regeneration (receiving new life) brings with it:

1) a new _____nature_____ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

2) a new _____energy_____ (Philippians 2:13; Philippians 1:6)

3) a new rule of _____conduct_____ (Hebrews 8:6-7, 13; Galatians 6:2)

4) a new life _____objective_____ (1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:16)

To glorify God is to acknowledge God's impressive greatness — to think, act, and speak in a way that gives Him the credit that He rightfully deserves, and to cause others to realize how great and impressive God is.

5) a new _____association_____ (1 Corinthians 1:9)

6) a new _____character_____ (Galatians 5:22-23)

7) a new _____resource_____ (Philippians 4:11-13)

8) a new life's _____direction_____ (Ephesians 5:17)

9) a new _____interest_____ (Colossians 3:1-2)

10) a new _____expectancy_____ (Titus 2:13)

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personal applications:

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

   supporting Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

If you are saved:

2. Thank the Lord for _____changing_____ your life for the better.

   supporting Scriptures: Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31

3. _____Live____ as a new creature in Christ ought to live.

   supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 4:21-24
   Colossians 3:8-10

4. _____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: 2 Corinthians 5:18, 20