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"See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God."
1 John 3:1



South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL

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TREES!

"You received Christ Jesus as Lord. So keep on living in him. Have your roots in him. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe, just as you were taught. Be more thankful than ever before." -Colossians 2:6-7 (NIRV)

I really love fall, and I love watching the trees as their leaves change color and their leaves drop and float down to the ground. In the fall, I think I watch more closely to the really neat things God is doing in nature.

The passage from Colossians is a really cool verse to me because it talks about trees and thankfulness. Trees and thankfulness go together when you really think about it.

Trees are very special to me because not only are they a piece of God's creation, they symbolize what I think I want to be. You see, trees have deep roots so far down you cannot always see. That makes them strong and connected to the earth. And as they grow their arms stretch up to heaven. When the wind blows, the rustling leaves almost sound like applause. They seem happy to praise God with their waving "hands" and gentle voices. And trees live a long time...but they have to suffer losing their beauty (leaves) and often have to be strong in the painfully cold winters. And yet—spring comes and God blesses them with new life! I could only hope to be half as beautiful and thankful as a tree.

And as Colossians tells us we must simply root ourselves in Christ, grow and learn about Him more...and **BE MORE THANKFUL THAN EVER BEFORE**. This Thanksgiving, think about the beautiful trees and this Bible verse. Ask God to help you become even more thankful than before and watch the amazing things God will do for and through you.

-Rachel King-Barr

Challenge of the month: Pass on God's goodness! Donate gently used clothes and toys to others through the Salvation Army or Goodwill. Bake an extra pie or make and share a meal with someone who needs a friend.

Learn More:

Want to watch a video about the history of Thanksgiving?
Visit: <http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/videos#history-of-the-thanksgiving-holiday>

Want some wonderful fall craft ideas?

Visit: <http://familyfun.go.com/autumn/fall-crafts>



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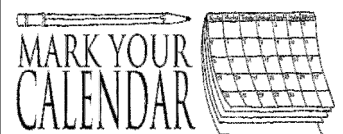
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Nov. 27, 9:30am
Advent Workshop

Dec. 04, 5:00pm
Christmas Together

December 10, 9:00am
Breakfast in Bethlehem

December 24, 5:00pm
SHPC Christmas Pageant

Children's Choir

Practices Wednesday nights in partnership with Logos Programming (6:00-7:00pm). The choir is scheduled to sing in church on the following dates: **Nov. 20**, Dec. 11, Jan. 29, Feb. 19, March 11, May 06



Advent Workshop

November 27, 2011

Come and join the Advent joy on **Sunday, November 27** during the Sunday School Hour (**9:30-10:30am**) in the Davis Family Hall! As a families will create Advent Wreaths to use in our homes during the Advent season as we look forward to Christ's birth. We will also have other crafts for our younger disciples to enjoy, too!

Annual Christmas Pageant

December 24, 2011

If you would like to participate in this year's annual Christmas Pageant, we'd love to have you with us! We will have a sign-up starting **Wednesday, November 02, 2011**. We will have two pageant practices on **Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00pm** and **Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00pm**. Our Pageant will be at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service (December 24). All family and friends are invited to our "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Party afterwards in the Davis Family Hall.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Want to have fun and be blessed while living out your baptismal vows?
Please consider these terrific, currently available opportunities!



- **Sunday School Teacher:** Team with another teacher to teach your choice of PreK's – 5th Grade, beginning at the end of August. Excellent, user-friendly curriculum materials and orientation training are provided.
- **Enrichment Teacher/Helper:** Team with others in ministry to our 3-5 year olds during part of the 11:00 worship service.
- **Nursery Caregiver:** Help snuggle and rock babies in the nursery during Sunday School, worship, or other church events, scheduled at your convenience.
- **LOGOS Ministry Team:** Help lead children in Recreation, Bible Study, or Worship Skills on Wednesday evenings, concurrent with Wednesday Night Live dinners and adult programs.
- **KidsPress/Highlights/Website Team:** Work with Children's Ministries Directors to develop ideas, write articles, recruit writers for articles, or update Children's Ministries web pages.

If you hear God calling you to serve in ministry to our precious children, or if you just want more information, please contact April Harrell or Rachel King-Barr in the Children's Ministry office at 933-0790, or email at aharrell@southhighland.org, or rkbarr@southhighland.org