



THE CALLER

Kyle's Korner

Just when I think I have this congregation figured out, you never cease to amaze me! The month of October brought out the best in you.

- Men's Breakfast doubled in attendance from September
- 25+ people helped serve a meal to 65 guests at the community soup kitchen
- About 70 folks attend the church picnic at McDonald's farm, including a surprise visit from Dr. Christal Williams, the Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Tennessee
- CWF meeting celebrated women's contributions to the mission of the Church -- past, present, and future
- Choir Soup and Cornbread fundraiser collected \$400 and counting
- Several visitors attended worship and came back!

With all of these good things happening in the last few weeks, November has as much in store as last month. We are holding a Congregational Conversation Part II, the CWF Bake Sale, hosting the Bedford County Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving Service, the Installation of Dr. Christal Williams as Regional Minister, and Advent Begins. As a nation, we will election the next President of the United States. There are a lot of exciting things ahead.

I hope that reading through the Bible together is a meaningful experience for you. I know that I am discovering new things everyday in the scriptures. One of the exciting elements of the Book of Exodus is that the story isn't just about the liberation of the Israelite slaves from Egyptian captivity and their journey through the wilderness toward the Promised Land. The Book of Exodus is the story of us -- of our struggles as individuals and as a community, of our journey toward living wholly as a people in relationship with God, of our task to live according to the promises God makes with us and we make with one another. When we look deeper into the story of Exodus, we find ourselves caught in the tangles of living as people once totally dependent on the whims and demands of others to a people fully free to make decisions on our own and to live with the blessings and consequences of those decisions.

Exodus has great themes that are relevant today -- themes like liberation (freeing ourselves from the bondage of our own thoughts, actions, and perspectives, as well as others'), law (establishing the rules that we all live by), covenant (living together in relationships that honor one another), and worship (setting the rituals of our worship of God and what they mean).

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October Budget Corner

General Budget received in October	\$13,652.00
Building Accounts received in October	\$150.00

Many times we see the people wandering in the wilderness as lost, without direction and without life. Instead, what happens happens in the wilderness is an ordering of life together, setting up rules to live by, gaining an identity as God's people, and maturing into a people God created them to be, not the people bound in slavery and oppression.

As we grow as people of faith, as a community of faith, we understand God's presence and activity in our life. We see that we are growing, that we are preparing to live freely and wholly as God's people, and that, while we make mistakes and other poor choices, God's presence, forgiveness, and grace abound. For the people of Israel, the wilderness was a place of tremendous growth and change. It may appear as they were just biding time between one place to the next, but amazing things happened to them.

In this Interim time, it is my hope that you see that our time in ministry isn't about biding time or just wandering in the wilderness but as time for growth and change. I hope that you see the value of ministry in this time as a time for preparation for the next phase of ministry in the life of this congregation. It is my hope that you are able to find ways that God's presence has been active in your life together and that you see ways that you are better prepared to build on this time to allow your ministry to flourish in the time to come.

May your journey of faith be a blessing to one another and to the community that surrounds the church.

I'll see you Sunday.

Kyle

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

It's time to gather again for another Congregational Conversation. The first one in September was good and built much needed momentum and enthusiasm. Part 2 will seek to build on that. We will meet Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Gathering Area for conversation and fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate in this family time.

Thank You!

Many thanks to Charles & Karen Sue McDonald for graciously hosting our Congregational Picnic again this year at their beautiful farm! It was a beautiful day for a picnic: with great weather, 70 in attendance, awesome food and plenty of activities for all ages to enjoy. We even had a surprise guest! Our new Reginal Minister of the Christian Church in Tennessee, Dr. Christal Williams. It was a pleasure to meet her and look forward to seeing her again soon. Also, thank you to all who prepared sides and helped with the set up and clean up. It was a wonderful day of sharing, food, fellowship and love for all who attended!

GOOD SAMARITAN

Food Needs for November

Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in October. Fall is a slow time of year at Good Sam for donations so we will again ask for any of the following: canned meats, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, crackers and peanut butter. Your continued support is very much appreciated!



BAKE SALE

CWF/DWM Will be hosting its annual bake sale, Saturday, November 12. Coffee & muffins will be served at 8:30 am and the sale will begin at 9:00 am & will end at 11:00 am. Food items may be dropped off at the back door of the church on Friday, November 11 between 4:00 & 6:30 pm and Saturday morning between 7-8 am. All proceeds go to local outreach. Thank you in advance for participating in this ministry. Invite your friends!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Worship and Wonder: Children ages 3 years old through fifth grade are welcome to join Donnye and Bonnye Fields following the praise hymn the 1st & 3rd Sunday of this month for their own special time of worship in the Worship and Wonder room and sometimes in Class Rooms 2 & 3.

November 6	Worship and Wonder
November 20	Worship and Wonder

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will continue to have Sunday school for adults. The Adult SS Class, led by Ruth Cartwright, meets in the Parlor. The Caring & Sharing Class, led by Wayne Schumann, meets in room 11. The Cross & Chalice Class continues to meet in room 15. Classes begins at 9:00 am.

ELDERS MEETS

The Elders will meet Sunday, November 20, at 8:00 am.

BOARD MEETS

The Board will meet Sunday, November 20, following Worship.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will host our monthly Congregational Breakfast, November 13, at 8:00 am. Come enjoy some great food and fellowship before Worship! All are welcome! Donations graciously accepted.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Bedford Ministerial Association will be having its annual Community Thanksgiving Service this year on November 20, 6:00 pm at First Christian Church. An offering will be collected during the service for community outreach. We hope you can attend this wonderful service to thank the Lord for all the blessings he has given us throughout the year. Please feel free to invite a friend!

In Nursing Homes, Hospitals or Assisted Living

Carriage House Inn
Rose Marie Clark
Mary Lynn Prince

Glenn Oaks
Albert Smithson

Brookdale Senior Living
Cornelia Riddle

At Home

Lisa Adams
Ernie Brewbaker
Terry & Sandy Craig
Brenda Hancock
Virginia Ann Haynes
Kevin Johnson
Miles McCullough
Harriet Melson
Curtis Morton
Annette Palmer
JoAnn Smith
Ruby Taylor
Mattie Ray Wiser
Ted York



Reading Through the Bible Schedule

November

1	Hebrews 7-10	Psalm 26
2	Hebrews 11-13	Psalm 27
3	Numbers 1-3	Psalm 28
4	Numbers 4-7	Psalm 29
5	Numbers 8-10	Psalm 30
6	OFF	
7	Numbers 11-14	Psalm 31
8	Numbers 15-17	Psalm 32
9	Numbers 18-21	Psalm 33
10	Numbers 22-24	Psalm 34
11	Numbers 25-27	Psalm 35
12	Numbers 28-30	Psalm 36
13	OFF	
14	Numbers 31-33	Psalm 37:1-22
15	Numbers 34-36	Psalm 37:23-40
16	Galatians 1-3	Psalm 38
17	Galatians 4-6	Psalm 39
18	Deuteronomy 1-4	Psalm 40
19	Deuteronomy 5-7	Psalm 41
20	OFF	
21	Deuteronomy 8-10	Psalm 42
22	Deuteronomy 11-13	Psalm 43
23	Deuteronomy 14-16	Psalm 44
24	OFF	
25	Deuteronomy 17-19	Psalm 45
26	Deuteronomy 20-22	Psalm 46
27	OFF	
28	Deuteronomy 23-26	Psalm 47
29	Deuteronomy 27-30	Psalm 48
30	Deuteronomy 31-34	Psalm 49

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7 pm Choir	3 9:30 am CBS	4	5
6	7	15 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am CWF	9 7 pm Choir	10 9:30 am CBS	11 4-6:30 pm food drop off for Bake Sale	12 9-11 am Bake Sale
13 8 am Congregational Breakfast	14	15 2 pm Circle I 6 pm Circle III	16 6 pm Congregational Conversation 7:15 pm Choir	17 9:30 CBS	18	19
20 8 am Elders 11:30 am Board 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service	21	22	23 NO CHOIR	24 	25	26 1-3 Fellowship Hall in use
27	28	29	30 7 pm Choir			



November Birthdays

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| 3 David Boggs
Josh Philpott | 22 Patrick Bell |
| 4 Jennifer Vannatta-Hall | 25 Ricky Davis
Bill Pietkiewicz |
| 6 Scott Hall
Deby Richardson | 26 Ruth Cartwright
Carrie Beth (McDonald)
Catron |
| 12 Miriam Pietkiewicz | 27 Karen Sue McDonald
Hilda Smith |
| 13 Kasie Caldwell
Tabitha Lewis | 30 Lynn Hulan |
| 16 Dani Grace Pitts
Kathryn Pitts | |
| 16 Evelyn Methvin | |

November Elders

- Rhonda Reed
Lynn Riddle

November Deacons

- Bonnye Fields
Amy Philpott
Jimmy Simmons
Shirley Smith