

In a Nutshell

November 14, 2025

Jesus prayed to His Father, "...nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." Prayer is a privilege given to us from God. It is not a time of demands to be made by us to God. It is a time of thanksgiving. It is a time of praise. It is a time of asking for the things that we are burdened about. If we are yielded to the Holy Spirit, He will guide our prayers according to the will of God. A child wants their own way, but when the child matures, they know that the parents know what is best. I often want my way and I want God to answer my prayers the way I want them answered. Maturity in the Christian life brings the knowledge that in God's sovereignty, He will always work for our good and His glory. My prayer has become "not my will, Dear Lord, but Thine be done". I thank God that He loves me enough to not always answer my prayers the way I have often asked Him to.

Romans 8:26 - Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Matthew 6:6 - But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:7 - When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.

1 John 5:14 - And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

~~Shared by Kim Combs

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Charge Conference -- Sunday, November 16th!

Charge Conference is Sunday, November 16th at 7:00pm at Cedar Grove UMC. This is open to all members of the church! Please join us as we continue to grow together in Christ!

Food Train for Lauren and Andrew Birch

Walnut Grove Church Family and Friends,

We are so excited to welcome to our church family little Lenora Louise Birch. As Lauren, our Minister of Discipleship, and Andrew settle into being first time parents, we want to support them as best we can. We've attached a Food Train sign up for them if you are able to support them with a meal or gift card to a restaurant as they continue to adjust to the gift being a family. Thank you so much for your loving support of the Birch family!

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/o89gkl>

Music Ministry Update

Can you believe that Christmas is less than 6 weeks away?

The **Worship Choir** is working on this year's cantata, "All is Well". We will present this on Sunday, December 14th, during the 10:30am worship service. If you are interested in participating with us (singing or speaking), join us on Wednesdays at 7:30pm and/or Sundays at 6:00pm. Youth are welcome to participate too!

Hallelujah Kids are working on their Christmas music, "The Mystery of the Missing Manger". We will present this on Sunday, December 21st during the 10:30am worship service. Children K through 5th grade are invited to participate in the singing and acting parts. We will also have some opportunities for the younger children as well. Join us on Sundays at 4:45pm!

For more information, contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or leighmcfalls@gmail.com.

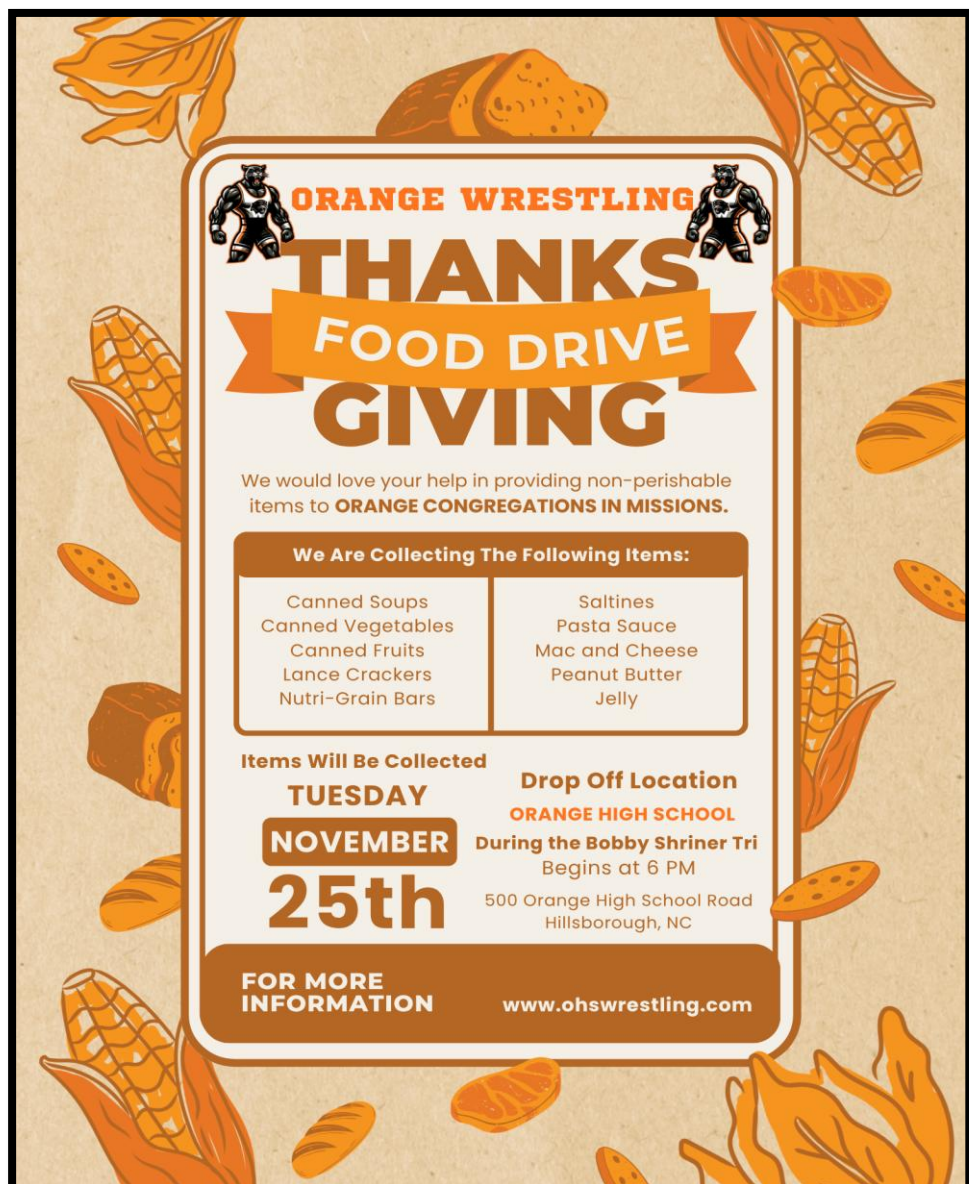
OCIM Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in bringing cans or boxes of food for OCIM or donated to OCIM.

Here is a list of food items from the OCIM Food Pantry Shopping List: canned vegetables, tomatoes, canned or cups of Applesauce, Baked Beans or Pork & Beans, Peanut Butter, jelly mayonnaise, soup, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta meals, beef stew, tuna, canned chicken, other canned meat, dry macaroni or spaghetti, crackers, macaroni and cheese, school snacks, juice boxes, bottled or gallon water,

Non Food items: Toilet Paper, bath soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, laundry detergent powder or pods)

Another Opportunity to Help OCIM



The poster is for an "Orange Wrestling Thanksgiving Food Drive Giving" event. It features a central white box with orange and brown borders. At the top, two cartoon wrestlers flank the text "ORANGE WRESTLING". Below this, "THANKS" is written in large brown letters, followed by "FOOD DRIVE" in white on an orange banner, and "GIVING" in large brown letters. The text "We would love your help in providing non-perishable items to ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSIONS." is written in small brown font. Below this is a table titled "We Are Collecting The Following Items:". The table has two columns. The left column lists: Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Lance Crackers, and Nutri-Grain Bars. The right column lists: Saltines, Pasta Sauce, Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter, and Jelly. Below the table, the text "Items Will Be Collected" is followed by "TUESDAY" and "NOVEMBER 25th" in large brown letters. To the right, "Drop Off Location" is followed by "ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL" and "During the Bobby Shriver Tri Begins at 6 PM". Below this is the address "500 Orange High School Road Hillsborough, NC". At the bottom, "FOR MORE INFORMATION" is followed by the website "www.ohswrestling.com". The background of the poster is a light brown color with illustrations of corn cobs, bread, and autumn leaves.

ORANGE WRESTLING

THANKS

FOOD DRIVE

GIVING

We would love your help in providing non-perishable items to **ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSIONS.**

We Are Collecting The Following Items:

Canned Soups	Saltines
Canned Vegetables	Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruits	Mac and Cheese
Lance Crackers	Peanut Butter
Nutri-Grain Bars	Jelly

Items Will Be Collected

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER

25th

Drop Off Location

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

During the Bobby Shriver Tri

Begins at 6 PM

500 Orange High School Road
Hillsborough, NC

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.ohswrestling.com

Youth Online Safety Training

This event has been rescheduled to January 11, 2026. If you have a teen in your life, be sure to mark your calendar for this one! Tyler Smith will be back to teach our teens about staying safe online and on social media. The workshop will be upstairs in the youth room.

Pull Tabs For Ronald McDonald House

I am collecting **ALL PULL TABS** (drinks, cat food, vegetables/fruit cans-etc.), for the Ronald McDonald house. A collection bag will be hung on the fellowship hall bulletin board, with their explanation of the purpose. Thanks for contributing.

Carol Gerbracht

PULL TOGETHER

COLLECT POP TABS FOR SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN
www.RMHCChapelHill.org

Pull Together!

Collect pop tabs to support seriously ill children and their families!

WHAT?
Cut out the tabs from aluminum beverage or food cans in any container, such as a three-liter drink bottle or milk jug. RMHC can also provide a specially branded sticker to help you promote the program. When full, deliver your container to one of our Ronald McDonald Houses any time or take to any American Legion Post in NC for recycling. Easy!

WHY?
Families of sick and injured children are not charged to stay at Ronald McDonald houses. However, the actual cost to host a family for one night is about \$500. The pop tab recycling program is one way friends generate much-needed revenue to help cover these expenses to support families.

WHO?
Anyone can collect pop tabs! It's a great way for schools, day groups, churches, and a community to get involved.

Fun Facts

Pringles Can	1/3 lb	530 tabs
2 liter bottle	1.75 lbs	2,800 tabs
Gallon milk jug	3 lbs	4,900 tabs
Coke power jug	8.4 lbs	18,400 tabs
3/4 gallon fresh can	80 lbs	225,000 tabs

One million tabs laid end-to-end would measure 25 miles!

Drop off:

Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill
101 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Ronald McDonald House of Durham
505 Alexander Avenue, Durham, NC 27705

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Triangle

Contact Chapel@RMHCChapelHill.org or Durham@RMHCChapelHill.org or visit RMHCChapelHill.org to learn more!

Tithes and Offerings

We now have five ways to give to our ministries. If you would like your offering to be allocated towards a specific ministry, please indicate it in the memo of your check or you will be prompted on the website.

1. Give during our weekly Worship Services.
2. Mail in a check to 7215 Walnut Grove Church Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541.
3. Use our church [website](#). Click GIVE in the upper right corner.
4. Use our "My Church" mobile app. Click GIVE in the lower right corner.
5. Use our Vanco QR Code, which you can find on the back of the Sunday bulletins or right here in the weekly *In A Nutshell*.

Vanco QR Code

As we continually adapt to the gift of technology, Walnut Grove now has a Vanco QR code provided on the back of the bulletin and in the Nutshell for online giving. Simply hold your phone or tablet's camera over the code for the link to Vanco. You may also access the link on our website for convenient giving. Alternatively, cash or check contributions continue to be accepted through our tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Prayer List

- Family of Joan Bickel (Erica Nading's aunt), who recently passed away.
- Family/friends of Mary Lou Smith who recently passed away - very dear friend of Carol Gerbracht
- David Leonard having complications from surgery. He is the dad of a friend of Faith Parker.
- Timmy Parker with serious health issues. He is Barry Parker's brother
- Worth Miller with serious health issues. He is a friend and neighbor of Jimmy and Brenda Berry.
- Neil Donnelly with health issues.
- Helen Miller with serious health issues. She is the aunt of Pat Beck's brother-in-law.
- Carol Gerbracht recovering from recent surgery
- Leo Brooks Populorum (7 Months old), from Pittsboro, has very serious health issues. Leo is the grandson of John and Judy Guibert who are friends of Beverly Huey.
- Katherine Huey, with health issues. She is Rick Huey's mom.
- Ben Lloyd, Cheryl Humphrey's father, with serious health issues
- Gilbert Lee in Prince George, VA, who recently had surgery for cancer. He is Richard Lee's father
- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, both with health issues. They are members of Walnut Grove UMC.
- Jerry Forrester, bilateral lung cancer
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- Debbie Langdale diagnosed with stage 5 kidney disease, waiting for transplant. Friend of John and Brooke Sherron
- Kelly Schoch, with brain cancer. She is co-worker of Erica Nading
- Kathy Kimrey with health concerns. She is the sister-in-law of Lorraine Hines and Pam Kimrey.

Birthdays

Friday 11/14 – Linda Sheppard, Beverly Huey

Saturday 11/15 – Cheryl L Parker

Sunday 11/16 – Debby Donnelly, Shelia Crawford, Ann Patton

Monday 11/17 – Scott Clayton, Paige Hansen

Tuesday 11/18 – Ann Richardson

Wednesday 11/19 – Todd Gilmore

Thursday 11/20 – Kent Mangum

Friday 11/21 – Christie Mathers

Saturday 11/22 – Grace Dunlap, Katie Whitaker, Doug Kimrey

If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact Kim at the church office at 919-732-5722 or by email at office@walnutgroveumc.org so we can update our records.

STAYING CONNECTED

[WG YouTube](#)

[WG Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

Serving in Worship

November 16th

Acolytes: Anna Robinson/Corbin Smith

Greeters: Mary Emma Roberts/Bennett Lockamy

Ushers: Scott & Cheryl Humphrey

Scripture: Grace Dunlap

Nursery: Faith Parker/Margaret Williams/Michael Roberts

Trustee Open/Close: Gary Spake

Financial Rep: Lou Rutledge

PM Nursery: Cathy Boling/Leigh McFalls

November 23rd

Acolytes: Eleanor Whitaker/Isabella Conway

Greeters: Dale Smithson/Kennedy Dunlap

Ushers: Courtney Humphrey/Kennedy Dunlap

Scripture: Stacey Spake

Nursery: Mary Emma Roberts/Krystal Robinson

Trustee Open/Close: Patty Maseth

Financial Rep: Judy Butler

NOTE: If you're unable to serve in your role listed above, please find someone to serve in your place and notify the church secretary of the change. This will allow us to have an updated listing to publish each week.

Upcoming Happenings

Sunday, November 16 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
4:45pm Hallelujah Kids
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm - 7:00pm Kids Krew, Youth, Adult Bible Study, Nursery
6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)
7:00pm Charge Conference at Cedar Grove UMC

Tuesday, November 18 7:00pm Men's Group

Wednesday, Nov 19 6:30pm Worship Band
7:00pm Worship Choir

Sunday, November 23 9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
10:45am Children's Church
12:30 – 2:30pm ADVENT-A-PALOOZA at Camp Chestnut Ridge
4:00pm Decorate Church for Advent
4:45pm Hallelujah Kids
6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)

Thursday, November 27



Sunday, November 30 9:00am Doughnuts/Coffee for everyone!!
 (provided by Men's Group)
9:30am Sunday School Opening - Joint Sunday School (Adults)
10:30am Worship Service - First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens
4:45pm Hallelujah Kids
6:00pm Worship Choir (Christmas)

See You Sunday!!