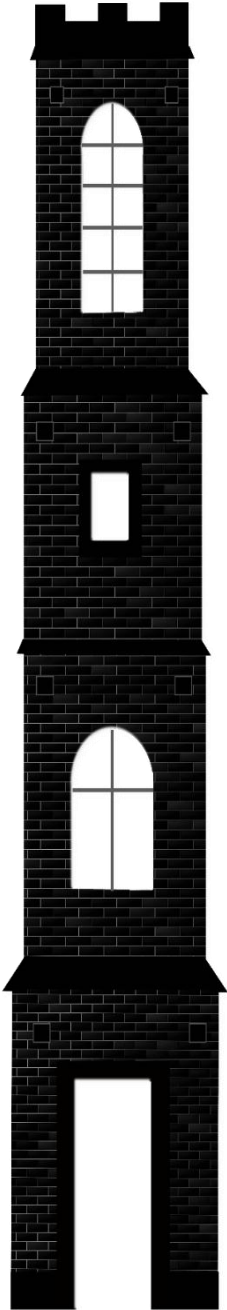


# Open Door 2025 NOVEMBER



Paul writes to the Christians in Philippi, “*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things*” (Phil. 4:8). It’s a great way to live our lives.

It is easy to complain. It is easy to find fault. But what if we began each day with a commitment to look for what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable?

A friend lost her husband of less than a week while on their honeymoon. It was devastating. Shortly after the funeral, she began to find dimes in the strangest places. The number 10 had always been important to her husband. She saw the stray dimes as a sign of his presence and began to collect them. The more she looked, the more she found.

We find what we look for. Thanksgiving is a choice. Joy is a choice.

We begin every Session meeting at the church with five minutes of “joys” from the previous month. It’s a way to remind ourselves of all the things that God is doing in our midst. It sets the tone for the meeting. It readjusts our attitude.

I encourage each of us to do the same. Stop and reflect on the good that God is doing and be grateful.

*Pastor Ray*

# LEAD Agency's 2025 Don Ackerman Scholarship

*Don Ackerman received one of the first Environmental Excellence Awards from LEAD Agency and the Cherokee Volunteers for his research on the lead poisoning of area Indian Children which put OU 2 in motion remediating contaminated soils, now for 30 years. He was an Indian Health employee serving Ottawa County at the time of his research.*



## **BERKELEY ULREY**

**OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF MATH  
AND SCIENCE GRADUATE 2025**

**CURRENTLY ATTENDING  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

**DEGREE GOALS:  
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

**CAREER GOAL:  
TO WORK WITHIN THE FIELD, WITH THE EPA  
OR A STATE-LEVEL DEQ, EVENTUALLY  
BECOME A CITY ENGINEER, & MOVE INTO  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION**



*Chat in Ottawa County, Oklahoma — Matt Black featured artist*



<b>November 2</b>	Camouflaged by Shame..... Luke 19:1-10
<b>November 9</b>	Everything Is Small Stuff, Except..... Luke 20:27-38
<b>November 16</b>	Do Not Be Weary..... 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19
<b>November 23</b>	At the Feet of the King ..... Luke 23:35-43
<b>November 30</b>	A Sign of Hope ..... Isaiah 11:1-9, Psalm 72:1-7, 12-19, Luke 1:26-38

## **Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom**

**We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday eMail each week.**

### **Kum Ba Yah topics:**

<b>November 5</b>	Titus 1
<b>November 12</b>	Titus 2
<b>November 19</b>	Titus 3
<b>November 26</b>	<b>NO KBZ ... Happy Thanksgiving!</b>

## **Adult Sunday School**

**Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!**

<b>November 2</b>	Malachi
<b>November 9</b>	The Practice of Sabbath Time: The Hope of Feasting
<b>November 16</b>	The Practice of Sabbath Time: The Joy of Embracing
<b>November 23</b>	The Practice of Sabbath Time: The Trust of Ceasing
<b>November 30</b>	Preparing for Advent

# BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson, who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. Since school started its 2025-2026 year, we have delivered 16 backpacks in the first week of September.

If you have not previously assisted with this ministry and would like information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Dave Foster or the office. We are grateful to all of you who volunteered to pack backpacks this year.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee did not meet in October.

The Mission program is partly sustained by gifts from the Myers Sisters' bequest and gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission."

**The Deacon's Shoe Ministry:** The Deacons have delivered 21 pairs of shoes in 2025.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry served 47 households and 96 individuals in September 2025.



## FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

There wasn't a Ladies Luncheon in October. The next luncheon for the Presbyterian Women is on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Linda Gates is bringing "Tater Tot Casserole".



Next Luncheon: Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

# Offertory Collection Schedule



November 2	Open& Open
November 9	Open & Open
November 16	Open& Open
November 23	Open & Open
November 30	Open& Open

## Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
November 2	Tim & Ross	Thu Nov 6 – Open & Open
November 9	<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	Thu Nov 13 – The Shaffers
November 16	Open	Thu Nov 20 – Janice J & Open
November 23	Open	<b>Thu Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Break</b>
November 30	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>	



November 2	Linda Gates
November 9	Diana Schmiedeke
November 16	John Lomax
November 23	Abbey Ankenman
November 30	Grace Goodeagle
December 7	Tim Keith
December 14	Ross Tomlinson
December 21	Clyde Shaffer
December 28	Karin Shaffer





Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2		All Saints' Day
<b>1</b> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship 11:30 fellowship	<b>2</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>3 Election Day</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>4</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry  7pm KBZ	<b>5</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry  7pm GA	<b>6</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Fellowship Dinner</b> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship 11:30 Dinner	<b>9</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>10 Veterans Day</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry <b>11am Mission</b> <b>11:30 Ladies Lunch</b>	<b>11</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry  7pm KBZ	<b>12</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry  7pm GA	<b>13</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>14</b>
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<b>22 Christ the King</b> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship 11:30 fellowship	<b>23</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>24</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry	<b>25</b> 10 – Noon Food Pantry  7pm KBZ	<b>26 Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Advent Starts</b> 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship 11:30 fellowship 11:30 Hanging Greens						



Janice Johnson 11/3	DeMaris Gaines 11/20
Doris Price 11/6	Ashley (Lomax) Walker 11/21
Hiram Prairiechief 11/11	Marcia McManigal 11/23
Judy Abel 11/19	Nancy Gee 11/30
Linda Gates 11/20	



God is faithful!

The Deacon's Rummage Sale was  
a big success.

We raised \$4,193.65 for the  
Deacon's Fund.

Some of the leftover things from the rummage sale have gone to local charities and churches.

- Winter Clothes: Salvation Army
- Casual Clothing: Nazarene Church
- Cindy Holt took kitchen items, glassware, and plates to a no-kill animal rescue shelter with a fundraising store
- Books: Ottawa County Jail and the Library

### Wednesday at Windridge

We were contacted by the activity director at Windridge Nursing Center to see if we would like to volunteer to sing hymns and deliver a brief message to the residents. She had done it once before, and the response by the the residents were overwhelming.

We have committed to the first Wednesday of each month at 10 AM.  
Please contact Ross or Pastor Ray for more information.

**Next visit: November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**





**Windridge Worship:**

Wed, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

**Thanksgiving Dinner:**

Sun, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, after worship

Main course provided.

Please bring a side, a salad,  
or a dessert.

**Hanging of the Greens:**

Sun, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, after worship

Lunch will be provided

# Reverse Advent Calendar

Advent begins **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH** this year.  
DECEMBER 24th will end the season as we celebrate the  
birth of Jesus.

Here's an idea that that can help so many people.

To get started....find an empty box.  
Each Day of Advent add an item.



On December 24th, bring your box to the Christmas Eve Service and we will take it to  
the local Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church!

November 30 Mac & Cheese  
December 1 1 lb. Dried Pinto Beans  
December 2 1 lb. Dry Rice  
December 3 Spaghetti Sauce  
December 4 Package of Pasta  
December 5 Can of Corn  
December 6 Can of Green Beans  
December 7 Can of Pork & Beans  
December 8 Can of Tuna  
December 9 Package of Ramen Noodle  
December 10 Can of Chicken Noodle Soup  
December 11 Can of Chili  
December 12 Jar of Peanut Butter  
December 13 Box of Instant Oatmeal  
December 14 Small box of Raisins

December 15 Granola Bars  
December 16 Cup of Fruit  
December 17 Saltine Crackers  
December 18 Cups of Applesauce  
December 19 Can of Vegetable Soup  
December 20 Can of Mixed Veggies  
December 21 Can of Chicken  
December 22 Jar of Jelly  
December 23 Can of Beef Stew  
December 24 Can Opener

*This year Advent begins on  
Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>*



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*1 Chronicles 16:34*

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*