

*Ogden Baptist Church
November 2025 Newsletter
“A Place to Call Home”*

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Psalm 100:4 “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

My last year in high school I was the primary teacher in an Indian Mission. I had one little boy, and I grew to really love the little guy. I also played the piano for the services. The problem was I could really play only one hymn and that hymn was “Count Your Many Blessings.” We sang it every Sunday for an entire year! I think of it still as one of the many things that led to the place I am now. Things were not all good during my teen years but as I look back, I can count my blessings. I had a church that believed in me. I was trained in so many ways as I was given opportunities to serve the Lord. I had so many blessings and I am so grateful.

This time of year is special because we turn our hearts and our lives to thankfulness. We celebrate family by gathering for thanksgiving dinner. We gather because it is a time set for gathering. Our traditions, our special meals with those foods we always have. I remember the thanksgiving dinners as a child for all the food and getting together with family you only saw once a year.

Having a thankful heart is pleasing to God. He has given us so much and thanking Him for all He has done is one of the best ways to start our day or to get through a really exhausting day. We are not always thankful for what is happening, but we can be thankful that God is in it with us and will never leave us. His promises tell us who He is, and He proves Himself repeatedly. Sometimes it is simply good to list all the things for which we are thankful.

Thankfulness also helps us to have a better perspective and draws our attention to the positive things in our lives rather than the negative. Philippians 4:8 says, “finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” It is good advice because it draws our attention to who God is and just how good He is!

Have a great November thanking God for His wonderful blessings.

Pastor Carol



KIDZMIN NEWS

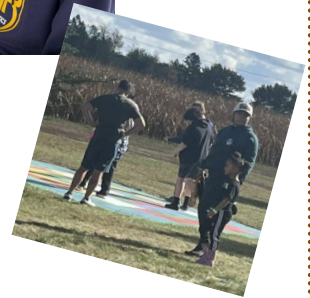
Oh November, you sure came up fast. October blew right by just like the wind. We are extremely grateful for the amazing opportunities for learning and fellowship that the Autumn has provided us, and we are looking forward to light snow flurries, hot chocolate and all that the Advent season brings. Even if we aren't quite ready for it.

In October we held our first of hopefully many new membership classes specifically aimed at youth ages ten-eighteen. The course runs around 2.5 hours and includes a basic introduction to the ordinances of Baptism and Communion, as well as a brief overview of World Church and American Church history as well as how the American Baptist denomination came to be, and our theology and belief system. The course concludes with a survey of the many boards,

ministries and committees offered by Ogden Baptist Church and an open invitation to become involved in our church family in any way that their spiritual gifts lead them to see fit. Any of those choosing to participate in this course will then be offered the opportunity to schedule a date for their ordinance as well as extension of the right hand of church fellowship. If you are interested in attending and or scheduling one of these courses, please e-mail our Director of Christian Education & Minister of Youth Mrs. Dale Spencer, at OBCKidsmin@gmail.com

Speaking of Church history, our Sunday School lessons have centered around Early Church history as we work through the story of Christianity; the early Church from Christ to the Reformation authored and edited by Justo L. Gonzalez. As we head into the holiday season, students are just finishing up learning about church life in the fourth century. How Christianity came to be the national religion of Rome, how the emperor Constantine converted his family and a nation, as well as how the early church became a little too political. We are studying the walk of these early

Church scholars, writers and ministers who helped to set the foundation for how we celebrate, worship and do fellowship together even after thousands of years.



KIDZMIN NEWS CONT



As we enter November, Sunday School will continue our deep dive into our history as Christians, our victories, our mistakes and the way we shaped history by our love. Wanting to get us into the Christmas spirit a little bit early, Ogden Baptist Children & Youth will begin this year's Christian literature study of, "The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe." We will devote four weeks to this study, beginning on October 26th during the Sunday School hour. At the conclusion of this study, we will

celebrate by having a Family Movie Night viewing of the 2005 film: "Narnia, the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe." We will have snacks, dinner, fellowship and light discussion following the film. The date is TBD, so be on the lookout for news! We hope to see you and all of your family there!



Youth LOVED our SeYG outing on October 12th. We had

sixteen of our faithful youth group crew gather for pizza, lemonade, giant cookies and Fall fun at Stoke Farms in Scottsville, NY. Groups enjoyed games, corn mazes, the big slide, the petting zoo, and just hanging out! We hope to see more of our OBC friends ages 10 and up join in on this year's youth group. SeYG fun! Meetings are typically every other Sunday afternoon following worship, enjoy lunch on us! A mini sermon by one of our

leaders, discussion, prayer and a game! Transportation is often provided as we meet at rotating area churches and activity sites. For more information you can flag down our Children & Youth Minister, Dale Spencer or e-mail our Youth department at OBCkidsmin@gmail.com.

Enjoy the pictures
of this month's
SeYG Fieldtrip!



November



3 - Paul Smith
5 - Ann Link
14 - Phyllis Sill
16 - Karen Walker
21 - Shaun Powell
28 - Phil Harnden
29 - Nancy McGuire
29 - Delores Cole

FALL BACK

Daylight savings time will end for the year at 2am local time on Sunday, November 2.

This year's time change comes a day earlier than last year and falls on the second-earliest possible date for the time change.



from the front
of the choir

The Choir will be singing at Evergreen Place on Sunday, November 2nd at 1:00pm and we welcome any and all who would like to join us! It's fun!

With A Voice Of Singing, Sue

Notes from our Boards

- * Deacons' meeting will be held November 4 at 3:00pm.
- * Trustees' meeting will be held November 11 at 6:00pm.
- * Council meeting will be held November 11 at 7:00pm.

MORE November

Calling all bakers!



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

November 4, 2025

6:00am until all is sold

Please consider baking items for this sale. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church on November 3rd, Monday morning or evening. There are two sign up sheets in the fellowship hall, one to record what baked goods you will be baking and the other to sign up to sell the goods the day of this sale. Thank you!

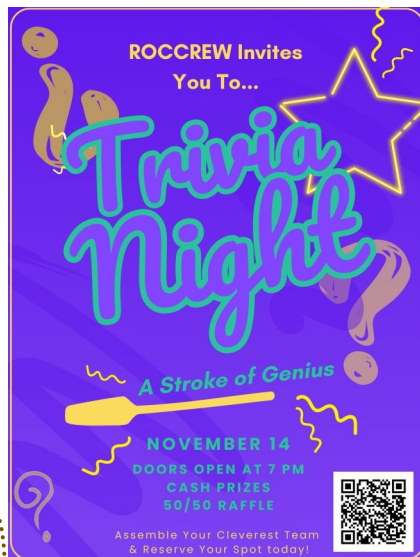
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA AND CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 9:00am – 2:00pm

Ogden Baptist Church



If you would like to help with this event there will be signup sheets posted in the fellowship hall or you can contact Linda Benjamin. We need help in the kitchen throughout the day and people willing to bake cookies or make finger sandwiches.



For more information click on:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/roccrew-trivia-night>

MORE November

Thankful to Make Music Together!

Concert at Greece Baptist Church

1230 Long Pond Road

Sunday, November 9, 2025—7:00pm

Come hear a wonderful variety of choral and instrumental music from Greece, Ogden, and Brockport Baptist Churches
Join us for refreshments after the concert!



Christmas Tea and Craft Show

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9:00am - 2:00pm

*Ogden Baptist Church - 721 Washington Street
(corner of Colby and Washington St) Spencerport, NY 14559*

Shop with local crafters for the holidays in a peaceful setting.

Complimentary Tea and Cookies will be offered.

All proceeds will go to the Spencerport Food Shelf

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf Report

Pat Thomas, OBC rep

The Food Shelf, met Monday, October 6, 2025 at St. John's church. Tom Olney gave the treasurer's report. We are in good shape with donations in spite of using \$474.74 to purchase food when there were shortages. This is the quarterly activity report:

8 First Time Deliveries—84 Deliveries to prior clients—92 Total Deliveries

\$4,000 Total Value Gift Cards

Food drives are currently taking place with Ogden Town employees and Ogden Library. These will help fill our shelves. Plans are under way for Thanksgiving baskets. **OBC has volunteered to donate ten turkeys.**



We plan to serve 80-90 families.
Deliveries will be Saturday, November 22nd.
Thank you for helping serve those in need.





About Town

CARTONS FOR CHRISTMAS is a ministry serving Ogden/Spencerport families.

Area churches, schools, service organizations, youth groups, and businesses come together annually to help those in need. Last year we served 153 families (536 people) by providing food, gift cards, and 195 toys.

Grocery store gift cards and cash/checks can be dropped off at St. John's Parish Center
(Mon-Thurs, Nov. 4 - 25, 10am—4pm)

There will be an open house to accept non-perishable food items on **Friday, Dec. 5, 3-6pm** at St. John's gymnasium at 65 Marth Street. Examples of canned and boxed food to donate: vegetables, fruit, soups, meat and fish, stuffing, juice, cereal, boxed rice, pasta sauce. (No glass items, please.)

Frozen turkeys can be donated. Due to a lack of storage, we can only accept them promptly at **12:30pm on Saturday, December 6th** at St. John's gym.

New toys for young children are needed. **Beginning on November 10**, stop in to the following businesses to select an angel off the tree with a toy or gift request.

- ♦ *Fowler's Canaltown Wine & Spirits, 377 S. Union Street*
- ♦ *Spencerport Federal Credit Union, 2775 Spencerport Road*
- ♦ *The Unique Shop, 130 S. Union Street*

Email or text Donna Grander, Toy Coordinator at cartonangels@gmail.com or 585.490.0549 for more information.

Volunteers needed—to check expiration dates, sort, count, pack food, load cards and deliver the cartons. Copier paper size boxes are also needed. Volunteer dates:

Check expiration dates, sort and count food—December 5, 4:30—6:30pm

Pack cartons—December 6, 9:00—11:30am

Load cars—December 6, 12:45—4:15pm

Deliver cartons—December 6, afternoon as assigned

Lynn Phillips coordinates all volunteers: cartonsvolunteers@gmail.com or 585.309.6872



The Women's Auxiliary

is still collecting **cans and bottles**. All funds earned go towards shipping costs for school kits and hygiene kits as well as a special offering. Please place all cans and bottles in the barrels located in the education wing hall.



Dear Friends of Cameron,



This is information about the **Cameron Family Gift Drive Program**. It is that time of year again, and we are starting sign-ups for this program! If you would like to participate, please let Madeline. You also need to know the maximum number of family members you are looking for, and/or if you would like multiple families. The size of our families ranges from 1-7 children. The average spending is \$30-\$65 per child.

As soon as you are matched with a family, you will be scanned a copy of their completed form. If you are interested in participating, listed below are guidelines and FAQs. Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Please wrap and label all gifts with the person's name that it belongs to. All gifts must be dropped off to Cameron wrapped and labeled by December 12, 2025. Cameron is available to take your delivery of gifts between 9am-4pm, Mondays-Fridays. We can also schedule a time by appointment if that availability does not work for you.

Here are some FAQs:

1. Is it required that I buy every item listed on the form?

Answer: Of course not! These are ideas and "wishes", the families know they may not get everything they wrote down. The children are grateful to have something to open Christmas morning!

2. Can I buy something not listed on the form?

Answer: Absolutely, although it is nice to be able to purchase items the family is requesting; it is quite alright to get them something different.

3. What is the monetary commitment to adopting a family?

Answer: You can average around \$30-\$65 per person. Our families vary anywhere from 1-7 children per household.

4. Can I purchase more than two items per person?

Answer: Of course, how much you purchase is up to your discretion.

5. Can I deliver the gifts directly to the family?

Answer: Cameron has a pickup date scheduled for our families to come to Cameron to take them home while their kids are still at school.



If you have any other questions or concerns, please reach out to Madeline directly either by phone or by email. Madeline Martinez
madeline.martinez@cameronministries.org 254-2697 X 106

Thank you for your generosity and support during the
holiday season at Cameron.

Dear Coffee Connection Family,

We have some exciting news to share with you! After years of growth, community, and empowerment through Coffee Connection, we are taking the next step in our journey. We are thrilled to introduce Our Blend Coffee & Roastery — the successor to Coffee Connection — a new chapter that continues the same mission you've always supported: empowering women in recovery while serving ethically sourced, sustainable, and delicious coffee.

You can rest assured that everything you love about Coffee Connection will remain the same. Our beans will continue to be fair-trade, organic, and ethically sourced, and our mission to empower women in recovery will stay at the heart of everything we do.

Our Blend Coffee & Roastery is founded by three women you already know and trust — Tanisha, Amanda, and Stacey. Together, we are carrying forward the legacy of Coffee Connection with fresh energy, new opportunities, and a deep commitment to the values that matter most: community, empowerment, and coffee that makes a difference.

We have a lot of exciting things in the works — from roasting innovations to new community initiatives — and we can't wait to share them with you. As we move through this transition, we kindly ask for your patience and continued support. Most importantly, we want you to know that you, our customers, always come first. Your encouragement and loyalty are what make this mission possible.

We deeply appreciate you for walking with us through this journey. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, we would love to hear from you. After all, you are not just customers — you are family.

With gratitude and excitement,

**The Our Blend Coffee & Roastery Founders—Tanisha • Amanda • Stacey
Storefront Location:**

563 Miracle Mile Drive Rochester, NY 14623

(Located inside The Marketplace Mall at the West Entrance)

Website: www.ourblendcoffeeroastery.org

Wholesale Orders: ourblendwholesale@gmail.com

General Inquiries: ourblend585@gmail.com

Contact Our Founders:

Tanisha – tanisha.ourblend@gmail.com

Stacey – stacey.ourblend@gmail.com

Amanda – amanda.ourblend@gmail.com



**If you would like to donate please send all checks to:
Our Blend Coffee & Roastery at the Storefront**

November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10a Karate
2  10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee 1pm Evergreen Place	3 9a & 10:15am Chair Yoga 5:30p & 7p Gentle Yoga	4 ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE 3p Deacons 7:30p AA meets	5 7p Choir	6 5:45- 7:00p Gentle Yoga	7 5:30p AA meets	8 10a Karate
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New Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00a-2:00p
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