



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission: To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.

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The Chatter

NOVEMBER 2024

THE ELECTION, THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND OUR RESPONSE

Are you worried about this year's election? You're not alone. A poll done earlier this year by the American Psychiatric Association of 2200 adults found that 73% are anxious about the presidential election. Such anxiety shouldn't surprise us in light of the divisive nature of today's political discourse. It's easy to look around and feel like things are out of control. Certainly, the moral trends in our land are disturbing. The quest for true righteousness seems to have been lost. How do we make sense of it all and what should be our response?

As followers of the One True God revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ, we must remember what Jesus said to Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor, when He was brought before him to be crucified. Recall that throughout His ministry Jesus confronted political and religious power. After He was accused of blasphemy and then sedition by the Jewish religious authorities, they turned him over to Pilate. We read in John that after Pilate sarcastically said, ***"You are the king of the Jews?"*** Note how Jesus replied: ***"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."*** Pilate then doubled down on his initial statement and said again, ***"So You are a king?"*** Jesus answered, ***"You say correctly that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice."***

In that one statement, Jesus summed up the essence of His ministry and purpose - to testify to the truth about the source and reason for everything and to lead people into His truth. Recall earlier that Jesus said He embodies truth and that He is the only way to a perfect relationship with His Father (**Jn. 14:6**). The kingdom of which Jesus speaks, is the Kingdom of God. As believers who have been born again, we are citizens of this Kingdom. And yet, even though our true citizenship is in heaven, our work is here on earth! We have been called out of the darkness of sin and death and into His marvelous light in order to go back into the darkness of this world and let our lights shine! It is how we make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

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Thus, in light of Jesus' example, as we approach this vitally important election we must remember four key responsibilities: **1) work on our attitude towards others**, especially those with whom we disagree - love, humility, selflessness must always be our motivation (**Rom. 12:14-18; Philp 2:4-5**) **2) pray, pray and then pray!** - we are told to pray for our leaders and for a peaceful life! (**1 Tim. 2:1-4; Philp 4:6-8**) **3) be involved in your church and community** - we are called by Jesus to GO into the world and engage with those around us (**Mt. 5:14-16; 28:19-20**) and **4) finally vote!** (**Mt. 22:21**) The great theologian, Augustine of Hippo (354-430) famously wrote in his monumental multi-volume work, *The City of God*, that **to be a good citizen of heaven means to be a good citizen in the "city of man."** As Americans who have been given the right and privilege to elect our leaders as our representatives, that *includes* voting. Let's face it, if most Bible believing Christians actually voted - a simple act of obedience to God's call to be responsible citizens - our impact would be far greater!

Of course, when it comes to voting, it is important that we know the issues and which candidates align most with a biblical worldview. That may seem difficult these days as both sides fall short of true righteousness. But it is important that we do our research and we listen to the voices of those we respect. Then pray and vote your conscience! I will speak more about the upcoming election and our response the weekend before Nov. 5th. I hope to see you in church!

Yours in Christ,
Father Ward

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His love
endures forever

Psalm 107:1

*Have a Blessed
Thanksgiving!*



VESTRY



SEPTEMBER 2024

Application for Membership into Diocese of Christ Our Hope: We have been provisionally accepted into the diocese. Fr. Ward, Fr. Bush, Fr. Wandel, Deacon Kibby, Deacon Gary and his wife, Elaine, and John Krull will attend the Nov. 6-9 Diocesan Assembly in Roanoke, VA where St. Bart's will be formally accepted into the diocese.

Tote Bags: Remember to purchase a St. Bartholomew's tote bag for \$3. You can find them in the Fr. Amend Hall or stop in to the office to purchase one.

Pray for Israel Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:30 pm: All are invited by Jacob Quinn to participate in a prayer service at the North Tonawanda City Hall for peace in Israel on the anniversary of the Hamas attack.

Sudanese Bishop Abraham Nhial's Visit: Sudanese Bishop Abraham Nhial from the Diocese of Aiwel visited on Sunday, September 15th. Although he is a US Citizen, he lives in Kenya with his wife and 7 children. He shared more about his ministry in the Diocese of Aweil in South Sudan. If you were unable to hear him speak, you can find his talk on our website at stbartston.org.

OCTOBER 2024

Pray for Israel Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:30 pm: All are invited by Jacob Quinn to participate in a prayer service at the North Tonawanda City Hall for peace in Israel on the anniversary of the Hamas attack.

2025 Budget: The vestry unanimously approved the budget for 2025.

Support for the Warners at Set Free Ministries, Buffalo, and the Sluyters for Ratio Christi at Buff State: The vestry unanimously approved to donate \$1,000 and \$3,000, respectively, to these two Christian ministries.

New Signs: You may have noticed the signs over the main entrance and office doors have been replaced with the correct color signs. (Finally!)

Thank you Brenda Wisz: For sharing your personal example of Christ at work at the 10 am service on Sunday, September 29th.



**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER CHATTER
is Tuesday, November 19. Thank you.**

PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer Requests – If you, your family and/or your friends are in need of prayer there are prayer request cards in the pews and at the front church entrance. They can be deposited in the church box at the front entrance. They are picked up twice a week. Also, you can request prayers online through our website under the tab “Parish Life” or this link: <https://www.stbartston.org/prayer-requests>

Intercessory Prayer – Sundays at the 10 AM service during the ministration of communion. See the weekly bulletin for dates. Also, look for the **lavender** Intercessory Prayer tags on people willing to pray with/for you.

If you are in need of some quiet time the **Prayer Room** is open daily during office hours (from 9 am till 3pm) and can be used before, during or after the weekly Saturday and Sunday services.

When you have had **Prayers Answered** and, if you would like to (confidentially) share them with us, you can do that by dropping us a note in the prayer box at the church entrance. We would love to hear from you.

Prayer is how we communicate with God and something we're told to do continually. ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)).

Sharing our news (good or bad) with God, even though He already knows all about us, is helpful as it shifts our focus and helps us think about Him.

Sometimes our prayers will take the form of words, but often it will be a wordless reaching out to Him. It's possible to “pray continually” because Christ's Spirit unites our hearts to God's, continually assuring us of His love for us as His children ([Romans 8:16](#)).

Other times “we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”. ([Roman 8:26-28](#))

Lastly, as we approach the November 5 elections, “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth”. ([1 Timothy 2:1-4](#))



BIBLE STUDIES



Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

meets at 6:30 pm **every other** Tuesday. They will soon be finishing their study of the Gospel of John. Their next study will be: **COURAGEOUS HEROES OF FAITH** - men and women of the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties.

November meetings are the 12th and 26th.

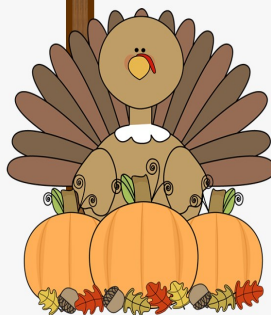
See Louise Jones for more information.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

meets at 10:30 am every Wednesday.

See Sharon Scott for more information.

We are
Thankful for
YOU!



Men's Discipleship Group

meets every Tuesday evening, 6:30pm.

Contact John Krull for more
information.

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL SERVICE

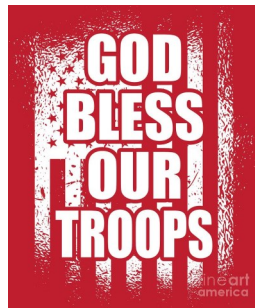


On Monday October 7 at 6:30 PM, Fr. Ward and other Christian and Jewish leaders led a prayer service for Israel and the hostages still held in Gaza. About 85 people (20 from St. Bart's) gathered at North Tonawanda City Hall. It was the only public service held in WNY in memory of the October 7 massacre. News Channels 4 & 7 were present. The WNY Jewish community held private services to avoid potential Antisemitic harassment. God's Word calls on us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and Israel! (Psalm 122) A Big Thank You! to our members who came out to be present and pray!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Military in your prayers. Please let the church office know if there is anyone that should be added to or removed from this prayer list.

Virginia Boy– Navy
James Kerins– Army
Sean MacLeay–Navy
Matthew Miller– Army
Matthew Prohaska– Air Force
Andrew Rebl– Army



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 16 at 9am.

All men are welcome.

Invite MALE family, friends & neighbors to join us.

If you would like to help with cooking, we begin at 7:30am.



FOOD PANTRY: 34 bags and boxes of food were donated in October. Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month.** NIACAP is so appreciative of our donations. Please remember that they also can use personal care items, paper products and soap, etc.. *Let's continue to show them our generosity. Thank you.*



Men's Lunch:

Every Tuesday at 12 noon, a group of men meet for lunch and fellowship at various restaurants around the area. See John Krull or Dn. John Reitz to get on their email list to see where they are going next !! **ALL men are welcome to join them!!**



THE LUNCH BUNCH



Thank you!! to Debbie Geis, Lauri-Anne Hammond, Dona Hubbard, Elijah Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Frankie Mure, Olivia Mure, Cathy Reitz and everyone who helped to make and keep St Bartholomew's gardens beautiful this last year.

"You shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." Isaiah 58:11

And a big THANK YOU to Joshua Jackson, too!!

MUSIC NOTES FROM MARGARET BUKKOSY

November 2024

A list of some of the benefits children/youth and adults receive from singing in a choir!

**Boosts IQ, Concentration and Academic Performance
Strengthens Memory and Improves Listening Skills
Promotes Emotional Expression and Fosters Creativity
Teaches Goal Setting and Promotes Friendships**

**SEE THE NOVEMBER CALENDAR FOR A LIST OF ALL REHEARSALS.
See you soon!**

Some things bear repeating...APPLAUSE

Please DO NOT applaud any choral music being sung by any of the choirs and soloists during our worship services. We are praising God, not providing entertainment.

If you are inspired by the music, please acknowledge it directly to singers who are usually in Fr. Amend Hall after the service. They would love a personal response from you. Thank you.

Calendar: Rehearsal Schedules

Cherub Choir Sunday after Church November 3,10,17,24

NOTE: Christmas Eve 4 P.M. service a Youth Cantata will be performed.

Rehearsals - November 3, 10, 17, 24 from 11:30 - Noon for choir

Adult Choir Wednesday 7 P.M. November 6,13,20 No rehearsal 11/27

Contemporary Group: 6:00 P.M. Vocals 6:30 P.M. Instrumental November 20

Singing Schedules

Cherub Choir November 24 at 10:00 a.m. service

Adult Choir November 3,10, 28 (Thanksgiving Day)

Warren Teall November 17

Contemporary Group November 24



Please join us for a

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT SEAN PATRICK'S

COST - \$29 - DUE NOVEMBER 3RD

SIGNUP & PAY @ CHURCH STORE OR

CONTACT FRANBALLARO -716-876-2835 

SATURDAY

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DECEMBER-11 AM

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Buffet includes salad, carved top round of beef, baked ham, penne pasta w/red sauce, green beans & herb roasted potatoes. Rolls w/butter. Ice cream, coffee, tea, decaf



SEE YOU THERE!



Operation Christmas Child

Boxes to be filled are available in the
Fr. Amend Hall.

Filled boxes need to be returned to the
church *no later than*

Sunday, November 17th.

Ten dollars for shipping needs to be sent to Samaritan's Purse for
each box you fill. An envelope is provided in the
"HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX" pamphlet.

OR

You can make a \$25 donation on the church's website
and a box will be packed and filled for you.





**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT A DINNER,
THE HOLY COMMUNION,
TO BE GIVEN IN HIS HONOR**

**THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2024
8 & 10AM**

Remember the first invitation in Matthew 22:1-14

OUR THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES are at 8 & 10AM. Remember to give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings to us in the past year. Emphasize the spiritual blessings of the day by including your company in your celebration at church as well as sharing food at your table at home. Receiving Holy Communion on this holiday is an appropriate way to honor our Lord Jesus, as well as gathering our families with our church family.

THE ADVENT ENVELOPE is included in your packet of offering envelopes with the hope of returning the true meaning of Advent as a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts in our Christmas Communion. You may return the Advent envelope to the church or place it in the alms basin anytime during the Advent/Christmas season. Advent offerings will be distributed to the needy and other Christian ministries. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR may be given as memorials or thank offerings. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews. ***Deadline is December 8th.***

THE ANNUAL PARISH ELECTION FOR THE VESTRY WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 7 and 8. Voting will take place before and after all three services. Photos and information about all candidates will be available before the election. Please see Fr. Ward if you are interested in being a candidate.

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is **Sunday, December 15** at 4:30pm. Dinner and Gingerbread House decorating will follow the program.

PLEASE CHECK PARISH LIFE in the Sunday bulletin for announcements regarding upcoming events and ministry opportunities.

THE MONTHLY COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THE NIA-CAP FOOD PANTRY is the first weekend of each month. Thank you for your continued and generous support of this ministry!

CARDS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIL AND PEWS FOR YOUR PLEDGE TITHE FOR OUR 2025 BUDGET.



Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

November 2024

Faith and Courage



Continuing our series on how to handle fear and discover that fear can come from anywhere, but God is our solution. When our faith is healthy it is always stronger than fear. As we focus on God, He keeps fear in the right perspective, and as we trust in God, He will give us courage in the midst of fear.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging lessons and activities
Dinner provided

No YG Meeting Nov. 13th
Due to event on the 15th

No YG Meeting Nov. 27th
Due to Thanksgiving holiday

Save the Date: Dec. 18th
6:00 pm Christmas Game Night

Save the Date: Jan. 22nd
6:00 pm Parent workshop

"I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders."
Psalm 9:1 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

Did you know you can make the best part of Thanksgiving last all year long? No, that doesn't mean you can hide your Nana's famous pie under your bed and eat it in July. The delicious food on the table may not keep, but the joy and peace that come from thanking God for your many blessings can and should be a year-round thing!

There are some commands that are repeated over and over again throughout Scripture. The most common is, "Do not be afraid." This phrase is in the Bible 365 times! But God doesn't just tell us not to worry or be afraid. He also tells us how to fight those feelings. Check out the next most repeated phrases in the Bible: "Praise God" "Rejoice" "Give thanks"

God wants us to have hearts full of joy and peace, always. And he tells us that the way to do that is through giving thanks – not just by being grateful for our things, but by giving thanks to God. When we praise God, rejoice, and show him gratitude for all the good things he has made and provided, it's much easier to feel the daily joy and peace he wants for us.

The Bible tells us over and over again to be thankful. Always, without ever stopping! When you practice this, it makes you happy. For example, in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 it says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." So, why should we dedicate just one day a year to saying all the things we're thankful for? How can we get in the habit of showing gratitude every single day? Search the Bible for verses about gratitude. Then, think about what God is telling you about being grateful. How often does he want you to show gratitude? What feelings come from gratefulness? What feelings come from being ungrateful?

Here are a few ways you and your family can make gratitude – and the peace and joy that come with it – part of your life every day.

1. Make a gratitude jar full of ideas to help you feel thankful. Pull out an idea or two to discuss at mealtimes or on car rides.
2. Bake a treat or do a chore for people who have helped you.
3. Write thank-you notes to people who have been kind to you.
4. Play a game of family charades using the things each person is grateful for as your prompts.
5. Go on a gratitude hike or walk around your neighborhood. As you walk, thank God for things you see in nature, for your neighbors, or for your favorite shops and places.
6. Pray every morning when you get up and each night before bed, thanking God for the things you hope will be and for the best parts of your day.

I look forward to hearing about how your family does gratitude!

In Christ,
Liz



Save the Date: Friday, November 15th – Buffalo Battleground. Join us for a night of laser tag and arcade fun. We will meet at the event center at 6:00pm and pickup will be at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 per person and is due by November 10th. Pizza will be provided. A waiver form must be signed in order to participate in this event, so be sure to watch your email for the waiver form.

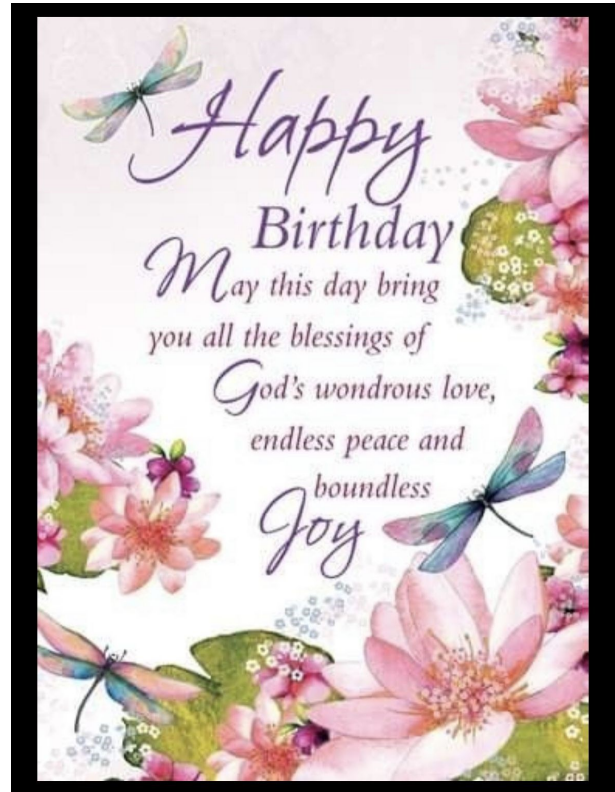
Save the Date: On Wednesday December 18th from 6-8pm we will be having a fun Christmas game night where teams will compete in 12 games to test your holiday wit and agility. Prizes will be awarded, and pizza will be served at this awesome night of fun, so don't miss out be sure to RSVP you and your friends by December 1st.



Save the Date: On Wednesday January 22nd from 6 – 8 pm, we will have a Parent Workshop for parents and guardians of youth in grades 6-12. The workshop will focus on how to help middle and high school students grow spiritually through developing key spiritual habits essential for their relationship with Jesus. We encourage every parent to attend and take advantage of this valuable training.

November Birthdays

- 2 Betty Wandel
- 3 Patricia Emmons
- 4 Mark LaDuca, Riley McAndrews, Cathy Reitz,
Renee Szymanski, Miles VanSaders
- 5 Karen Dolce
- 6 Sharon Lukacz
- 10 Autumn Bush, Norma Passino
- 11 Muriel Forte
- 12 James Glowonia, Diane Hyzy
- 14 Nancy Brylinski
- 16 Pamela Austin, Michael Hillery, Larry Lade
- 17 Dona Hubbard, Jean Servis
- 19 Paul Faust
- 20 Justin Johnson
- 22 Fr. Jacob Bush, Irene Scranton
- 23 Louis Oliveri Jr.
- 24 John Calabrese, Diane Merrick
- 25 Ronald Derrett
- 27 Andrew Hillery III, Gary Pawlowski Jr.,
Fr. Burt Weigen
- 28 Stephanie Fetter, James Weiser
- 29 Isabel Gradzewicz, Isabel Luckoski,
Baritema Nordee, Molly Sammarco,
Robert Tackaberry
- 30 Thomas Houston



DECEMBER

- 1 Marcia Brock, Khloe Kibby
- 2 Lucas Fish
- 4 Grace Ward
- 5 Richard Herrmann, Lindsay Tobin,
Carol Woeppel

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

November Calendar

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>³ Daylight Savings ends All Saints Sunday 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS 11:30am Cherub Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>⁵ ELECTION DAY!! GO VOTE. 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Neighborhood Watch</p>	<p>⁶ 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>¹ 7pm Fr. Ward & Dr. Sluyter's Bible Study: "Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"</p>	<p>² 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30 pm HE</p>
<p>¹⁰ 8 & 10 am HE 10amSS NO Cherub Choir</p>	<p>¹¹ Veteran's Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>¹² 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Ladies Bible Study 7pm Vestry</p>	<p>¹³ 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>⁹ NO Conf. Class 4:30 pm HE</p>
<p>¹⁷ 8 & 10am HE 10am SS 11:30am Cherub Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>¹⁹ 6:30pm Men's Disc.</p>	<p>²⁰ 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>²¹ 7pm Prayer Night</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>²³ NO Conf. Class 10am GriefShare - "Surviving the Holidays" 4:30 pm HE</p>
<p>²⁴ 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS 11:30am Cherub Choir</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>²⁶ 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>²⁷ 9:30 am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>²⁸ Thanksgiving Day 8 & 10am HE</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>³⁰ 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30 pm HE</p>

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—Romans 16:25-27</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">November</h2>						
3 ERITREA Pray for Christians who have been released from prison, as many are blacklisted by the government.	4 YEMEN Pray that Christians accused of proselytism and blasphemy after leaving Islam will be filled with peace.	5 CUBA Pray that Christian leaders will rely on the Holy Spirit when they are called in for questioning.	6 PAKISTAN Pray that blasphemy laws, which have been used to persecute Christians, will be revoked.	7 UGANDA Pray that distributions of audio and print Bibles will reach Christians in areas with a heavy Muslim influence.	8 SOUTHERN MEXICO Pray that God's Word will be available in every indigenous language.	9 NORTH KOREA Pray for the success of Bible-smuggling efforts in North Korea.
10 INDIA Pray for Sukbait, who occasionally sees the men who killed her husband.	11 TURKIYE (TURKEY) Ask God for a breakthrough that will lead to many Turks turning to Christ.	12 NIGERIA Pray for Pastor Mutum, who has received multiple death threats because of his Christian witness.	13 BRUNEI Bibles in the Malay language are illegal and are confiscated if found. Pray that Christians will have access to Bibles.	14 LIBYA Some Christians are likely in prison because of their faith. Pray that they will sense God's presence and comfort.	15 PHILIPPINES Praise God that graduates of Bible schools on Mindanao have boldly returned to their communities to share the gospel.	16 MOROCCO Pray that underground church fellowships will remain undetected by government authorities.
17 ISRAEL (INCLUDING WEST BANK & GAZA) Pray for Bible distribution, evangelism, discipleship and church-planting efforts.	18 LEBANON Pray for an active witness for Christ among Hezbollah, al-Qaida and the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS).	19 IRAN Pray that local pastors will receive the practical and theological instruction they need to lead their house churches.	20 CHINA Pray that shepherds of house churches will have the wisdom and grace to lead well and inspire bold faith.	21 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for churches that are caring for the hundreds of thousands of displaced people.	22 BANGLADESH Pray that God will meet the needs of Christians driven from their homes because of their faith.	23 TUNISIA Pray for the wisdom of Tunisian church leaders as they lead their small congregations.
24 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that believers will not be discouraged, but will remain joyful and well equipped to grow in faith.	25 EGYPT Pray for the wisdom and courage of Christians who take risks to disciple Christian converts from Islam.	26 MYANMAR (BURMA) Most Burmese Bibles are smuggled into the country. Pray that every Christian receives a copy.	27 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO Pray that Islamic militants will lay down their arms and turn to Christ.	28 MAURITANIA Pray that the country's Islamist leadership will repeal laws that prohibit conversion to Christianity.	29 DJIBOUTI Ask the Lord to inspire Christians to share the gospel with their Muslim neighbors.	30 KENYA Pray that many Somalis living in Kenya will hear the gospel and come to know Christ.

