

We’ve Helped to Feed the Hungry...Now it’s Time to Give Water to the Thirsty

In case you haven’t heard by now, we have another ambitious outreach event planned for mid-October. On Saturday October 17th, we will be going to MECC Craft Days and giving away 2000 bottles of water.

For those of you that have helped in the past, I think you could attest to the joy at being able to give water to folks that are thirsty. Although in the three years we have done this we have never had a “sweltering” day, we have had opportunities to give away lots of water (5000+ bottles) and to meet and talk to a lot of people.

Such an event does not happen by itself. We will need two things: water and servants, to make this event happen. We need for you to start bringing in water to the church so that we can begin stock piling it for the event. We would prefer smaller sized (8-12 oz bottles) but will gladly take the typical half liter bottles that are more easily available. If you have trouble carrying a case of water, then you can give us a donation and we will gladly purchase water to use at this event. So, start bringing in your water!

We are also going to need people. We will need to set things up. We usually take things to the site on Friday night and set things up Saturday mornings. We will need people to work the event. We usually schedule 90 minute time slots. We will need people to help take everything down on Saturday night. I thank all of you that recently indicated that you would be able to help in these ways on the survey. We will be in touch with you as the event draws closer to confirm how you will be able to help.

What I need for everyone to begin doing today is to pray for this event. Specifically ask God that we might meet a spiritual or physical need of someone that day. Pray that people would be blessed through this gift of water. Pray that lives might be changed as we actively seek to share God’s love with our community.



You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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Guest Columnist

Eight Unexpected Blessings of Christianity

By Chuck Lawless

My seventh-grade classmate who shared the story of Christ with me was a matter-of-fact kind of guy. Here’s generally the way he told me the gospel: “You’re going to hell, and you need to get saved.” In fact, he was even more pointed than that on the mornings when he’d meet me at the classroom door with, “It’s a good thing you lived through the night . . . because you’d be in hell right now if you hadn’t.”

To be honest, my primary motivation for following Christ as a 13-year old was to escape the hell I’d heard so much about from my friend. I can look back now over the last 40+ years, though, and I see so many benefits I never even considered back then:

Sleeping without worry. When you first hear the gospel the way I did, you don’t sleep well. I will never forget the first night’s sleep I had after Jesus saved me. I slept like a baby because I no longer worried about what would happen to me when I died.

Not fearing death. This many years after God saved me (and obviously closer to death now than I was then), I still don’t worry about it. I don’t want to die today, and I’d prefer it not hurt when it comes – but I do not fear it.

Gaining family outside my family. By that I mean that God has given me folks who’ve become as much my family as my family of origin. The love God gives us for brothers and sisters in Christ is an amazing, uniting, satisfying love that can carry us through even when we haven’t felt loved otherwise.

Being redirected to better plans. When I became a Christian, I was sure I was going to be a teacher. I made those plans in kindergarten (really!), and nothing was going to change them – except, that is, for a call of God that would eventually allow me to proclaim His Word and God’s plan is always right.

Meeting my wife. Few people know at age 13 the person they are going to marry. I didn’t. In fact, I didn’t know her at age 13, 15, 20, or 25. She’s in my life now because two church secretaries thought I needed help in meeting the right person and making the best marriage decision as I approached my 30s. They were right.

Not worrying if life doesn’t make sense. I’m enough of a control freak that I’d prefer to be in charge, but I’ve learned that God really is sovereign over life. If things don’t go my way, that doesn’t mean it’s time to get stressed. God will work it all out.

Learning that “stuff” doesn’t matter. Sure, I’m glad we have a home, a car, etc. – but I know from conducting dozens of funerals over the years that you really don’t take it with you. It’s seriously liberating when you stop worrying about stuff.

Being forgiven over and over again. At my conversion, I was grateful that God forgave my sins. What I didn’t know then was that the rest of my life would be about God’s forgiving me each day, each hour, each moment. His forgiving love really is sweet.

The peace God gave me about eternity when I became a Christ follower is still real to me today. What I didn’t realize then – but I deeply appreciate now – is that faith is as much present tense as it is future tense.

Maybe you know non-believers and struggling believers you might direct to this post today. Send them this way, and let’s pray they would see that today is the day to serve Him.

The Trinity Companion

Sunday September 27, 2015




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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

Greeters: *Kathleen Gillespie and Peggy Beverly*

Prelude
Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Diane Botts

Call to Worship: “Spirit of the Living God”

*** Opening Hymn:** “Blessed Assurance” No. 369

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)

Lord’s Prayer as found at No. 895
Gloria Patri No. 70

Children’s Message Bill Cole

The Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Patty Robbins, Alberta Mitchell, Pat Bowden, Patty Lynn Cooper
*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: “On the Wings of a Snow White Dove”

The Presentation of God’s Word

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37 Diane Botts
Lector: The Word of the Lord for the people of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon : “Let the Children Come to Me”

An Affirmation of Our Faith: The Apostle’s Creed No. 881

*** Closing Hymn:** “Trust and Obey” No. 467

*** Pastoral Benediction :** “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

Postlude:
*** Please stand, as you are able**
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Prayer Circle
The Prayer Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 pm.
AARP
AARP will be meeting on Monday, October 5th at 10:00 am. Everyone 50 years of age or older is welcome to attend

NOW Committee
The NOW Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm.
Fellowship Supper
The next Fellowship Supper is scheduled for Wednesday October 7th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish. The hosts are Pat Bowden and Alberta Mitchell.

October Meetings and Activities


—Sunday, September 27, 2015
—5:00 pm—UMYF
—Wednesday, September 30, 2015
—8:00 am-Pop “n” Jesus—MECC
—6:00 pm—Prayer Circle
—7:00 pm—Choir Practice
—Monday, October 5, 2015
—10:00 am—AARP
—Tuesday, October 6, 2015
—6:30 pm—NOW Meeting

UMYF meets Sunday nights at 5:00 pm for a meal and 5:30 pm for meeting.
Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm

UYMF Meeting
The UYMF will be meeting today at 5:00 pm.

Choir Practice
Choir Practice is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm.

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Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

Current Balance Forward Trinity Maintenance:\$726.22

Money Given to General Fund
Budgeted Need to Date\$115,474
Actual Amount Given to Date\$111,892



Our Lay Ministers

October

Announcements
Skip Skinner
Ushers
Phil Robbins, Ruben Allman, Spencer Quesenberry, John Hagan
Greeters
Alberta Mitchell and Patty Lynn Cooper
Scripture
4-Chris Higgins
11-Kim Parsons
18-Evan Clark
25-Pat Bowden
Van Drivers/Riders
4-Doug and Lucy Robinson
11-Pat Bowden and Diane Botts
18-Kenny and Martha Spurlock
25-Doug and Lucy Robinson

Children’s Message
4-Kim Parsons
11-Christy Smith
18-Nancy Toney
25-Bill Cole
Nursery Workers
4-Cathy Galyean
11-Kenny Spurlock
18-Pat Bowden
25-Paula Barton
Money Counters
4-Kim Parsons and Pat Bowden
11-Marth and Kenny Spurlock
18-Bill Cole
25-Chris Higgins and Paul Clark



“I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.”
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:
James Horne; Robin (Rita Nash’s Daughter); Barbara Polly; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Sandra Rich; Dennis Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland’s daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke’s Dad)

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay
Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; Don Whittaker; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; John Hagan

Non-Specific Prayers for:
Brownie Polly; Dagni Spurlock; Virginia Sigmon; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Jim Cooper; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock’s mother; George Gose; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Mary Burton

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church