

October 2026



Radiance Community Church

Global Missions Awareness

October is Global Missions Awareness Month for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This year's theme is "Transforming Abundance through Christ," based on John 15:5, which says "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." Planting, tending and harvesting take time and effort. Building relationships takes time and effort, too. CBF believes that long-term presence is essential to making a meaningful impact in the lives of the people among whom our field personnel serve. When you support CBF Global Missions, you help CBF field personnel around the world build strong relationships with their friends and neighbors as they share the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Throughout the month, we will be learning more about the work of our CBF missionaries, praying for them, and collecting an offering to help support them.

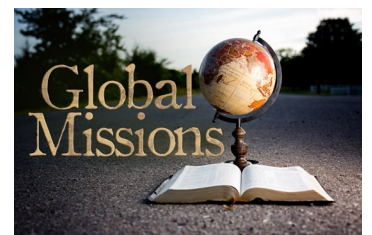
Our church's support of the Offering for Global Missions, along with that of other CBF churches, is essential in spreading the Good News of Christ around the world. This year's overall goal for the Offering for Global Missions is \$3,000,000. This is the minimum needed to sustain the presence of our current CBF field personnel. Our church's goal is \$1,000. 100% of gifts given to the Offering for Global Missions supports the missionaries serving in our country and around the world.

Will you join me this month in praying for these requests?

- Pray for CBF field personnel as they join God on God's mission.
- Pray about what you can give to the Offering for Global Missions to support their ministries.
- Pray for CBF field teams in Asia, Europe, Middle East/Africa and North America.
- Pray about how you and our church can become more involved in our community.
- Pray for the impact of CBF field personnel in their ministry context.

As we enter this season of prayer for Global Missions, the Ministries Council is also asking that we pray about becoming an Encourager Church for one of our CBF missionaries, Scarlett Jasper. Scarlett has served the Appalachian region of Kentucky and Tennessee for more than a decade. She helps transition families and individuals facing poverty, housing and food insecurity, domestic violence, addictions, and mental health and medical crises from crisis to wholeness by sharing the peace of Christ's presence. She provides financial literacy workshops, mental health counseling and case management services, provides emergency relief for shelter, food, hygiene and laundry needs, and more. Becoming an Encourager Church means that we would have a close relationship with Scarlett and her ministry in Kentucky. We would commit to supporting her in prayer and building a relationship with her through videos, visits, and newsletter articles. She would also be praying for our church. We would offer support for the programs that are part of her ministry and would even travel to Kentucky to join her work at different points throughout the year. We would also do what we can to offer some financial support. The Council will be sharing more about Scarlett and what it means to be an Encourager Church throughout this month. Please be prayerfully considering whether God is leading us to this partnership.

Blessings,
Pastor Melissa



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE



October 4

- **Greeters:** Debbie Foutz, Neal Kinsey
- **Scripture Reader:** Chloe Hodges
- **Offertory Prayer:** Bobbie Hawkins
- **No Children's Church**
- **Offering:** Janice Deyerle, Jonathan Melson, Cara Sutherland, Ray Templin
- **Communion Prep:** Becky Beard, Janice Deyerle
- **Communion:** Donna Kester, Paul Howell, Joyce Short, Glenda Pollard, Gordon Williams

October 11

- **Greeters:** Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader:** Ray Templin
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Short
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Mary Harris
- **Offering:** Jenna Dillon, Kathy Kinsey, Alyssa Viele, Brennon Viele

October 18

- **Greeters:** Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams
- **Scripture Reader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Waugh
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Offering:** Gerri Mills, Ric Scott, Mark Smith, Gordon Williams

October 25

- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Gerri Mills
- **Scripture Reader:** Ric Scott
- **Offertory Prayer:** Kathy Kinsey
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Donna Kester
- **Offering:** Becky Beard, Nancy Vest, Debbie Foutz, Emily Whitt

Upcoming Meetings

- **Evelyn Townsend Mission Circle:** Monday, Oct. 12, noon, at the home of Ellen Scott
- **Deacons:** Sunday, Oct. 18, following Dessert First
- **Ministries Council:** Monday, Oct. 19, 6 pm
- **Administrative Council:** Monday, Oct. 26, 5:30 pm

Thank You...

"Dear members,
On behalf of Green Valley, I wanted to reach out and extend my thanks to you for providing school supplies to our students! It means a great deal to us and we greatly appreciate your continued support of our school! Thank you!" ~Julie Hieber, school counselor

Featured Dates

Sunday, Oct. 4

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
Soul Feast	6:00 PM

Friday, Oct. 9

Radiance Kids Cooking Class	6:00 PM
-----------------------------	---------

Sunday, Oct. 11

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 12

Evelyn Townsend Circle	12:00 PM
------------------------	----------

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
Soul Feast	6:00 PM

Sunday, Oct. 18

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Pumpkin Party Dessert First	11:45 AM
Deacons Meeting	2:00 PM
Youth Dinner & Discipleship	5:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 19

Ministries Council Meeting	6:00 PM
----------------------------	---------

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
Soul Feast	6:00 PM

Sunday, Oct. 25

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	11:30 AM

Monday, Oct. 26

Admin Council Meeting	5:30 PM
-----------------------	---------

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Midweek Spiritual Formation	12:00 PM
Soul Feast	6:00 PM

Thursday, Oct. 29

Trunk or Treat: Villages at Lincoln	4:00 PM
-------------------------------------	---------

pray for one another

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Mary Durrer, Betty Heptinstall, Buddy Hawkins, Nadine Minnix, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Vilas Secrist, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair
- Those with cancer including: Betty Hall, Dalton Burgess, Charles Gray (friend of the Kinseys), Wyatt Hodges (friend of the Kinseys), Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Mary Seithalil (friend of Lisa Baker), David Wyatt (friend of the Kinseys)
- Evelyn Ragland, at Salem Nursing & Rehab Center, recovering from foot surgery
- Carol Hall at Lewis Gale Hospital

Faith Formation Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30-10:15 am:** This month, our Bible study is focused on stewardship, with a focus on how we use all the gifts we have been given- money, time, and skills. We also have classes for our children & youth, so there is something for your whole family.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation, Wednesdays at noon:** During October, Rev. Steven Harris is leading a study of the role of the law through the life of Moses. Through passages in Exodus, the Psalms, and Deuteronomy, we'll explore how God's commandments were not simply rules but the foundation of a covenant life shared between God and God's people. Living in covenant with God calls us to something greater than rule-following: a life formed by God's presence and sustained by God's grace. Join us in person or by Zoom: bit.ly/radiancebiblestudy.
- **Soul Feast, Wednesdays at 6 pm:** This fall, we will be gathering around the table for dinner and a study of spiritual practices (such as prayer, spiritual reading, hospitality), based on the book *Soul Feast*. Please sign up in the foyer (and let us know if you would like a copy of the book for \$12).
- **Faith Lending Library:** We have resources for Fall and Ordinary Time on the bookcase in the foyer. Please feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done.

Radiance Kids

- **Kids Academy: Cooking Snacks & Sweets, Friday, October 9, 6-8 pm:** First-fifth graders, come have a fun evening learning cooking skills while making delicious food! You'll get some cooking tools & recipe cards to take home, along with learning about reading recipes, measuring, knife skills, and more. (\$5 suggested donation for class). This session, we're making mug cakes, buttercream frosting, pizza quesadillas, homemade chips, salsa, and guacamole. Register at: bit.ly/rkcooking or by calling the church office.
- **Children in Worship:** We love having children worship with us because we believe that they are a vital part of the body of Christ - not just the church of the future, but the church now. This means that we value the gifts they have and would love for them to help lead worship. If your child would be interested in ringing the bell to begin worship, lighting candles, reading scripture, greeting, collecting the offering, praying, or participating in other ways, please let Pastor Melissa know. We will have training sessions to help them learn, and we know we have much to learn about worship from them, too!

Radiance Youth

- Join us for **Dinner & Discipleship**, Sundays from 5-7. This month, our Bible study will focus on the book of James and what it means to live out our faith in everyday life. We'll gather at 5 for games & fellowship, followed by dinner at 5:30 and Bible study from 6-7. (We will not meet on October 25.)
- Church family, if you can provide **dinner for our youth** on a Sunday evening, please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/rccyouthdinner>. Please prepare for about 10 people. We eat at 5:30 on Sundays and we always love for you to stay and eat with us!
- **"Trust" Fall Retreat**, November 6-8. Join us, along with the youth of First Baptist Church of Waynesboro, for a weekend retreat at Ward Haven. There'll be time for rest and fun, and we'll explore what it means to trust God and each other. The cost for the retreat is \$35, due October 18.

Pumpkin Party Dessert First

Join us following worship on Sunday, Oct. 18, for a pumpkin-themed dessert first. If you'd like, bring your favorite fall dessert to share. We'll also be making a giant card to send to the staff of Green Valley Elementary School along with some fall treats.

Radiance Community Church

4165 Colonial Ave.
Roanoke, VA 24018
540-774-2084

Our Church Staff:

Rev. Melissa Scott
Pastor

Rev. Steven Harris
Minister in Residence

Karen Viele
Church Administrator

Bill Lininger
Music Director

Missions Opportunities This Fall

• **Trunk or Treat at The Villages at Lincoln:** On Thursday, October 29 from 4-6 pm, we're joining others in our community to give out candy at the Villages at Lincoln. This is a great way to share God's love by offering joy and helping some children in our community enjoy a safe Halloween. This event gives the family Self Sufficiency Coordinator a chance to meet and interact with families she may not meet in other ways, so that the families can learn about the services available to them. You are welcome to decorate your car, but that isn't required. We can also arrange for carpools, if you would prefer. If you can't participate but would like to help, you can donate candy, which can be placed in the collection box on the table in the foyer.

• **Keystone Community Center Weekend Food Bags:** During the school year, we provide weekend food bags for 13 children at Keystone Community Center, making sure that the children have at least one meal each day. We package the food in grocery bags and deliver them to Keystone by Wednesday each week. The cost for the food is usually around \$100. Sign up in the foyer to provide food bags for a week - even better, do it with a group of friends.

• **Blessing Box:** Our little food pantry has continued to be well used by our community. As you shop, please pick up a little extra to share with our neighbors. We are especially in need of proteins, rice, cereal, pancake syrup, fruit and vegetables and spaghetti and sauce.



Melissa	Scott	October 03	Mary Ellen	Gearhart	October 17
Bill	Felton	October 04	Ashley	Peregoy	October 26
Bob	Conner	October 09	Susan	Pollard	October 30
Michael	Carrier	October 09	Jordan	Poff	October 31
Gordon	Williams	October 17			