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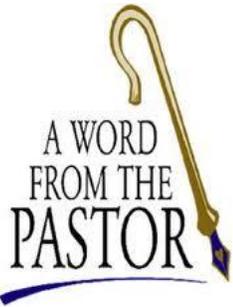
White Steeple Banner

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Eighty-six year old Joy Johnson, a veteran of 25 New York City marathons, died with her running shoes on. Johnson, who was the oldest runner in the 2013 marathon, crossed the finish line at about eight hours. After the race she returned to her hotel room, lay down with her shoes on, and never woke up.

Amazingly, Johnson didn't run her first marathon until she was sixty-one years old. She said she gained inspiration from [Isaiah 40:31](#): *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

Ironically, Johnson never exercised much until she took a three-mile walk in 1986. Then she started jogging and competing in 10-K races. By

1988 she had competed in her first New York City Marathon. Three years later she recorded her best time at age sixty-four with a time of 3 hours and 55 minutes.

A few years ago she told a reporter about her exercise regimen. She would wake up at 4 A.M., drink her coffee while reading her Bible, and then set out on an eight mile pre-dawn run.

"When you wake up it can either be a good day or a bad day," Mrs. Johnson said. "I always say, 'It's going to be a good day.'"

She was a devout Christian who ran every day except Sunday so she could attend church. Johnson sang hymns to herself to pass the time while running. According to her daughter, "She was always a happy runner—and besides her faith and family, this was something she loved the most."

I hope that all of us are running the race of faith with endurance, dedication and

thankfulness. I also hope that we could all die with our spiritual running shoes on having run the race of faith with endurance.

Our days can be difficult and filled with troubles. Yet, we need to run with endurance the race that is set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). He will strengthen you. Be sure to give thanks to Him for His goodness and mercy every day.

Carole and I want to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving season.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Young	2nd
Pam Marange	4th
Diana Lott	5th
Leilani Wray	5th
Nell Sparks	6th
Noah Fox	8th
Brett Frazier	8th
Christine Fox	18th
Erin Phipps	21st
Loyce Anderson	22nd
Jimmie Hudson	23rd
Susan Merriott	25th
Linda Brown	29th
Robert Payne	29th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dean & Bobbie Branch	17th
Bob & Marie Gilligan	24th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

We are working on the Christmas Program every Wednesday starting at 6:30. Thanks to all of you who are so faithful to come to all the rehearsals! We welcome anyone interested in joining us! It's not too late...there's a place just for YOU!

We encourage you to come to our Family Fall Festival Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be games for the kids, a bounce house, hot dogs to eat and best of all...it's FREE!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection with Others This Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
Children's Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.



Family Fall FESTIVAL

**OCTOBER 31ST
6 TO 8 P.M.**

**JOIN US FOR
FUN ■ FOOD ■ FELLOWSHIP**
Needed: Candy & Volunteer Workers



Fellowship

Saturday, November 15th
from 1 to 3 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall



*Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas
Child*

**Shoe Box
Pack & Pray Party**
Sunday, November 9th
immediately after
Morning Worship

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL
**Veteran's Day
November 11**

*Daniel: Lives of Integrity,
Words of Prophecy
Beth Moore Study*

Each Sunday after
Morning Worship In the
Fellowship Hall



**Church-Wide
Thanksgiving
Dinner**
November 23rd
After Morning Worship
**Bring your favorite
covered dish!**



Our prayer for you this season is that your hearts and lives will be increasingly thankful to the Lord for His eternal love, grace, peace, and presence in your life.