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Living Each Day as a Steward!

Consecration Sunday will be October 30! This is the day we can thank God for the many blessings He has provided. On Sunday, October 16, your Stewardship package will be available to pick up in the Sanctuary. Living each day as a steward should be our goal and I hope that you will take a little time to read and reflect upon the Bible verses listed below concerning Stewardship. By studying these passages you can gain a little understanding on how the Holy Spirit, working through The Word, transforms us to be more like our Chief Steward, Jesus, who willingly poured out his life in giving and serving, ultimately sacrificing his very life for our eternal lives. Just as Jesus faithfully served his Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to him by serving others. *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”* (1 Peter 4:10).

As your Stewardship Chairperson, I pray that each of you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord that you will be strengthened in faith both for eternity and for a fruitful life here on earth.

The Scripture passages I have chosen in addition to the one above are as follows:

Malachi 3:8-12

Genesis 2:15

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

John 3:27

James 1:17

Matthew 23:23

Rich Knox, Stewardship Chairperson



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday Children's Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 16. Jack Robinson
- 18. Brenda Paul
- 19. Buford Atkinson
- 20. Derek Parker
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- 20. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Newman

Operation Christmas Child

The delivery of the shoe boxes is only the beginning of the Operation Christmas Child Story. Gospel books in 80 languages are offered to boys and girls. Before the boxes are handed to each child, they listen to the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. The salvation Story is placed on the top of each box. The Good News in illustrated pages makes the Jesus' come alive in a way children can understand.

Don't forget to pick up your shoeboxes outside the office.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We encourage you to take some time to let Bro. Lauren know how much you love and appreciate all he does. Some suggestions include:

- 1. Write a simple note of thanks for his work and his ministry.
- 2. Pray for him.
- 3. Send him an email with encouragement.

Thoughts on Volunteering

I was startled to over hear a disgruntled volunteer in the church snap, saying, "I'm not just a warm body!" The remark surprised me, as I thought to myself, *What's wrong with being a warm body? We're all "just warm bodies" doing various acts of volunteer service as unto the Lord.*

Though I said nothing, that heated comment stayed with me. It caused me to reflect on all the warm bodies in our congregation who serve without thought of accolades or recognition. Warm bodies who pray, encourage, prepare lessons, teach classes, arrange and rehearse music, make coffee, wash dishes, change diapers, buy toilet paper and paper cups, clean the church, make repairs, print the bulletins, attend planning meetings, visit shut-ins, post prayer chain requests, arrange flowers, launder table cloths, prepare food, decorate the church, take out the trash...the list goes on and on.

We're all grateful for each other and the countless acts of service performed by one another in our church family. Each one is doing his or her part to serve the Lord and the church body. It's my prayer that I never make anyone feel like just a warm body but always remember to express my gratitude for each person's contributions to the upkeep and service of our church.

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Children's Page

Throughout the month of October, we will be in the series, *God Delivers Us*. This Sunday in our lesson "Living God's Way," we learn that God wanted to remind the Israelites how He brought them out of Egypt. He wanted them to remember to obey Him. In this lesson, we will learn about how and why God gave the Ten Commandments.

HISKIDZ W.O.W. Wednesday



W.O.W. Wednesday is our mid-week Bible Study for K - 6th grades. Along with Bible Study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. We will have many fun games and activities planned for this year. Invite a friend and get ready for our first fun Bible Study about **BIBLE HEROES**. During this study, we will be "unmasking the true hero behind well-known Bible characters." Last week we took a break to do some fun fall activities. We will continue our activities throughout the remainder of October. Also be watching for a fun field trip in the works that is coming up soon. In November, we will pick back up with our Bible Study on Heroes, and our next lesson will be about the Peacemaker.



Sunday School

As we continue to follow the story of Moses, we see him emerging as a strong leader. Moses is learning to deal with and handle many of the frustrations the Israelites are facing. Just like the Israelites faced fears and uncertainties, so do we. We must trust God and His plan for our lives. We may often find ourselves in tough situations, but we must have the courage to trust God and let Him lead us. It is important that we seek Him and His plans for our lives.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Currently our Bible Study for Sunday nights is a series on the book of James. This week we move to lesson 7 in the series, *Living in the Light*. Without the light of God's focus, our fleeting days can be cloudy messes. His guidance and our quick obedience, however, can lead to a lasting impact.



*Exploratory meeting about disaffiliation with David Stotts, will be Tuesday, October 25, at 6 pm.

*2023 budget proposals due by October 31, 2022.

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Hubert & Pam Hatfield
Scripture	Matthew 7:15-20
Sermon	“The Masked Christian”
Flowers	Max and Rita Sanders

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER

16. 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 22:15-22
17. The fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
18. Babylon will be found no more	Revelation 18:21-24
19. Jesus pays the temple tax	Matthew 17:22-27
20. Death of Moses	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
21. Show your servants your works	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
22. The apostle's concern	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8