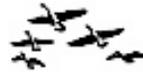


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NEW EVENT at SALEM

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Trunk or Treating
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57th annual Lord's Acre Festival: a "hot" event at the Ruritan Park

September 10, 2016



Thank You to the Wolfsville community for your support!

Lord's Acre is successful amidst record-breaking heat wave

■ By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 57 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event. Thank you!

A "Hot" Event

In the days leading up to and including Lord's Acre day, the eastern United States was experiencing a record-breaking heat wave. As the Salem congregation prepared for the big event, air temperatures soared into the 90s, with heat indices around 100 degrees.

The words "it's so hot" were on the tip

of everyone's tongue, especially those working in the kitchen, hovering over the stoves, making soup on Thursday, pies on Friday, and serving customers on Saturday, Lord's Acre day.

Although the excessive heat may have deterred some from coming to the festival on Saturday, a large crowd still gathered to eat, purchase a favorite item, and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

We were thankful there was no rain, as experienced in the previous two years, and that parking was again allowed on the ball field.

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Current Membership: 242
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Parsonage built 1974–75

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God’s help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people’s needs and bring them to Christ.

Go  **2016 MISSION PROJECTS**

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Aug
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$1,640.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$717.86
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$2,057.12
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$910.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$240.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$400.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$400.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$400.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$520.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$520.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$304.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,723.55
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$308.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$9,830.80** • % of Goal: **60%**

Here’s how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked “Missions.”
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

SALEM MISSION PROJECTS No. 5

Africa Inland Mission
Mary E.

Learning the French Language and preparing for her Next Ministry in Africa

FRANCE, August 2016 — The start of the September trimester means that a lot of new students will be arriving. I’m so thankful for the students at the school and the blessing their friendship and encouragement has been.

Please pray that in the midst of focusing on my last trimester in France that I will be sensitive to the new students (especially the other single women on our hall) who will be going through culture shock and working to find their footing in this new language and culture.

Speaking of thankfulness, I am very thankful for you – for your support and encouragement, which has shown itself in many ways. Thank you for partnering with me on this journey. Blessings in Jesus, — Mary



[Salem sends a minimum of \$85 each month to the Africa Inland Mission for Mary’s ministry.]

Lord's Acre Festival *roundup*

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Looking Back

Fifty-seven years ago, in 1960, Salem's young student pastor, Rev. John Schildt, proposed a fundraising idea to the Salem congregation called Lord's Acre.

A few small country churches in the south were already holding Lord's Acre events to raise money for their ministries.

Farmers set aside an "acre" of land to grow a vegetable crop that could be donated and then sold to benefit the church. Some farmers even raised livestock to donate. Those who did not farm made fancy needlework or craft items to donate.

Salem's first Lord's Acre included fresh and canned produce and fruit, fancy needlework items, food, live music, and an auction of unsold items at the end. The youth fellowship made posters and signs to advertise the event and decorated the old Wolfsville School building with colored leaves, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc.

Forty-six years ago, in 1970, the event was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Being smaller then, everything fit under the large pavilion.

The move to the park, being mostly outside, as opposed to being in the heated schoolhouse, caused the date to be moved to early September.

The first few years at the park, the starting time was 5 p.m.; the same as it had been at the old schoolhouse. As the crowds increased though, and began arriving earlier, it was harder to hold people off from buying earlier, so the start time was moved up to 4 p.m. And with the larger crowds, more parking was provided on the ball field at the park. Prior to that, they parked in the small lot and along the road, and were lined up down the road on both sides.

Use of Lord's Acre profits

We have accomplished a lot since that first Lord's Acre 57 years ago. The profits from this annual event have allowed us to enhance the ministry at Salem and support the Wolfsville community.

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions (1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many



smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 15 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an elevator, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage; updated the sanctuary sound system; replaced kitchen floor in parsonage; and renovated the social hall with new carpet, painted walls, and new window treatment; purchased classroom bulletin boards; replaced microwave and other kitchen items; replaced church phones; cleaned carpet in social room, classrooms, and sanctuary; and made numerous repairs and improvements.

Successful Fundraiser

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$19,848.35, \$1,815.85 more than last year. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

The success of this event is a time of praise to our Lord and a time when we experience warm fellowship among friends and neighbors.

2016 Lord's Acre Income

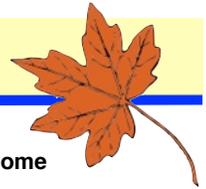
Produce: \$1,197.25
 Needlework / Crafts: \$318.50
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$358.10
 Youth Sales / Activities: \$173.25
 Silent Auction: \$1,253.25
 Live Auction: \$2,518.00
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$3,985.25
 Baked Goods: \$1,255.75
 Ice Cream: \$478.00
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$6,000.00
 Contributions from Individuals: \$2,311.00
 Total Income: \$19,848.35

Silent Auction Items

■ *By Amy McCormick*
 Rifle \$420
 Honora Pearl Necklace & Bracelet \$18
 Coffee Basket \$11.25
 Longaberger Basket \$13
 Key Box \$35
 Wolfsville Mug Set \$17.50
 Canning Jars \$15.50
 Bird Feeder, etc. \$10.50
 Afghan \$13.00
 Pamper Yourself Basket \$30
 Middletown Sweatshirt \$20
 Corn Hole Game \$175
 Pumpkin Sign \$10
 Sterling Silver Cross Necklace \$10
 Make a Sundae \$50
 Rocking Chair \$20
 Cutting Board \$25
 Digital Picture Frame \$10
 CD Basket \$50
 Apple Basket \$23
 Luggage & Thirty-One Bag \$13
 Pickle Basket \$10
 Jewelry \$10
 Bird Basket \$42
 Bath Bombs & Soap w/Tin \$9
 Salem Picture \$25
 Bath Bombs \$7.50
 Homemade Soap \$17.50
 Scenes of Wolfsville \$30
 Thirty-One Bag & Cup \$11

Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

■ *Robert Wilson, Auctioneer*
 Featured Quilt \$1,000
 Antique Cradle \$50
 Oak Bench \$160
 Oak Stand \$140
 Log Cabin \$75
 Stand \$55
 Book Holder \$50



Attendance Offerings

August 2016

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Aug 7 -	89	\$1,847.50	47	\$295.50
Aug 14 -	88	2,109.50	60	140.00
Aug 21 -	95	2,816.40	53	110.50
Aug 28 -	97	2,293.00	62	130.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,323.50
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$80.00
 - Building Fund: \$300.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Aug	92	56
July	80	48
June	94	55
May	84	55
Apr	89	52

Average Attendance Jan-Aug 2016
 Sunday Worship: 89
 Sunday School: 54

Future Projects at Salem

- Add Wi-Fi to the sanctuary, Sunday School and social hall areas.
- Working with State Highway to repair/replace sidewalk in front of church.
- Mortar and brick repairs on the parsonage.
- Clean ceiling and molding in sanctuary and vestibule area.

Profits from the Lord's Acre Festival will help fund these projects.



Electronic Giving working well at Salem

If you are taking advantage of the convenience of electronic giving, Salem has offering cards available for you to place into the offering plate.

The card is printed with these words: "I give online. I support Salem Church and its ministry by giving electronically. I place this card in the offering as a way of participating in this act of worship."

If you are interested in giving your offering electronically, you may sign up at Salem website:

SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give

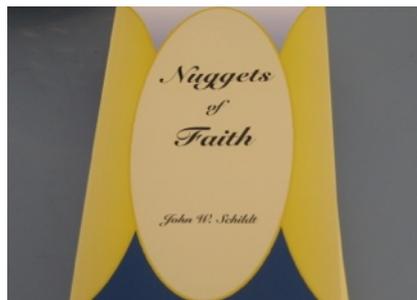
Salem to host this year's Cluster Charge Conference Tuesday, October 4

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, has announced the Fall 2016 Cluster Charge Conference Schedule.

Salem will host this year's charge conference. Eight local United Methodist churches in our area will come together at Salem on Tuesday evening, October 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Local churches participating in this year's charge conference are Smithsburg Charge: Garfield & St. Paul's; Mt. Zion: Myersville; Salem: Wolfsville; Mt. Bethel/Mt. Lena Co-op Parish: Mt. Bethel & Mt. Lena; Mt. Zion: Thurmont; and Pleasant Walk: Myersville.

Salem will provide refreshments following the meeting.



Rev. John W. Schildt, former pastor at Salem, donated, to this year's Lord's Acre Festival, 10 copies of his latest book titled, "Nuggets of Faith." A few copies are still remaining for sale at \$10 each. Contact Pastor Bob Snyder.

Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

..... WAYS TO GIVE

◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, 12477 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Sign into your account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.



October

Calendar of Events



- Sun 2 World Communion Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Tue 4 Charge Conference - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 6 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 6 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 9 Community Christian Music Festival - 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Tue 11 Salem Adult Choir Practice begins - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
Thu 13 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Mon 17 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare at Salem, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
Sun 30 Trunk or Treat - 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session

Adult Choir every TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.

Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem

Praise Band practices 1st WEDNESDAY & 2nd, 3rd & 4th THURSDAYS at 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Youth Group meets every THURSDAY at 6:30 p.m. at Salem

The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 195 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 47 cents First Class postage rate.

Adult Choir Notes

- By Sandy Lewis

Salem's Adult Choir will begin Fall practice on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be preparing songs for morning worship services and for special occasions, such as the Community Thanksgiving Service, which will be held at Salem this year; and also for the Christmas Eve service.

There will be many opportunities for you to share your musical talents. Anyone who would like to sing is welcome to join us.



Christian Music Festival Sunday, October 9

- By Tim Ritchey Martin, Pastor
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

The Grossnickle Church of the Brethren is sponsoring an afternoon of music at the Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park, on Sunday, October 9, 2016.

It should be a fun afternoon of music and the variety of groups should be interesting to many.

Young and May Novalis are brother and sister. Young is a creative guitarist and vocalist who recently produced a CD.

The Brethren Sisters sing gospel music and have a wonderful blend to their sound.

Works In Progress is a local community praise band, anchored at Salem United Methodist Church, who do contemporary Christian music.

Hearts in Harmony is another group who will be part of the afternoon.

And Fertile Soil is a bluegrass band that has contributed to worship at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren a number of times. Dickie Degrange, formerly of the Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, and Dr. Brian Bonham, are members of this great band.

This will be a great afternoon of fellowship and music at the Ruritan Park.



COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

WHEN: October 9, 2016 • 3:00 – 7:00 pm

WHERE: Wolfsville Ruritan Park

13001 Brandenburg Hollow Rd, Smithsburg, MD 21783

WHAT: Music for everyone! (gospel, bluegrass, contemporary)

Young & May Novalis **Brethren Sisters**

Fertile Soil Hearts in Harmony

Works in Progress

☞ Please come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon of good music, good food and a downright good time!

☞ A love offering will be collected for the bands

☞ Rain or shine ☞ Silent cake auction and bake sale

☞ Bring your own chairs ☞ Activities for children

☞ Concessions by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

Sponsored by Grossnickle Church of the Brethren Deacon Fellowship Committee

Gratitude takes three forms:
 a feeling in the heart,
 an expression in words,
 and a giving in return.

Now upon the open canvas of the countryside, nature paints the old familiar scenes of harvest-tide. Every grain of corn that's gathered is a miracle. We see the work of God in every harvest festival. The bounteous gifts of Providence before our eyes are spread, answering the age-old prayer, "Give us our daily bread."



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		OCTOBER	
Lay Readers 2 - Dennis Leatherman 9 - Donald Stottlemeyer 16 - Brenda Freysz 23 - Robin Haupt 30 - Gary Barkdoll	Ushers 2 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 9 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 16 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 23 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 30 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 2 - Sara Weitzel 9 - Praise Band 16 - Susan Koons 23 - Susan Koons 30 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 2 - Andrea Palmer 9 - Phyllis Beall 16 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 23 - Richard & Anita Harshman 30 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	Acolytes 2 - Noah Taveras 9 - Jadie Buhrman 16 - Kenslie Buhrman 23 - Joshua Koons 30 - Noah Taveras		
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music Oct 9 - Works in Progress Praise Band Oct 23 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 8 - Bill & Mary Alice Shankle
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 11 - Keith & Joy Young
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 22 - Olvey Myers
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 31 - Jason Buhrman

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.



A Time for All Things

By Eloise Chisolm

Autumn is the season to harvest and be proud.
 Autumn is the reason the fertile earth was plowed.
 God made a time for planting and time in which to reap,
 So man might learn through labor that giving is to keep.

He gave us time to study and time to understand.
 And time to ease the pain we see and lend a helping hand.
 We have the time for kindness and time to plant a smile,
 And there is always time enough to walk the second mile.

God made a world of beauty and set it in our hand;
 He bade us work to tend it as we would till the land.
 Have we made earnest effort?
 Do we our duties see?
 And in the proper season what will our harvest be?

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016
 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



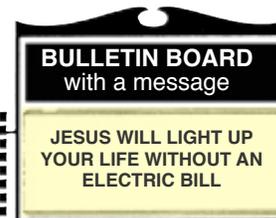
Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers", Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 301-293-2080. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

A grudge is one thing that does not get better when it is nursed.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Bounteous October

By Esther M. Peterson

October now at last has come,
With all her bounteous store,
To greet us one and all again
As oftentimes before.



Her pumpkins are a golden heap,
Her apples, rosy red,
And leaves of many hues and shades
Around us she has spread.

The sumac's crimson leaves look bright;
The black oak's leaves are brown.
Their colors seem to harmonize
As they come drifting down.

The cornstalks wave their yellow tops
And full-grown ears appear;
Oh, what can be more glorious
Than this time of the year?

Autumn

By Gertrude Bryson Holman



The summer sun is now quite mellow,
And leaves have turned to brown and yellow.
Golden pumpkins ripen on the vine
And bring such tasty pies to mind.

The wild geese with their honking cry
Go southward as they soar on high,
While Nature with a lavish hand
Spreads grandeur throughout the land.

Bits of Joy

By Eva Marie Ippolito



God blesses us with bits of joy
Like flowers strewn our way
To give us strength and courage
So we can cope with each new day.

That's why we have the sunshine
After darkness and the rain.
And why we are given laughter
To help ease our sorrow and pain.

The wonders of nature around us,
All those who share our love,
And work worth more than riches
Are bits of joy sent from above.



RECIPE



Pork Chop and Sweet Potato Bake

Ingredients

- | | |
|--|--|
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | 2 tablespoons cornstarch |
| 1/2 cup chopped onion | 1 1/2 cups chicken stock, divided |
| 4 lean pork chops | 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme |
| 4 sweet potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced | 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper |

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 3-quart casserole. Heat the oil in a large skillet, add the onion, and sauté until golden. Add the pork chops and brown on both sides. Arrange the sweet potato slices in the bottom of the casserole and top with the onions and pork chops. Dissolve the cornstarch in 1/2 cup of chicken stock. Heat the remaining 1 cup of chicken stock in the skillet with the thyme and pepper. Add the cornstarch mixture to the hot stock, stirring constantly until thick. Pour the sauce over the pork chops, cover, and bake for 1 hour, or until the pork chops and sweet potatoes are tender. Makes 4 servings.

Selected from The Old Farmer's Almanac Everyday Recipes



Lord, Lead Me

By Dona M. Maroney

Lord, take away the distractions
That creep into my day.
Lead me, gently lead me
Along Your perfect way.

Put blinders on my eyes
That I look straight ahead,
Not at the world—
With all its fear and dread.

I know that I may stumble,
But You are there to guide —
I know without a doubt, my Lord,
You're always at my side.

Autumn Leaves

By Ruth H. Underhill

I love to watch the autumn leaves
As they slowly tumble down;
I love to hear their crackling
As my feet trod o'er the ground.

A lovely carpet 'neath my feet
Is now formed by autumn leaves,
With color scattered everywhere
In the choicest pattern weaves.

I love to rake them in a heap
And to watch the children play;
For soon the color will be gone,
Replaced by snow someday.

Home

By Esther Baldwin York

Home is the heart's haven. It is a sheltering roof, but more than that. Ideally, it is the place where the family unit dwells together in mutual protection, sacrifice, and love, sharing with each other the tangible and intangible needs of life, to the betterment of all and to the growth of each individual in human society.

A HOUSE is built of logs and stone,
Of tiles and posts and piers;
A home is built of loving deeds
That stand a thousand years.

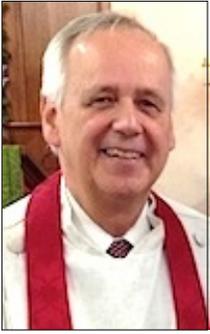
—Victor Hugo

GRATITUDE is a becoming trait. It sweetens life, cements the bonds of friendship, gives cheer to fellowship, and makes benevolence a joy.

—James Henry Potts

SPEAK KIND WORDS and you will hear kind echoes.

—Franklin



Message from the Pastor and Worship in October

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our recent Lord's Acre Festival. A special thanks goes out to the community of greater Wolfsville and beyond for your support. We really appreciate it.

Happy autumn! Last week, I made my last purchase of peaches from the fruit stand and this week my first purchase of apple cider.

Days are gradually growing shorter, evenings cooler, and the dew heavier. The lush green of corn stalks and soy beans just a few weeks ago are now turning autumn gold.

God reveals his infinite wisdom, power, and love in creation, and, as the seasons change, we experience God's presence in a powerful way!

Let's take the love we feel at this time and bring it to those around us, especially someone who is in need or hurting in some way.

Here are the worship themes for October. If you aren't already worshipping with another church family, we invite you to worship with us.

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

October 2 World Communion Sunday "The Greatest Force in the World"

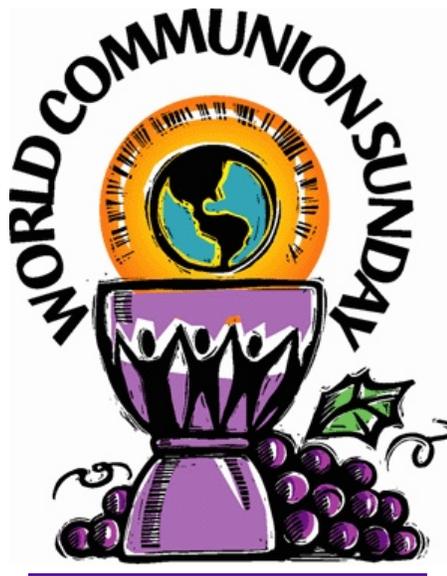
Luke 17: 5-10

Performance evaluations are common in the workplace. Sometimes the expression "she or he has a 'can do' attitude" appears in evaluations to communicate the positive spirit and commitment of an employee.

The evaluation sometimes continues, "Whatever the challenges, he or she finds a way to get the job done."

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the most positive and effective spirit.

When we put our faith and trust in God, we come under the direction of the greatest force for good in the world. Over



time, we can learn to have that trust.

October 9 "Gratitude"

Luke 17: 11-19

One day Jesus healed ten lepers. Lepers were instructed to keep a distance from non-infected persons. So Jesus healed them from a distance.

After being healed, nine went away and only one approached Jesus to express gratitude for having been healed.

Our expressions of gratitude energize those who have helped us and acknowledge that we cannot make it in this world alone.

There is none more deserving of our gratitude than God, who created us, saved us, and remains present to be our greatest help through life.

October 16 "Thy Will Be Done"

Luke 18: 1-8

Today's Bible reading teaches us to be persistent and sincere in our prayers.

When we pray we give our praise, our joys, and our concerns over to God the Almighty One who knows us, knows what is best for us, and seeks our greatest good.

When our prayers cross over our lips, our joys are made complete; we no longer carry our burdens alone, and we receive a greater understanding of what we are praying for.

As we look and listen and wait for God's answers, it is good for us to remember to pray, "Thy will be done."

October 23 "Self-Righteousness"

Luke 18: 9-14

"To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told the 'Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector'" (Luke 18: 9).

No matter how much we attempt to make ourselves righteous, we are bound to fall short.

Only through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross are we brought into right relationship with God.

When we're tempted to look down on others, Jesus teaches us to catch ourselves and pray "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18: 13b).

Reminded of our own tendency to sin, we are more compassionate to others.

October 30 "Seek the Lost"

Luke 19: 1-10

This is the story of Zacchaeus, the wealthy tax collector of his village.

Tax collectors were Jews who collected the Roman tax imposed upon their fellow Jews.

Tax collectors were hated by other Jews. We're told that Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector who became wealthy in this business.

To Zacchaeus, Jesus said "Come down immediately. I must stay at your house today" (Luke 19: 5b).

Jesus welcomed all people, but particularly sought out the lost. People like Zacchaeus. People like you and me.

Many times God's love and help comes through the people around us.

In return, we are called to be a channel of God's love and help to the lost.

Forgiveness does not change the past,
but it does enlarge the future.

His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.



Unlikely Successes

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Had they lived today instead of a century-plus ago, they might have been voted “Least Likely to Succeed.” Their impoverishment, lack of education, and failures would have left them in despair and obscurity. But their lives showed that God is in the business of using people others might consider disadvantaged.

Born in 1829, into the poverty of nineteenth-century England’s Industrial Revolution, this man’s father couldn’t afford his son’s schooling, so apprenticed him to a pawnbroker. Troubled by how that business robbed the poor, William Booth became a Christian at 15 and set a course of preaching and social reform—a movement that still exists as The Salvation Army.

Another man, the sixth child in his family, was only 4 when his father died in 1841. At 17, with only a fifth-grade education and needing to support himself, he became a shoe salesman. Introduced to Christ through a Sunday school teacher, he became an evangelist who impacted two continents through his preaching, children’s missions, and establishment of Bible schools. His name: D. L. Moody.

In 1838, a baby boy was born into abject poverty on a farm in a Pennsylvania lumber camp. Becoming a Christian at 12, he showed unusual talent in music. He began riding an old horse from town to town, carrying a \$20 Melodeon (a portable reed organ) and holding singing schools. A relative’s \$30 gift helped him attend a six-week music course in New York to become a full-time music teacher. Moving to Chicago, he connected with D. L. Moody’s evangelistic crusades as a musician, Philip Bliss died at age 36 in a train wreck, yet



became known as one of the greatest hymn writers of the nineteenth century. Among his hymns: “Almost Persuaded,” “Hallelujah, What a Savior,” “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning,” “Wonderful Words of Life,” and the music to Horatio Spafford’s “It is Well with My Soul.”

As the Civil War began, slave traders in a middle-of-the-night raid snatched a young slave mother and her baby from a one-room shanty. The two were sold to new owners, then the baby traded for a racehorse, never to see his mother again. This defenseless orphan, who prayed to become a Christian while alone in a barn, became an agricultural research scientist. George Washington Carver often shared how God led him to find 300 marketable products from the peanut.

This person’s father died in the Civil War, never seeing his infant son born in 1862. A stepfather abandoned the family. Unable to support five children, his mother sent him and a brother to an orphanage. His athletic skills landed him in Chicago as a player with the Chicago White Stockings baseball team. At that city’s Pacific Garden Mission, he became a Christian. Retiring from pro ball, he became an evangelist who was known for colorful, acrobatic preaching. By one estimate, a hundred million Americans in more than 300 crusades heard the gospel through Billy Sunday.

Born in 1888, to Christian parents, the fourth of eight children, he struggled from his youth with what today might be diagnosed as attention deficit disorder. Ever curious, he pulled apart childhood toys to see how they worked. Running away from home at 13, he later returned, finished eighth grade, and started work in a foundry. His faith in Christ, birthed at church revival meetings, was tested by a broken neck and serious burns, bankruptcy, and his firstborn son’s death. But R. G. LeTourneau’s name is connected with the earthmoving machines he invented, a Christian college, and the example of giving 90 per cent of his income to the Lord’s work.

The third of six children born in 1897 to a Pennsylvania family, this person had to do the work of a hired man on his family’s farm, completing only elementary school. But his grandmother taught him all she knew and instilled in him a love of reading. While working for a tire company in Akron, he began attending church and accepted Christ. He went on to be a pastor, denominational leader, and author of best known for his book “The Knowledge of the Holy.” His name: A. W. Tozer.

Many well-known Christians experienced humble and difficult beginnings. Yet God chose to work through these unlikely people, just as He recruited despised shepherds for Jesus’ birthday announcement. Earlier, He chose an obscure teenage girl in Nazareth, saying through an angel, “For with God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37).

Think of other examples from Scripture or from your life experience, of people God raised from difficult circumstances to serve Him.

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Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

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Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

Children, Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton

Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

Young Adult Class

Teacher: Denny Leatherman

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: Bill Burrier

Men's Class

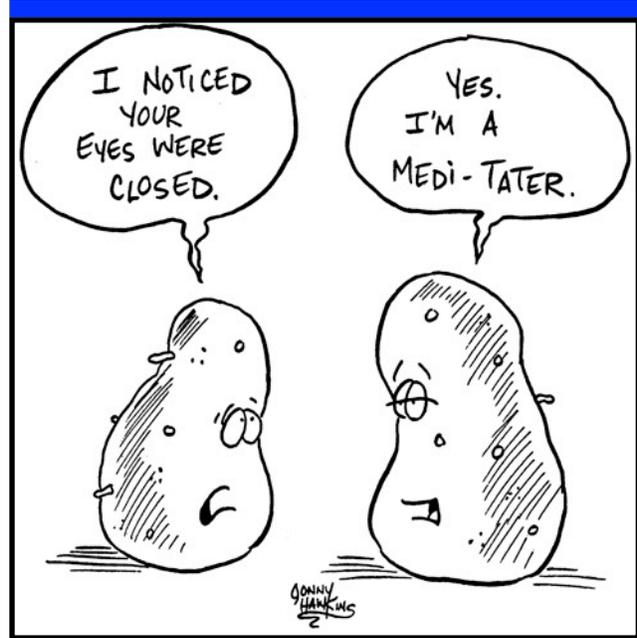
Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman

Women's Class

Teachers: Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)

Heavenly Humor



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle.

It is easier to leave angry words unspoken than to mend a heart these words have broken.

In matters of style, swim with the current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock.

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