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Knowing God Growing in

relationship to Him Going into the world in His name and with his message Showing others how they can do the same.

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Here to Serve

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Message from Pastor Brandon

Edward Winslow was a leader among the pilgrims who came on the Mayflower in 1620. He was diligent in the pursuits he believed God was leading them in, and he was devoted to giving God praise for all His blessings. He wrote a letter recounting the events of the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth in 1621. Though the language is different and somewhat difficult for us to read, taking the time to read of the first Thanksgiving from a first-hand perspective really brings into view the truths on which this time of recognition and celebration is founded. Winslow wrote:

"Our Corne did proue well, & God be praysed, we had a good increase of Indian Corne, and our Barly indifferent good, but our Pease not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sowne, they came vp very well, and blossomed, but the Sunne parched them in the blossome; our harvest being gotten in, our Governour sent foure men on fowling, that so we might after a more speciall manner reioyce together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they foure in one day killed as much fowle, as with a little helpe beside, served the Company almost a weeke, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Armes, many of the Indians coming amongst vs, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoyt, with some nintie men, whom for three dayes we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed fiue Deere, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed upon our

lotla/Burningtown Fire **Department Appreciation**

On Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm we as a church will be going to the Iotla/Burningtown Fire Department to show our appreciation and thankfulness for their service in our community. Our children have something special to take to them and we will also be bringing a goody platter and basket of fruit. Please make plans to join us to let them know we appreciate all they do!

Governour, and upon the Captaine, and others. And although it be not alwayes so plentifull, as it was at this time with vs, yet by the goodneses of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty." E.W. (Edward Winslow) Plymouth, in New England, this 11th of December, 1621. The pilgrims and puritans, to whom we owe much for our freedom in worship, were committed to the Word of God, the work of God and the worship of God. These things defined their lives. It's easy to see that in the very words of

Winslow. But these truths aren't just the heritage of Americans, they're the heritage of the human race. When God created Adam and placed Him in the garden of Eden and gave him the words of life, He set before Adam those same three defining marks; obey the Word God has given you and live, do the work God has given you and enjoy it, live in the worship God receives from you and know your purpose.

And, though sin has cursed the original experience of these God-given gifts, by pursuing them daily with the Holy Spirit's help, we can experience and express Thanksgiving to God as it was intended, first, in the garden of Eden, and then, at Plymouth.

For His glory: Pastor Brandon



JOY Group

The JOY Group has our trailer in the parking lot again. They are collecting clothes for the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries located in Asheville all through the month of November. Clean out your closets and bring clothes (especially coats and sweaters), linens, towels and blankets to church. The trailer will be open on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you would like to bring items by at any other time, just call the church and we will open the trailer for you. Let's see if we can fill the trailer like we did the last time.

lotla Baptist Hotdog Supper Drive Thru

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped make our Hotdog Supper Drive Thru a success! We all enjoyed the time spent together and the opportunity to reach out to adults and children in our community. We served 55 hotdog supper bags and met lots of great people. An evening well spent!

Also a BIG thank you to those who contributed candy to be given to lotla Valley Elementary School for their Trunk or Treat. We were able to take them over 71 pounds of candy!

Church Library

With fall here and winter fast approaching you may find yourself looking for things to do. I want to remind you of the church library. It is packed full of things to read...some true; some fictional and some inspirational. Our new system is a trust system. Take a book or more but do not worry about the card in the back, just remember to return the book when you have finished it.

I would like to start a DVD section in the library. If you have any good Christian DVDs that you are finished with, donate them to our library and we will get them on the shelves.

Let's Celebrate !

ANNIVERSARIES

- GILMER & REVENA BREEDLOVE 11/09
- BILL & DENISE TIPPETT 11/18
- STEVE & CYNTHIA ROWLAND 11/28
- HAYES & MARGARET SNYDER 11/30

BIRTHDAYS

•	RON BOHLENDER	11/03
٠	PAT BENNETT	11/11
٠	KATIE NORTON	11/14
٠	KARSYN HAHN	11/15
٠	SCOTT ASBY	11/16
٠	LINDA CUNNINGHAM	11/16
٠	WALT LOVETT	11/16
٠	MARK DOVE	11/22
٠	BROOKE TIPPETT	11/27
٠	TANYA BOHLENDER	11/28
٠	COLTON GIBSON	11/29
•	JOEY GIBSON	11/30











Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child project at lotla was kicked off by our youth and leaders. We hope each of you will take this opportunity to help spread the word of God and His love throughout the world through a <u>single shoe box</u>.

- You can pick up your box and labels in the vestibule. Remember envelopes for the donation that they request for shipping should be placed in the top of your box. Last year we collected 74 boxes. Can we beat that number this year?
- You can also do boxes online as well. Just go to <u>www.operationchristmaschild.</u> org and follow the links to build your box. If you need assistance in building your box online, Carol will be happy to assist you! If you do boxes online please just put down how many you did on a slip of paper and put it in the offering box or let Carol know.
- There are free items for the taking such as gloves, socks, etc located in boxes in the old fellowship kitchen. Please take what you need for your boxes.
- Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 21st.** This will be our Operation Christmas Child Box Dedication Day! Please have your boxes here by the morning service for our special time of dedication and prayer.

OCC KICK-OFF...October 24, 2021



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

CHILDREN'S Church



James 5:16