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Sunday Services

- 8:30a Worship Service (Contemporary)
- 9:50a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship Service (Traditional)
- 6:00p Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
- 6:00p Adult Choir Practice
- 7:00p Every FOURTH SUNDAY United Methodist Women



Pastor's Corner — Rev. Jay Bissett



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” *Matthew 28:19*

OK, the newsletter arrives. Scan the calendar. Take a look at the budget and current giving. Read Cindy's scintillatingly subversive article. Check to see whether you are serving as acolyte or nursery attendant in the coming month. Then, perhaps turn to the Pastor's Corner, hopefully to read something inspirational.

This month's article isn't particularly inspirational. I certainly was inspired by many things in the past month. The enthusiasm, love, and cooperation that I experienced at the barbecue, the growing excitement of the Youth program, the faithfulness of those doing the thankless “behind the scenes” work (Randy and Jimmy keeping Worship technology running smoothly, Sunday School teachers faithfully preparing a lesson, Bleaka and many others visiting the sick and homebound just to name a few).

Instead of this article being directly inspirational, I hope that it might be indirectly inspirational in providing an explanation of some of the services that we have coming up this month.

This Sunday, October 2nd we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. I am sure that some of you know that this has been celebrated on the first Sunday in October since the 1930's. It is endorsed by over 40 denominations and faith organizations around the world, including the United Methodist Church. It is a day to remember the Unity in Christ that we share with fellow Christians, and to remember that the doctrinal and theological differences that separate us are much less significant than the power of the Jesus' love and resurrection.

On October 9th we will celebrate Homecoming. Remember that we will have just one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. At Homecoming we remember those who shaped our lives through their service and witness. Join us as we celebrate Ebenezer's history and look forward to many more years of service. Of course, after Worship, stay and experience one of the things we Methodists are known for: EATING!

Homecoming day kicks off 4 nights of **Revival**. Each evening from October 9 – 12 at 6:00 p.m. we will worship together. This year each night of Revival will highlight a different ministry. I hope that you will come to learn and be challenged, and possibly find new ways that Ebenezer can be in ministry. Each

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WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:00p Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:00p Bible Study—Children & Adults.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: (828) 396-2214



Meetings

Church Council—Brief

There will be a brief meeting of the Church Council on **Sunday, October 2nd at 9:45 a.m.**

Homecoming

Our annual Homecoming service will be on **Sunday, October 9th starting at 10:00 a.m.** (There will be no Sunday school that day.) We will share a covered-dish lunch afterwards. See p. 6 for more information.

Food Ministry

The Lord's Supper people will meet to fix and deliver another round of good food to our shut-ins and others on **Monday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m.** We welcome all volunteers to help put the plates together and deliver the food. Contact Ricky or Shawn Baker for more information.

Charge Conference

We will have our annual Charge Conference on **Sunday, October 23rd at 4:00 p.m.**

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on **October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** Patty Coffey will present the program. All women of the church are invited to participate.

Nov. Newsletter Items

Please have information and articles for the November newsletter in by **Wednesday, October 19th**. Rev. Jay or someone else may be having to put this together, so give them plenty of time to work. Thank you—Editor

Special Request

We are looking for a new coordinator to help Nancy with the nursery schedules and to insure that we always have people to take care of the babies and toddlers during our worship services. Please see Nancy Sears or Kay Gilbert to volunteer.



Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28 GNT

WHAT IS MY CALLING?

Many Christians, including me, have taken a survey of skills, interests, and personality traits in an attempt to find our "calling" —how we each should and can best serve our Lord while on earth. Since each person has different levels of abilities or traits in all those areas, and each person's interests and skill levels can change throughout his life; it can be very difficult to determine a calling by using these assessments. Maybe we'd be better off turning to the Bible, God's Word, where we can all find our true calling, individually and corporately.

We are all called to believe. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Then he (the jailer) led them (Paul and Silas) out (of prison) and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your family." (Acts 16:30-31) "If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

We are all called to follow. And [Jesus] said to them all, "If you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, take up your cross every day, and follow me." (Luke 9:23; Matthew 16:24) Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." (Matthew 19:21) Jesus spoke to the Pharisees again. "I am the light of the world," he said, "Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." (John 8:12) "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)

We are all called to worship. "Honor the LORD your God, worship only him, and make your promises in his name alone." (Deuteronomy 6:13; Matthew 4:10) And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped. (Exodus 4:31 KJV) "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (1 Chronicles 16:29 KJV) "Come, let us bow down and worship him; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" (Psalm 95:6) "Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy." (Psalm 99:5 KJV) "...Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer." (Romans 12:1b)

We are all called to love. Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39; Deut. 6:5; Joshua 23:11, et.al.) "Hate what is evil, love what is right, and see that justice prevails in the courts..." (Amos 5:15a) "Grace be with all

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Special Giving

Ebenezer UMC and its members, gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts received in *Aug/Sept*.

In Memory of Joe Blair by:

Paula & Lester Crawford

In Honor of Leonard Teague's Birthday by:

Larry & Alice Hill

In Honor of Cindy Sears by:

Delores, Bill, Gary Paul Campbell

In Honor of Marsha McRary by:

Delores, Bill, Gary Paul Campbell

In Honor of Hoke & Cleo Clark by:

Delores, Bill, Gary Paul Campbell

In Honor of Bleaka Hollar by:

Peggy Jenkins

In Honor of Billy Wayne Campbell's birthday by:

Delores, Bill, Gary Paul Campbell

In Honor of Jay & Monica Bissett by:

Delores, Bill, Gary Paul Campbell

Grace covers. And it covers again and again. Thanks be to God. But if we stop there, as so many writers do, we are only telling half of the story. Titus 2:11-13 says, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age."

Grace covers my sin, and then it pushes me to be more like Christ.

As Pastor Harry Reeder said, "Brokenness is never an objective in the Christian life." Instead, because of God's grace—and never apart from it—we press on toward holiness (Phil. 3:12-16). Receiving grace for my failures also includes Christ's help to turn from sin and embrace new obedience.

--Megan Hill; Christianity today.com; Hermeneutics

Church Council Minutes – September 18, 2016

Attendees: Rev. Jay Bissett, Becky Clark, Sonya Crouse, Kim Ellis, Gerald Frye, Roy Hamby, Jo Nell Harrison, Bleaka Hollar, Boyd Johnson, Connor Johnson, Joann Knepp, Steve Kohnle, Judy McCrary, Libby McCrary, Terri Miller, Kevin Miller, Cindy Sears, Jeff Smith, and Barbara Ferguson.

Boyd called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Steve Kohnle to open with prayer.

Short devotional: Matthew 26:31-35. Jesus said, All will fall away because of me. Peter boasted he would not fall away; but Jesus predicted he would. Ponder this: Are our actions the same as our words? God can use even our failures for something positive.

Jo Nell made a motion to accept minutes as read; second by Bleaka Hollar.

Finance Report

Contributions are down, but we remain on budget at this point. VBS has \$156 left; we will hold that for VBS next year.

The main item we are running over on at this point is building maintenance/repair. Evangelism & community outreach, and Special events have gone over budget, too.

Old Business

Kevin is doing the flyers for the Men/Youth breakfast fundraiser, which will be on Saturday, October 8th from 6-10 a.m. Proceeds go towards a van for the church.

Kim purchased the new Communion napkins to replace the old stained ones.

The phone problem was resolved for now by rebooting the modems. Charter will not repair inside wiring or telephones, if they become a problem.

Youth minister search is ongoing.

Kim took the check to Gateway School. They expressed great appreciation to us for the help.

Jay thanked everyone for helping with the BBQ. He described his first barbecue fundraiser as a "very intense experience."

We will be sending \$1,000 to UMCOR for the Louisiana flood relief. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this special request on Sunday, September 11th.

Keith did some work on the sign under the main sign out front to remove Eric's name.

New Business

Boyd reported for Keith Keener: The local Girl Scout troop is meeting at a school now, but the school is going to charge them for this service. They would like to meet here instead. The Church Council could authorize us as a sponsor of the troop, and let them use our facilities. They will need to learn Safe Sanctuary guidelines. Gerald Frye made a motion to do it; seconded. Tentatively approved if our insurance does not have a problem with it, and the Scout leaders go through the Safe Sanctuary training. Jay mentioned that we could also have a scouting Sunday to promote the group. The troop wants to use Tuesday evenings for their meetings.

Jay passed out papers showing the people nominated for church committees for next year.

Jay verified that everyone on the front page—members of the Council—is a voting member on the Council, but anyone can come to the meetings and ask questions, etc. Council Chair and Jay do not have a vote. The Chair will vote only if a tiebreaker is needed.

Jay then talked about the Oct. 9-12 Revival. He is inviting a different ministry in each night to talk to us of their work. Kairos, Habitat for Humanity, Congregations for Children, and Society of St. Andrew have been invited. He wants to take up a love offering each night for each ministry.

We will begin promoting the \$10,000 Sunday NOW.

Charge Conference is Oct. 23rd at 4:00 p.m. to approve apportionments and nominations. The budget is not needed until near the end of the year.

Jay went over our apportionments for next year. They are about \$100 more next year (District and Conference combined). Jo Nell made a motion to

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Council, con't

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accept; second by Boyd. Motion passed.

Jay also announced that on Oct. 30th we will have one service, and do a blessing of the animals outside during the service.

Libby reported that they had the Safe Sanctuary meeting, and 27 attended. We will have to have another one for those who could not attend, plus the Girl Scout group's leaders. Libby asked the church to pay for the fees involved for everyone. Motion was made to do so by Boyd; second by Jeff Smith. Motion passed.

Kim mentioned a scrubber machine for cleaning the kitchen floor for \$75—practically brand new. Gerald has a machine to do the same thing that he will give to the church. Kim decided to try his machine first.

Kim also reported that we need to replace our Chrismon tree. Prices range \$350-400. The UMW want to buy it, but they may need some help from the church. They want to get a smaller, more manageable tree than our old one was. The Council agreed to help if needed.

The annual Hanging of the Greens will be held during a combined worship service on Sunday Nov. 27th. (instead of on Saturday, as before).

Boyd adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Gerald Frye prayed us out.

—minutes by Cindy Sears 

There is no way to prove that GOD exists. But what is provable is what happens when societies stop believing in GOD: They commit suicide. —Dennis Prager

The real struggle is not between East and West, or capitalism and communism, but between education and propaganda.

—Martin Buber

A Letter from the Men's Room

Well, howdy y'all. I've heard all kinds of rumbling in the pews about, "Where's a letter from the Men's Room?" So, here we go.

The UMM have been sort of busy behind the scenes this spring and summer. We have played with our chainsaws a little, tried to raise everyone's cholesterol with the fish fry, and made a temporary fix with the playground equipment. Don't want the kids to get a splinter or break a leg, ya know!

We have a few things in the works. There will be a breakfast on Saturday, October 8th. That's more high blood pressure goodness from Ricky Baker's farm fresh "fat free," yes I said "fat free" eggs. RB has Dudley Shoals chickens that lay "fat free" eggs. (Not really, but they are scrumptious!) I'm sure some innocent pig will make the ultimate sacrifice for this endeavor, also. I dig pig! How about some grits or biscuit and gravy to tickle our innards? We are teaming up with the young 'uns on this one, so you KNOW it will be good! If it's not, all complaints go to Steve Kohnle, UMM Prez.

And, don't forget about our beautiful Christmas trees coming in November. Ah, the smell of a fresh—and I mean fresh—cut-that-day Christmas tree, delivered to the church. You can even go with us to pick yours out if you want. What a deal!

All this brings me to why we are doing what we're doing: we want a NICE VAN!!! I know we've been harping on this for almost two years, but the end is near (at least for this fundraiser). Whatever we have in the fund at the end of the year is what we are going to spend on a van.

There's a lot of cool stuff going on with our youth. Scott and Terri Miller have taken it upon themselves to take over the leadership of the youth until a permanent replacement can be hired. Thank you both! Also, thank you so much to Tasha and Chris for what y'all did in the past! What all four of these adults said would have made or would make their jobs easier is our own reliable transportation.

We are making one big last push for this van. The youth have been renting a van for summer and fall activities, and this needs to stop. All jokes aside, please help us get the best van we can. Our church and youth deserve this.

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ---Deuteronomy 15:10

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ---Luke 6:38

Thank you to all who have given to and prayed about our mission. Until next time y'all—you never know what's around the next corner. Our next mission: breakin' in Jay the Ebenezer way! Love ya, Jay!

Yours truly and God bless,

Boyd Johnson — United Methodist Men



October Celebrations



Happy Birthday!



- 3rd—Kevin Simmons
- 4th—Bleaka Hollar
- 5th—Gwen Teague
- 7th—Larry Hill
- 8th—Jackson Behmer
- 12th—Skylar Helton
- 12th—Michael Knepp
- 17th—Warren Bumgarner
- 18th—David Crouse
- 21st—Loretta Helton
- 22nd—Colby Collins
- 23rd—Cleo Clark
- 26th—Victoria Coffey
- 28th—Randy McRary
- 28th—Donnetta Spencer
- 30th—Felicia Fowler

Happy Anniversary!



- 16th—Reggie & Dawn Yount
- 18th—Josh & Jessica Bowman
- 25th—Larry & Alice Hill
- 26th—Marvin & Sharon Bowman
- 27th—Dale & Flaxen Reid

**How do I hide God's word in my heart?
Memorize it!**

So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

—Genesis 1:21, 25 NKJV



Acolyte Schedule - OCTOBER

2nd Savanna Creaseman

9th Cole McCrary

16th Bethany Huss

23rd Andrew Miller

30th Emily Haas

Nursery Schedule - OCTOBER

2nd 8:30 Kay & Clair Gilbert

11:00 Terri Miller

9th 8:30 Lucas & Sarah Teague

11:00 Celeste Creaseman

16th 8:30 Boyd & Emily Johnson

11:00 Becky Yount

23rd 8:30 Bleaka Hollar & Sonya Crouse

11:00 Teresa Herman

30th

10:30 Kay & Clair Gilbert

Our Military

Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.

Nick Austin
Kyle Blair
Anthony Coffey
Paul Coffey
Dakota Fox
Ethan Fox
Andy Gaillard
Ricky Garland
Jason Gibson
Trey Hefner
Chris Kaisenski



Shane McRary
Travis Miller
Joey Moore
Jamie Mullinax
Michael Potts
Alex Shealy
Hunter Tolbert
Josh Yount

See p. 6 for more information on this event





Special Breakfast!

**Saturday
October 8th
6-10 AM**

Our Youth and the United Methodist Men's group are getting together to serve a huge and delicious breakfast. Bring all your friends, relatives, and co-workers. Everyone is invited!

All proceeds go toward the purchase of a van for our church that will be especially useful in expanding our youth programs and activities.

Thank you for helping!



October Fundraisers & Events

Homecoming & \$10,000 Sunday

**Sunday
October 9th
10 AM**

Come home to Ebenezer and celebrate our work for Christ and his kingdom, both here in Caldwell County and around the world!

We can provide the personal touch here to individuals, to students in the local schools, to people in nursing homes or jails or hospitals. Our tithes and offerings also go to mission work and ministries around the United States and the world.

We would like to expand our ability to help spread the Good News about Jesus Christ and to show his love to as many people as possible, but that takes volunteers

and money.

So, we are asking everyone to dig deep, and give sacrificially to help us pay off the Christian Life Center mortgage; then we will have more money available each month to continue our ministries and mission work, here and abroad. Our goal is:

\$10,000!

We also encourage you to commit to faithful attendance, giving, and service here at Ebenezer. God blesses those who do his work! We invite you to join us in service to our Lord and Savior, and let God bless you and us, too.

Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share after the service if you can, and fellowship with us. Ebenezer will provide the beverages.

Biscuits Sales

The *Rainbow* Sunday School Class will be selling ham, sausage, egg and gravy biscuits AND **bologna biscuits on Thursday, October 20th.**

Kitchen will be open from **6:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m.** You can eat in or we will continue to deliver orders of 10+ to area businesses, etc. Please **call early or pre-order large orders on Wednesday by calling: 396-2214** (church office; Mon.-Fri. 8:30-1:30 pm).

Proceeds will support local missions. Please make your checks out to ART, which stands for *Area Response Team*.



Yum! Yum!

TRUNK OR TREAT — BOO!

It's almost that time again. All Saints Eve, aka, All Hallows Eve, or Halloween arrives in October. We will have our annual Trunk or Treat festivities on

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 29TH
6-8 PM**

There will be free hot dogs and LOTS of free candy, too.

Decorate your car trunk or truck bed with **SPOOKY** things, and help us give out candy to all our **SPOOKY** visitors.



History Lesson: This was once a time to remember the Christian saints who had passed on. Maybe the pumpkin represents them?

Boo!



Blessing of Animals

On the 5th Sunday, we will have one worship service and Rev. Jay will bless your animals in an outside ceremony. (Sunday school will meet at 9:00 a.m.) Bring your pets, service animals, or livestock to church on

**Sunday
October 30th
10:30 AM**

And they will receive a blessing, along with you.

Animals should be in a cage, carrier, or on a leash or rope, please—for your animal's safety—or just bring a picture of the animal.





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night a special offering will be taken to benefit the ministry being celebrated.

- On Sunday we will hear from **Kairos**, a ministry that transforms lives in our prisons.
- Monday we will learn about **Stop Hunger Now**, a ministry that has provided millions of low-cost, high-nutrient meals all over the world.
- On Tuesday **Congregations for Children** of the Western North Carolina Conference will share successes and ideas about how we can more effectively serve children, who are among the most vulnerable in our society, through our local schools.
- On Wednesday we will conclude by hearing from **Habitat for Humanity**, and hear how lives are being changed through God's grace and home ownership.

Finally, on October 30th we will have a unified Worship at 10:30 where we will have a **Service of Blessing of Animals**. This service is inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, who reminded us that all of God's creatures and creation are good and holy. Please bring your pet, animal companion, service animals, and/or livestock to be blessed. It is always interesting to be a part of a congregation of God's creatures that have 2 legs, 4 legs, 8 legs, or even no legs (but please be sure to bring the latter categories in a box or cage)!

As you can see October will be a busy month at Ebenezer, but it will be month full of Worship experiences. Come and be inspired!

Jay



Story Time *Contributed by Delores Campbell*

Tom Goes to Church

As most of you all know, Gary Paul, my son, is autistic. He loves toys and he likes to go to McDonalds to get a kids meal, so he can get a toy. Well, one time they gave Gary Paul a Tom cat in his meal box, and that Tom cat could talk. Gary liked it so much that he took Tom with him to church. We were in the Sunday school classroom, and, every once-in-awhile, I kept hearing a voice in the background. I looked over at Gary Paul to see if he had a toy with him, but I couldn't see anything.

After Sunday school, we went in to preaching. Jay was talking when all of a sudden a voice came out loud and clear. It said, "Hey there, do you want to be my friend?"

I looked down at Gary's shirt and there was a pocket on his shirt. I reached into the pocket and pulled out Tom.

The next time we went to McDonalds, they gave him another "Tom" like the one he had, and I said to myself, "Oh, no!"



UMW Donations Request

Ebenezer's United Methodist Women will be opening their **Country Store again on Saturday, November 5th.**

They are asking for donations of lightly used items to stock the store for the big sale. Baked and canned goods will be good additions to their inventory, too. Homemade crafts and art pieces are also welcome. **Please NO CLOTHES or SHOES!**

The proceeds from this event will fund the women's many ministries for the coming year. We thank you for helping them make this annual event a success.

Please place your donations in the old fellowship hall on the bench.



Worth Remembering

One Sunday, Nancy Sears was sitting in the choir. During the prayer request time, she said, "I guess I will be all right if my head doesn't drop off."

All of a sudden, a hymn book fell off the piano, and Mary Lynn, who was sitting at the piano, said, "There it goes!"

(Okay, Mary Lynn, come clean. You dropped it on purpose, didn't you? —wink, wink from Cindy)





Something, con't

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them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen." (Ephesians 6:24 KJV) "May the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow more and more and become as great as our love for you." (1 Thessalonians 3:12) See 1 Corinthians 13:1-13—the love chapter. "The message you heard from the very beginning is this: we must love one another...My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." (1 John 3:11, 18) There are so many more references that could go here!

We are all called to give. "May the Most High God, who gave you victory over your enemies, be praised!" And Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the loot he had recovered. (Genesis 14:20) "Each man is to bring a gift as he is able, in proportion to the blessings that the LORD your God has given him." (Deut. 16:17) "One tenth of all the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the LORD." (Leviticus 27:30) "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:8, 10 KJV) Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Listen, sir? I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much." Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today..." (Luke 19:8-9a) "I have shown you in all things that by working hard in this way we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" (Acts 20:35) "They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are very poor." (2 Corinthians 8:2) "You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly." (2 Corinthians 9:7) "Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God." (Hebrews 13:16)

We are all called to witness. Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20) "Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers, making good use of every opportunity you have. Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting, and you should know how to give the right answer to everyone." (Colossians 4:5-6) "But have reverence for Christ in your hearts, and honor him as Lord. Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you." (1 Peter 3:15)

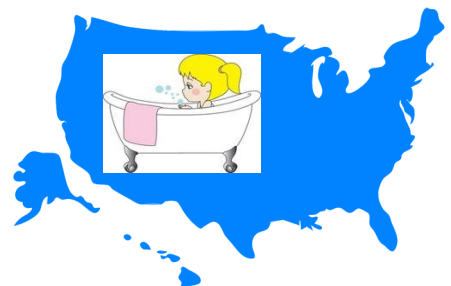
All of the above are ways that we witness for the Lord. We also witness through our other callings to: repentance, righteousness, obedience, thankfulness and gratitude; through our prayers and our faith and willingness to trust the Lord in his provisioning of all our needs; through our work for justice and truth and fairness; in raising our children in the faith; in living out our faith in the world in all that we do, wherever we may be, in whatever circumstances we are in. Stop looking for that special "calling" and be a disciple of Christ here and now. God will bless you and what you do in His Name!



Taking a Bath for Jesus by Delores Campbell

A friend of mine was babysitting for a three year old girl. She was talking to me on a cell phone, and she told me that the little girl was soaking in the bathtub. The little girl spoke up in a loud voice and said, "I am taking a bath for Jesus."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the people in the United States would take a bath for Jesus? If they would, he would heal our land!



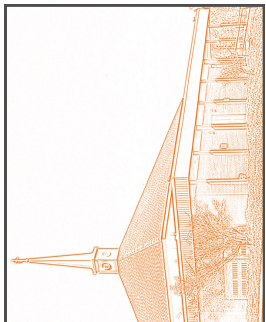


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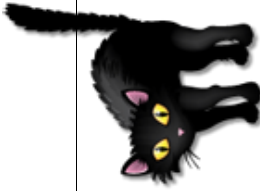

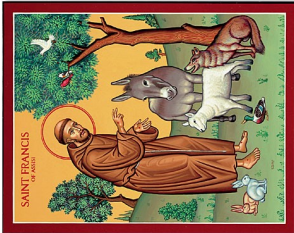



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 a.m. Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday school 11:00 a.m. Worship	See p. 5 for Acolyte & Nursery Schedules		Every Wed.: 6 pm: Praise Band 7 pm: Children and Adult Bible studies			1 Private Party—4-10 PM
2 Church Council—9:45 AM, see p. 2	3	4	5	6 	7	8 Youth/UMM Breakfast Fundraiser—6-10 AM see p. 6
9 Homecoming & \$10,000 Sunday—10 AM; Covered-dish afterwards, see p. 6	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Spencer Reunion—1:30-3:30 PM	17 Lord's Supper Ministry—5 PM	18 	19	20 Biscuit Sales—6-9 AM	21	22 J & M Kohnle Wedding Anniversary party—2-4 PM
23 Charge Conference—4 PM UMW—7 PM	24	25	26 	27	28	29 Trunk or Treat—6-8 PM, see p. 6
30 ONE SERVICE—10:30 AM—Blessing of the Animals	31  Blessing of the Animals					