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Special points of interest:

- November Services
- Operation Christmas Child

Reasons For Christians to Celebrate Autumn!

If you haven't caught up with your "to-do list" for the summer yet, chances are that you won't because autumn has now definitely arrived. The cooler weather and shorter days remind us that we need to shift gears from outdoor to indoor activities.

But don't put away the party spirit yet, for there are at least three good reasons for Christians to celebrate during the autumn season. We have every reason to celebrate the goodness of God in our church services and at home.



First, we Protestant Christians celebrate Reformation Day on October 31. What a great alternative to Halloween. At

the very core of Reformation Day we really celebrate the hope for

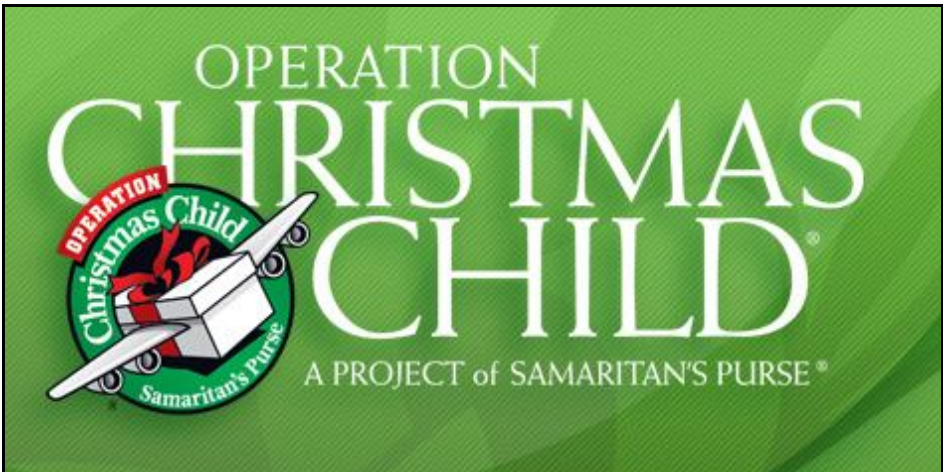
transformation. With God's help it is possible for the church, and for each of us, to be transformed and reformed. How can we celebrate this great Day and make it meaningful? Hold a "Mightiest Fortress"

building contest – build a tower and see whose is strongest. Participate in the "Diet of Worms" - otherwise known as gummy worm eating contest.

Another holiday which is often forgotten is All Saints Day. What a great time to learn about and celebrate the heroes of our faith. Children could dress up as Moses, Queen Esther, or a Roman. All Saints Day is also a good opportunity to remember all of our beloved church family members who have run the race and are now

The main Protestants' beliefs in terms of how we receive Salvation are summed up with the teaching of the five "solas":

- Sola Scriptura – scripture only
- Sola Fide – by faith alone
- Sola Gratia – by grace alone
- Solo Christo – through Christ alone
- Soli Deo Gloria – glory to God alone



Birthday Greetings List

We are currently working on the new list and it should be available in the next few days. It will be sent out by email and also available, along with the November newsletter, on the table in the narthex as soon as it is ready.

If you know of anyone – military, homebound, missions – who should be included, please contact the church office ASAP.

If you're a college student who has not submitted your most recent info, please do so now.

Please contact the church office with any changes or additions to the list (273-2958 or ionaoffice@comcast.net).

This Christmas, you can share joy and hope with a needy child in a troubled country by taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a missions project of Samaritan's Purse.

Everyone can participate by bringing a shoe box filled with toys and small gifts to church on November 13.

Complete details about Operation Christmas Child are outlined in the brochures available in the back of the sanctuary. Information can also be found at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Please consider being part of this exciting project to share God's love with a child in need.

Reasons for Christians to Celebrate Autumn

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part of the cloud of witnesses that cheer us on in our own race. Get the family photo albums out and tell the kids the stories of their great grandma and grandpa.

Then, we are looking forward to one of the greatest celebrations on the church calendar: Thanksgiving Day. What a great opportunity to pull out all the stops and pour out our praise before God who has faithfully showered us with mighty blessings – the greatest blessing of all being our eternal salvation through the gift of God's son.

May the Peace of Christ be with you during this exciting season of autumn celebrations.

... **Pastor Frank**

YF Outing – CORN MAZE

Youth are invited to join us on Saturday, November 5 for our YF outing to the corn maze. We will meet at the church at 6 p.m.

Please contact Miles Dissinger with any questions.



November 2011 Services

Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Soul Connection Service 11 a.m.



6 November – All Saints Sunday

- ◆ Message by Pastoral Assistant, Miles Dissinger
- ◆ Music: 8:45 a.m., Chancel Choir; 11 a.m., songs led by OUTSPOKEN

13 November – Communion Service

- ◆ Message by Pastor Frank: “Lots of Talents”
- ◆ Text: Matthew 25:14-30
- ◆ Operation Christmas Child boxes collected
- ◆ Music: 8:45 a.m., Joyful Ringers, Iona Bell Choir; 11 a.m., songs led by OUTSPOKEN

20 November – Thanksgiving Sunday Membership Sunday

- ◆ New members will be received into the church
- ◆ Message by a representative from Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ A reception will be held in honor of our new members between the morning services
- ◆ Music: 8:45 a.m., Chancel Choir; 11 a.m., songs led by OUTSPOKEN

27 November – 1st Sunday in Advent

- ◆ Message by Pastor Frank on a topic chosen by you
- ◆ Music: 8:45 a.m. Cherub Choir and Rainbow Ringers; 11 a.m. songs led by OUTSPOKEN

Kid Free Friday – Supper with Santa

ATTENTION KIDS – Ages 2 – 12!

Remember to tell your parents about “Supper with Santa” on **Friday, December 2**, 6 to 9 p.m. in Gable Hall. A light meal will be served. Donations accepted.

Please bring a wrapped gift to be donated to a less fortunate child in the community.

We hope you can be there!!! Please contact Donna Williams at 273-9132 or donna@lebanonfamilyhealth.org for questions or to sign-up.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Lounge)	3 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:00 Small Groups	4	5 6:00 YF Outing to Corn Maze – Meet at church at 6:00
7 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:45 Family Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Praise Service 4:00 Cherub Choir / Joyful Ringers 4:30 Rainbow Ringers 5:00 Iona Bell Choir / YF	7 6:30 Disciple 1	8 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus 6:00 Trustees Mtg. 7:00 Administrative Council Mtg.	9 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Lounge)	10 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:00 Small Groups	11 7:00 Private Event (Gable Hall)	12 9:00 4H Friends (Gable Hall)
13 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost Communion</i> 8:45 Family Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Praise Service	14 6:30 Disciple 1	15 6:30 Women's Fellowship Group (Gable Hall)	16 6:30 Disciple III (Classroom #1) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Lounge)	17 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:00 Small Groups	18	19
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