

Upcoming Events

November 1
Daylight Savings
8:00 am Men's Breakfast

November 7
8:00 am Upland's Reach
Work Day

November 10
11:30 am Senior Lunch

5:30 pm KY Backpack
Dinner & Packing

November 12-13
KY Backpack Trip

November 14
6:00 pm Marriage
Enrichment Dinner

November 15
no evening services

November 18
5:30 pm Missions
Meal/Missions Night

November 22
6:00 pm Joint Service @
Hebron

November 25
no evening services

November 26
Thanksgiving

November 29
no evening services



Marriage Minute



Several years ago, my son, Garrison, reminded me of the importance of dating my wife, Erin. I was trying to usher Erin out the door for a date. Unfortunately, our youngest daughter, Annie, who was 4 at the time, didn't want Mommy to leave. Annie wrapped herself around Erin's leg. Garrison, who was 10, stepped in. "Don't worry," he explained to Annie. "We need to let Mom and Dad go out on their date."

"But why?" Annie asked.

I'll never forget his answer: "This is what Mom and Dad do to keep their marriage strong."

Annie seemed to accept his explanation, and then she asked, "What do they do on their date?"

"I have no idea," Garrison said, looking confused, "but I think it ends with kissing."

When a couple spends time alone each week, their levels of happiness, positive communication and sexual satisfaction are more than three times higher than those who don't spend that time together. That means you might be able to dramatically increase these important areas of your marriage by simply dating your wife! Date night is a fantastic way to make sure you and your wife are connecting positively and enjoying each other's company on a regular basis. It doesn't have to be expensive or elaborate. But it's going to take time, effort and planning.

The key to a great date is to make sure you don't administrate your marriage when you go out — don't have conversations about finances, household responsibilities, problems with the kids or sensitive issues. You need to talk about these things, but not during a date. Date night is about enjoying each other.

A great date night will feature playfulness and laughter. Ask your wife questions to update your knowledge of her. Reminisce by retelling some of your favorite marriage stories. Talking about your memorable events allows you to celebrate how far you've come as a couple and provides hope as you anticipate future good times together.

Why not take our Date Night Challenge? Go out on three dates in three weeks and watch how this will strengthen your marriage!

Dr. Greg Smalley is vice president of Marriage and Family Formation at Focus on the Family and the author or co-author of several books, including Take the Date Night Challenge.

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Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Serving in Love.Growing in Faith.



Dear Church Family,
As November arrives and our hearts turn toward Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on the goodness and faithfulness of our great God. The words of the psalmist seem especially fitting: "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Thanksgiving, for the believer, is far more than a season on the calendar. It is the joyful response of a heart that recognizes every good and perfect gift comes from the gracious hand of our Heavenly Father.

This November is especially meaningful to me because it marks one year since the Lord graciously called my family and me to Mount Vernon. It is difficult to believe an entire year has passed! As I reflect on these past twelve months, my heart is filled with gratitude not merely for the opportunity to serve as your pastor, but for the privilege of walking alongside a congregation that has shown such love, kindness, and faithfulness. Over this past year, we have worshiped together, studied God's Word together, prayed together, celebrated together, and walked through difficult seasons together.

Through it all, one truth has remained abundantly clear: God has been faithful. Whatever good has been accomplished, whatever spiritual growth has taken place, and whatever fruit has been produced, the glory belongs to Christ alone. As Paul reminds us, "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7).

Church family, I want you to know how deeply thankful I am for you. Thank you for loving my family, for your encouragement, for your prayers, and for your willingness to serve the Lord together. It is a tremendous privilege to shepherd the people of God, and one I never want to take lightly. My desire is not simply to see our church grow in number, but to see us grow in holiness, in our knowledge of Scripture, in our love for one another, and most importantly, in our affection for Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we remember that our greatest reason for gratitude is not found in our circumstances, our possessions, or even the blessings of this life. Our greatest reason for thanksgiving is Jesus Christ Himself.

Through His perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, we have received what we could never earn: the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, and the glorious hope of eternal life. If we possessed nothing else, Christ would still be more than enough.

As I look toward another year of ministry together, my prayer is simple: May Christ be magnified in everything we do. May His Word remain our foundation, His gospel our message, His glory our ambition, and His love the defining mark of our fellowship. I love you, church family, and I thank God for you. What a joy it is to serve our Savior together!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Andrew



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Prayer List

If you have added a name to the prayer list, please remember to give updates, or let us know when you would like for us to take them off.

Angie Wooten
Rev. Bill Phillips
Jane Hager
Nancy Hendren
Rob Johnson
Timothy Braddock

Kent Jordan
John Jones
Vickie Duncan
Blake Sloan
Brittany Bower
Judy Denham

Taylor Brown
Danny Sloan
Madison Gaither
Debbie Annas
Meme Edmisten
Julie Rupard

Caroline Annas
Tony Smith
Larry Tench

SERVE AND GROW



THE BOOK OF MATTHEW
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS 6:30 PM

MISSION Meal
Join us Wednesday
Nov. 18 from 5:30pm-
6:30pm for Mission
Meal. Menu Spaghetti
and Salad with
dessert. Proceeds to
Angel Tree Children at
UG, NIMS, NIHS for
Christmas depending
on need at each
school.



Hanging OF THE GREENS
November 29th
6:30 pm

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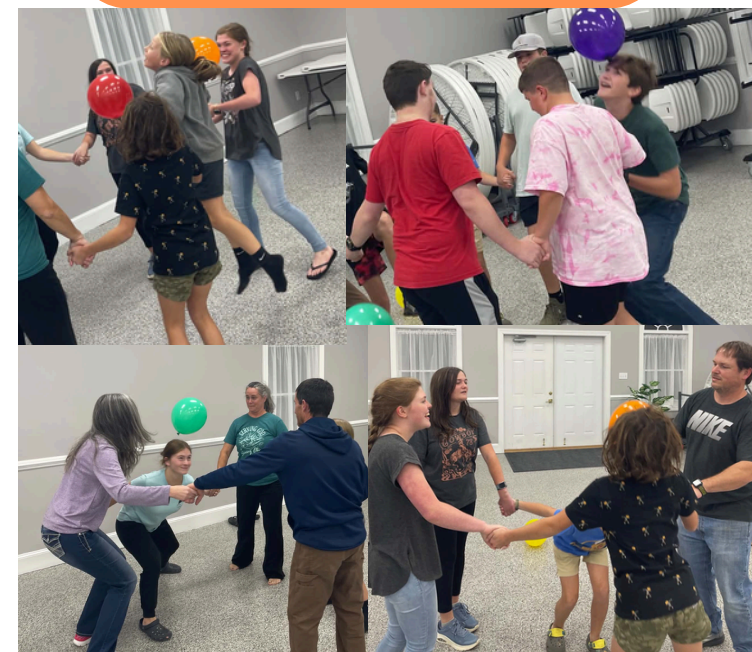
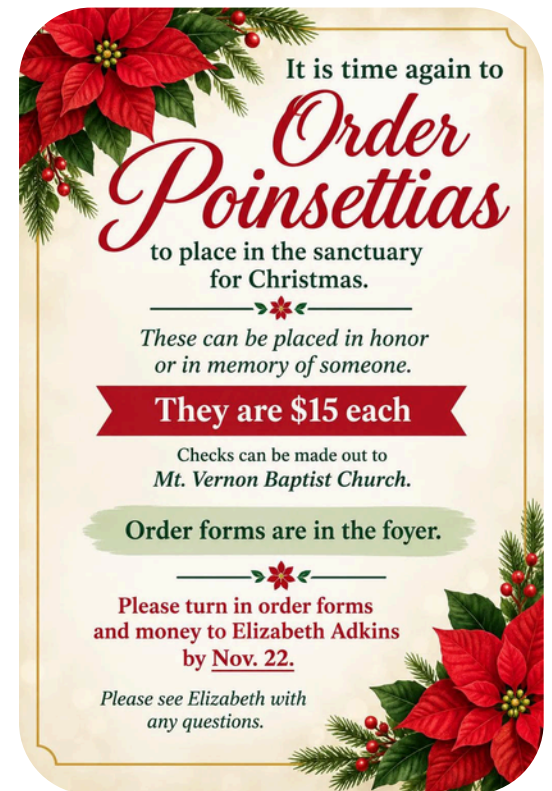
SENIOR ADULTS

Our monthly meeting is Tuesday Nov. 10 at 11:30am. We will have a soup and sandwich lunch. If you have never joined us be sure to join us and invite a friend. Save the date for our Annual Christmas Outing Dec. 8 in the evening.

Kentucky
Backpack
packing
Nov. 10th
Dinner @ 5:30
pm
Sign up in the
foyer!



Youth Fun



Deacons

Brian York
704-450-9687

Steve Wooten
704-880-1752

Mike Laws
704-902-3225

David Reavis
704-437-4768

Ron Robertson
704-880-4441

Alan Fann
704-236-7726

Terry Rupard
704-929-5062