



## HOLY INTERRUPTIONS

Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, *"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."* May we have the courage to let Him.

## BIBLE QUIZ

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm, and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.

*Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15)*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

As I visit and give homebound members communion and bring Faith Lutheran greetings, it helps me to get to know them.

Sunday School has kicked off a *new year of learning about Jesus*. Our providing the place for the Home School Association to meet is an outreach ministry.

Faith participated with Salem, and other churches, to collect and package 5-gallon buckets, place them on pallets and send them to devastated areas of North Carolina where clean up continues.

As we gathered for a ballgame in Kannapolis, the highlight of the evening was the amazing display of support for Pediatric Brain Tumor victims and survivors. Over \$42,000 was raised from ticket sales and other donations for Pediatric Brain Tumor Research.

Last month, committees met and planned exciting outreach for our Faith Congregational family. One Sunday, our media outreach of Sunday Worship Service reached 70 people, while 104 attended. We, the Faith Congregation (homebound, attending, and those who join us through YouTube) are proclaiming:

**The Same Amazing Story of Jesus... Brand New Day!**

In Christ,

Pastor Don Safrit

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 10/4** FLC Reserved (Stewardship)  
**10/5** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
 12:00pm Senior Celebration Luncheon  
 4:00pm Middle/High School Youth Meeting in FLC  
**10/6** 5:30pm Yount Group Meeting in Assembly Room (Program & Devotions: Lisa & Rick Painter's Trip to Africa)  
**10/7** 7:00pm McCombs Group Meeting in Assembly Room  
**10/11** 7:00am-11:00pm FLC Reserved (Jeff Mills)  
**10/12** **PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY**  
 4:00pm K-5 Youth Meeting in FLC  
**10/19** 4:00pm All K-12 Youth Meeting in FLC  
**10/21** 5:30pm Serve Meal at Jeannie's Kitchen - Rowan Helping Ministries  
**10/25** FLC Reserved (Vickie Miller)  
**10/26** **REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
 6:30pm Halloween Carnival  
 7:00pm Trunk-or-Treat  
**10/31** **HALLOWEEN**

### SUNDAYS – 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship  
 9:30am – Sunday School  
 10:30am – Worship

### WEDNESDAYS – 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29

- 10:00am – Bible Study / Chapel  
 6:30pm – Handbells  
 7:30pm – Choir Practice

## **OCTOBER** Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Matt Bolen      | 17 – Virginia Kluttz |
| 2 – Carolyn Rogers  | 20 – Genelia Kluttz  |
| 4 – Jonathan Kluttz | Mickey Ousley        |
| 7 – Dallas Cobb     | 23 – Justin Williams |
| 8 – Joan Wilhelm    | CJ Moody             |
| 11 – Brooks Moody   | 25 – Alex Bruce      |
| 12 – Autumn Murray  | 26 – Randall Barger  |
| 13 – Robin McKnight |                      |

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Jonathan & Genelia Kluttz  
 6 – Doug & Jayne Lingle  
 10 – Matt & Carrie Bolen  
 13 – John & Ann Bruce  
 17 – Kenny & Meredyth Fisher

### CUB SCOUTS

- Dates:** Thursdays – 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30  
**Times:** 7:00pm-8:00pm

### WiFFLe

- Dates:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC  
**Times:** 10:00am-11:00am

## SENIOR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Following Worship on October 5th, the Stewardship Team will sponsor our annual Senior Celebration Luncheon. This year's theme will be "Bingo, Hymns and Prizes". Debbie Suggs will prepare a wonderful meal for us to enjoy. Make plans to join us as we Celebrate Seniors! It will be a great time of fellowship, good food, and fun!

*\*Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

**JOIN THE YOUNT GROUP  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH  
AT 5:30PM  
IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM**

# **A TRIP TO AFRICA: WITH STORIES, PHOTOS, & FOOD**

**Women AND Men are invited to be guests at the next meeting of the Yount Group!** The program and devotions will be presented by Lisa and Rick Painter. They will share stories and photos from their trip to Africa this past June and July, where they braved a number of safaris and experienced a variety of adventures. If you've never heard Lisa share one of her personally prepared devotions, you've been missing out!

**IF YOU PLAN TO COME, PLEASE CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 704-279-3727 BY 5:00PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, SO THAT SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF FOOD MAY BE PREPARED.**

## **ON THE MENU: Classic South African Dishes**

Boerewors (a traditional spicy sausage)

Pap (a simple cornmeal dish)

Chakalaka (a relish that originated in Johannesburg and features baked beans combined with a variety of veggies and spices)

Milk Tart (the recipe of which appears to hint at similarities to egg custard)

Rooibos Tea (grows in South Africa and yields a naturally decaffeinated beverage)

*Pimiento Cheese and PB&J for sandwiches will be available in case anybody prefers to fill up on these southern US classics.*

**COME OUT & ENJOY AN EVENING OF FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!**



# PUZZLE



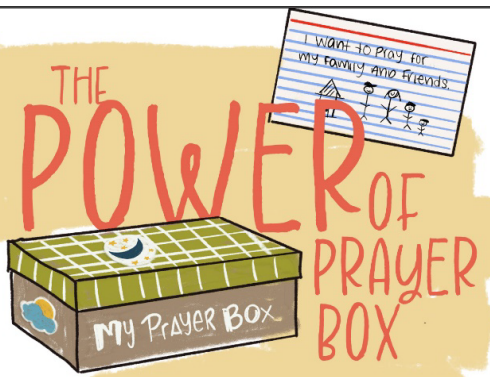
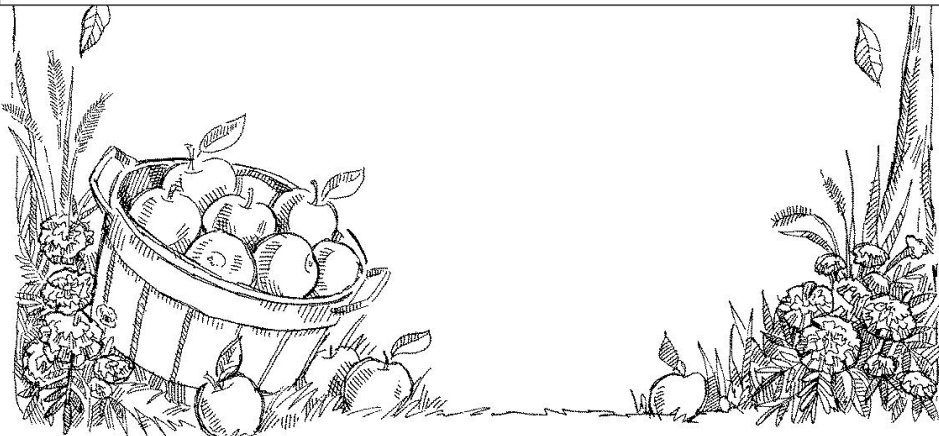
## JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

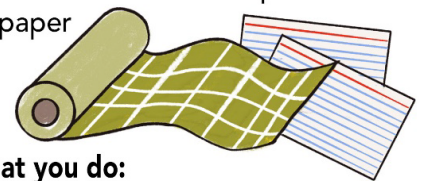
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Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

### What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



### What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV





# YOUTH CORNER

## YOUTH MEETINGS: 4:00PM-5:00PM IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER

- October 5th: Middle/High School Youth (Play Tennis).
- October 12th: K-5 Youth.
- October 19th: All Youth.
- October 26th: Halloween Carnival. All Youth and Parents to help.

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Games, Snacks, & Activities will start at 6:30pm. Trunk-or-Treat starts at 7:00pm.

Games: What's the Time Mr. Werewolf, Ghost in the Graveyard, Go Fish & Other Games Available.

Activities: Haunted Hallway & Face Painting.

Families are invited to bring a canned good to donate for Rowan Helping Ministries "Trick-or-Treat So Others May Eat".

Christmas Play Practice will start on November 2nd, through December.



*Haunted  
Hallway  
&  
Games*

**SUNDAY**  
**OCT. 26**  
**6:30PM**



**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**  
**7:00PM**

We will be collecting  
non-perishable  
foods and canned  
goods for Rowan  
Helping Ministries'

*Trick-or-Treat  
So Others May  
Eat!*



*Face  
Painting  
&  
Snacks*



If your family would  
like to donate to help  
feed our Rowan  
County neighbors,  
you can bring a  
canned good when  
you come.

*Thank you!*

# **HALLOWEEN** *Carnival*

**Join Us at Faith Lutheran Church**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# Trick or Treat

*So, Others may eat*



This fun-filled event is our biggest food drive of the year. Your group is invited to join us in a friendly competition to help feed our neighbors in Rowan County. Our goal is to collect 30,000 pounds of food.

Throughout Rowan County, your group will provide brown paper bags with an information flyer inviting people to fill the bags with non-perishable foods. You will collect the filled bags and deliver them to Rowan Helping Ministries on weigh-in day.

Weigh in Day: Sunday November 2, 2025

Ralph W. Ketner Center

226 N. Long Street Salisbury, NC 28144

2pm-5pm

To participate and for more information please contact  
Volunteer Coordinator, Samantha Stanley

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