# BELL'S MESSENGER

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# **Bell's Messenger Submissions**

If anyone has anything they would like included in the monthly Bell's Messenger, please get it to Jeffrey by the last Sunday of each month.

---Jeffrey Smith

# **Cooked Pork Shoulders for Thanksgiving**

Old Union Church, 5077 Walker Mill Road, Sophia, NC is now taking orders for Cooked Pork Shoulders to pick up the day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 27th) between the hours of 3 pm and 5 pm. The price for the shoulders are \$55 each, which includes 1 bottle of barbecue sauce. The last day to order shoulders is Sunday, November 24th. To place your order you may call (336) 498-7102.

Cooked Pork Shoulders
For Thanksgiving
By the
Old Union Church
Men's Club
\$50 Each (includes 1 bottle of Sauce)
Pick Up Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>
Between 3 pm and 5 pm
5077 Walker Mill Road
Sophia, NC
To Order: (336) 498-7102
Last Day to Order is Sunday, November 24th

# **Christmas for Western North Carolina**

Old Union Church, 5077 Walker Mill Road, Sophia, NC is taking donations of New, Unwrapped Toys, Blankets, Diapers, Baby Wipes, Clothes (All Sizes, All Kinds), etc. Think, Winter is Coming Soon. We will be taking donations Until 10 am on Sunday, December 8th. They can be dropped off anytime on Wednesday, November 27th until 5 pm. Other Drop off times will be announced

later or you can call (336) 498-7102 to make arrangements for drop off.

Updated List of other Supplies requested/needed for Western North Carolina as of October 27th

- [] Sleeping bags
- -[]Tents
- -[] Sleeping Mats
- [ ] Tarps
- [] Battery Operated Lights
- [ ] Battery Operated Heater
- [] Personal Hygiene
- [] Plastic Eating Utinsels (forks, spoons, plates, bowls)
- -[] Water/ Juice
- -[]Snacks
- [ ] Cleaning products
- -[] Back Packs
- [] Propane
- [] Batteries (various sizes)
- -[]Fuel
- [] Cleaning Supplies
- [ ] Laundry Detergents
- [ ] Portable Entertainment (radios,tablets, Ipods, etc )
- [ ] Extension Cords
- [ ] Power Surge Protectors
- [ ] Generators
- [] Monetary Donations in the form of gift cards

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# **From Pastor Robert**

HIS PURPOSE

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose .Just one of my favorite verses in the bible. Hopefully it will become one of yours as well. God never said that life would ever be easy. In-fact the bible is pretty plain and clear that life is very tough at times. But its verses like this that helps us that know the Lord in those times of doubt and trouble. Lets take a good look at what this verse says. And we know, that is we that know the Lord. That all things that means good and bad right and sometimes wrong. Work together for good .Even when we do not understand or may not can see why we believe that God has a reason and plan behind it all. To them that love God many times I have said that is nothing special about me, but there is something special about Gods people. We are a unique type of people that walk by faith trusting in a Holy God unlike anyone else on the face of earth. To them who are the called, without the mercy of our Heavenly Father we would none be where we are and who we are today .We are Gods people and we are special in His sight. According to his purpose .I have look at the end of this verse many times down through the years concerning his purpose. We know that God has a purpose for each and every one of us individually. I know my purpose and my calling. In which I am very humbled and thankful to serve Him .What about you? What is your calling or service to God? We are all in service together to fulfill His Purpose and not our own desires. I hope this verse will help you in the times that you need it. Be an example, be a witness, be a blessing to someone today and everyday. And you will find that all things will work out. LOVE&PRAYERS PASTOR ROBERT.

# **Old Union Youth Ministry**

The Old Union Youth Ministry met on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We worked on over 100 cross crafts to take to Graybrier Nursing Home on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We decided to spend \$150.00 for Christmas for Western North Carolina. We will go to Dollar Tree after we eat on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We discussed our Valentine's Sweetheart Meal Fund Raiser that will be on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, More information is later in the Newsletter. Below are the Pictures from the Tribulation Trail trip to Beulah Baptist Church in Bennett that we did in October/

Our Next meeting is Sunday, December 29th.





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# Military in Honor and Memorial Wall

If you have a Military picture you want displayed in November please get it to Susan Wilson by Today (November 3<sup>rd</sup>.) It will be scanned and given back to you. Also give their name, which armed service, rank and dates of service. Any pictures turned in later will be added to the wall when received.

# **Sunday Night Special Singing**

There will be a Sunday Night Special Singing on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing let Gene Farlow know.

# Valentine's Sweetheart Meal Fund Raiser for the Youth Ministry

Sweetheart Meal Fund Raiser for the Youth Ministry will be Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Price will be \$10 per person. Menu: Hamburger Steak or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert and Tea, Coffee and Lemonade. Time to be Announced.

Sign up sheet will be posted the first Sunday in January. You will put your name and how many will be in your party and your choice of meat.

# Food Collection for Christian's United Outreach Center (CUOC) in Asheboro

The Items to be collected for the next 2 months are:

November: Canned Vegetables & Fruit December: Sloppy Joe Mix & Grits/Oatmeal

There is a container in the hall to put donations in for CUOC. They will take anything each month. It does not have to be the items listed for that month.



# **Church Cleaning Schedule**

November: Perez Family

December: Whomever has the Christmas

**Program** 



# **Psalm Reader**

If there is anyone that wants to be added or deleted as a Psalm Reader for Worship Service let Jeffrey Smith know.

# **Guidelines for Anyone from the Community Requesting Assistance**

At the July 22, 2018 Board Meeting it was voted that if anyone comes to the church wanting money, food, etc. that they be sent to CUOC to get help. There are information sheets about CUOC to hand out to anyone requesting assistance. They are on the desk in the hall in the folder titled CUOC Assistance.



New Market Civitans Ham and Egg Supper is Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 5 pm until 7 pm at the New Market Community Building.









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# OLD UNION CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS (as of Friday, November 1, 2024)

- Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>: Youth Ministry to Visit Graybrier Nursing Home In Archdale. We will meet at the church at 3 pm in order to be at Graybrier at 3:30 pm. We will go out to eat after as the Youth Ministry Christmas Party.
- Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>:
   Cooked Pork Shoulders for Thanksgiving. More Details are above
- Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>: Sunday Night Special Singing at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Let Gene Farlow know if you want to sing.
- Sunday, December 8th: Last day to bring items for Christmas for Western North Carolina
- Saturday, December 21st: Christmas Program. More Details to come.
- Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Service. Time will be announced later

## 2025:

- Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:
  Valentine's Sweetheart Meal by the
  Youth Ministry. More information
  is above
- Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>: Country Breakfast
- Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Country Breakfast
- Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: Country Breakfast

