

Mission Offerings in the Fall



**Operation Christmas Child** October 15 – November 13  
Gift Boxes Due Back on Sunday, November 13



**Lottie Moon** November 20 – January 7  
Week of Prayer for International Missions December 3 – 10

And Don't Forget the **Giving Tree**

Your donations of food make it possible to give food to anyone who needs it.

To the Collinsville Baptist Church. I just wanted to let you all know that I am very blessed to have just wonderful Christian people like you to take care of me and my family. Words cannot express how grateful I am and how blessed to have all of you praying for me and my family. I ask God to continue to keep you all in perfect peace. I really count my blessing when it comes to you all. With Love, Brenda Williams and the Stewart, Childs and Nelson Family

Congratulations to Katie Dean on the birth of her son, Kolton Lee Dean. He was born on October 2, is nineteen inches long and weighs seven pounds and three ounces. Proud, proud grandmother is Granna Gloria Wright.

## The Reformation Alone

Halloween will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses (Questions for Debate) on the front door of the Wittenburg Church. This is commonly accepted as the beginning of the Reformation. We will be having several Sunday morning services built around the Reformation emphases, beginning on October 15 with Faith Alone. Come join us for these special services.

Congratulations to Gracie Foster who was selected as Homecoming Queen. Gracie is active in CBC Youth. As were several others in the court.



Here is a picture of Gracie and a picture from the homecoming parade.

And Congratulations to the Dodge Ball World Champion Dodge Ball Collinsville Baptist Youth Yes, Dodge Ball. Intense Matches Took Place at Rainsville First among 13 local church teams. We're number one.

**Fall in the Park** October 15 was a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. Thanks to all who worked on this (especially Rick Carter, this year's master chef) and brought so much delicious food.





A Church Wedding, Sunday, November 4

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Clyde and Sandra Killian **Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary**

Sunday November 12  
2-4 In the Fellowship Hall  
Everybody Invited  
Your Presence Is Your Present  
Did you know that Clyde started serving as our Custodian on  
October 11, 1982, 35 years ago?

**2017 is our church's 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

Special service and lunch on **Sunday, November 18**

John and Gloria moved to Collinsville on Halloween, 1977.

Their first Sunday service was on November 6.

The Morgans will be serving you lunch that day as a small way of thanking you for your forty years of support for us. You do not need to bring anything but yourselves and your memories to the service and the meal.

Visitation is being planned by youth and deacon leaders. Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights. Stay tuned.

October 28

**Patsy Pull**

Fire Fighters will compete with each other by pulling their fire engines down Main Street, Collinsville

Cancer Fund Raiser

In Honor of Patsy Sharpe



**Trunk or Treat**

Tuesday, October 31

Downtown

5:00 - ?

Sponsored by the Collinsville Historical Association

Churches encouraged to have van/car with treats/activities



## **Dekalb and Fort Payne Schools Out November 10**

### **Nicaragua Mission Trip**

July 15-22, 2018

Let Luke know if you are interested or want more details.

A Boston Roast sale to support this trip has started. Orders due by November 8

### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Sunday, November 5

### **International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

November 6 and 13

### **November 11 Veterans Day**

Dedication of Memorial Park

11:00 A.M.



Between the library and the train tracks in downtown Collinsville  
Donate or learn more at [veteransmemorialpark@hotmail.com](mailto:veteransmemorialpark@hotmail.com)



**Alabama Senatorial Election**  
December 12

**Youth Bible Study**  
Sundays 6:00  
Prayer Meeting Coming Soon  
Led by Jennifer Wilkins

**Wednesday Night**  
6:00 Youth Group  
6:00 CBC Kids  
7:00 Youth Praise Team  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir  
And starting on November 1 at 6:00  
Adult Bible Study  
Led by Jimmy Carter

**International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**  
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**Turkey Trot**  
Saturday, November 18



**Community Thanksgiving Service**



Sunday, November 19

Host – Vernon

Speaker – Harvest Center

6:00 Usual Starting Time

Bring offerings of nonperishable food items for food boxes.

Bring names of local people who you feel might appreciate a box this year.

### **Community Christmas Tree Lighting**

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23 5:00

The local churches will be providing cider, hot chocolate, music and a Christmas devotion.



### **Community Christmas Service**

Host – First Methodist

Sunday, December 10

6:00



### **Advent Begins**

Sunday, December 3

### **Community Christmas Parade**

Saturday, December 9

### **Christmas**

Monday, December 25



Dear Family of God,

Thank you for providing transportation for four Music campers to attend Music week at Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega this summer. One of the parents called later to say how much that week had impacted her child in the weeks and months afterward. We are also thankful for God's provision that covered the cost of the campers' fees and the church's provision for the chaperone.

We are well into the new church year now: Sanctuary choir rehearsals have resumed, and we welcome back Andy Myers to the bass section. CBC Kids are also meeting on Wednesdays under the direction of Zach Bobo. It has gotten off to a good beginning, and we need more children and more workers!

Our youth have never slowed down. In this past year, they have blessed our church by leading worship music about once a month. We have so appreciated Youth Minister Luke Laney's leadership for this age group, assisted by Bri Wells.

I am thankful to be a part of a church that has so consistently tried to encourage and nurture young people of all ages from the youngest preschooler to to the oldest team.

We have been able to do this because of the selflessness of our precious adults of all ages. There are parents of young children, so busy, yet making church a priority on Wednesdays and Sundays. There are parents of teens who pitch in to help with whatever fund raiser is happening. There are grandparents and even great grandparents who continue to eagerly look for ways to serve and continue to support the body of Christ.

We are one body, with many parts, each vitally important\*. I hope you will seek the Lord about His plan for your place of ministry as we celebrate Collinsville Baptist's 180<sup>th</sup> year. It is an honor and a privilege to serve with you. \*Romans 12:12-26

With grateful heart and love for all of you,  
Gloria Morgan      Gloria with birthday cake from two of her Shocco companions



**The Basket Weaver.** She had a shop in the busiest part of the busiest market in Charleston. But she wasn't working very hard at selling. City Market is 200 years old. Four blocks long. Required stop for all tourists. Lots and lots of booths. Lots of things for sale. Including handmade grass baskets. The building had a pleasant surprise – air conditioning. In the booth on at the end was a woman making baskets. Sarah and Hannah walked right up to the smiling lady. She began to show them how to weave sea grass. The girls were entranced.

She put down her weaving to talk to us. She was in no rush to get back to work. No sales push. It was as if we had met an old friend for the first time. She asked about us. She was excited to learn Mark had gone to Duke. So had she. Turned out she was a medical doctor and a teacher. This sweet, humble woman with time for two little girls had done amazing things with her life. And then she came home. And started making and selling grass baskets. She didn't need the money. She wasn't bored. She was just following her mom's advice.

“Educate your heart for your friends. And your mind for you.” Develop heart and mind. Do it for others and for you. And then Mom told her to make baskets. Her family had always made baskets. African slaves sold in South Carolina brought their skills weaving sea grass with them from Africa. The baskets helped them to hold onto and develop their Gullah culture and language.

She began to weave baskets. Her friends made fun of her. “Don't do that slave work”. Her grandmother told her to make the baskets and make them beautiful or she would take a poplar switch to her. She became an expert weaver. The family wanted to always have someone making baskets. To remind them of who they are. And where they came from. She told us that she had feared that nobody was making baskets in the next generation. When her granddaughter graduated from business school, she took her on a trip. They followed the route of the Underground Railroad that escaped slaves had followed. All the way to Canada and freedom. Her granddaughter got the message about who they are. She began to make baskets. Embracing her family history. Making baskets is a reminder of family and community.

The woman told us that her mom and grandmother told her: “Don't stop. Never stop. Keep making grass baskets. And when you get to heaven if there is grass there, make grass baskets there. Never stop.”

It was time to move along. She stood up and we hugged her and thanked her. A remarkable woman. Coming to the market to pass on who her family is. Ready to talk to anyone. Not selling. Sharing. I looked back at her. She had picked up the grass and gone back to weaving.

I looked at Sarah and Hannah moving on to the next building and the next booths. And I thought about what heritage I was passing on. I hope and pray that it is a Christian heritage. Forgiveness, salvation, hope. Through Jesus Christ. The family of God. My children and grandchildren must be taught. So must yours. Don't stop. Don't ever stop.



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