



Dear Family in Christ,
We are faced with one of the most critical Presidential elections in the history of our Nation. Our minds and hearts and sensibilities have been strained by the negative and personal attacks flying from the mouths of both sides. People are angry at the System. People are tired of lies and bigotry. We are ready for a positive change. But how can we achieve that?

Keeping you informed:

- **Final “Local Outreach” total for 3rd Quarter Mission Focus: \$1,835.65.** Well done, everyone! This money is already helping individuals, families, and organizations feel the love of Jesus!
- **Soup Supper:** Friday, Nov. 18th, 6 pm, Schuehrer house (“Camp David”). Bring a soup to share and invite a friend to share in the fun!
- **Operation Christmas Child:** It’s time to assemble shoeboxes full of God’s love for needy children around the world! Get your materials in the Church foyer. Shoeboxes will be collected on **Sunday, Nov. 6**. Want to put a smile on a child’s face? Check out: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>
- **Turn your clocks back** one hour Sat. night, Nov. 5th, before you go to bed.
- FYI: The **Thursday evening home gathering** at Sam Ledy’s is taking a winter break and will get back together in the spring!

Wisdom is the ability to apply right knowledge at the right time in the right way. James 1: 5-6 says that we are to ask for wisdom believing God will grant it. Seek God and His Wisdom with all your heart this Nov. 8!

- *Scott (Proverbs 8:11)*

MISSIONS

Our quarterly missions focus continues to support a camp for special-needs children: **Bay Cliff Health Camp.**

In their own words: *Bay Cliff is a year-round, nonprofit therapy and wellness center for children and adults with physical disabilities. Bay Cliff’s priority program is a seven-week, summer therapy camp session serving children with orthopedic, speech, hearing, and vision disabilities. The children work towards goals of increased independence and living a fuller life. Bay Cliff also sponsors a week-long recreational camp for adults with physical disabilities, an adaptive paddling workshop, a health and wellness retreat for polio survivors, winter recreation for the children and adults that attend our summer programs, family programs for children with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and obesity, and a professional development workshop for pediatric therapists. Bay Cliff partners with non-profit organizations and schools interested in conducting programs at camp. These guest programs include health and wellness retreats, youth development camps, science and outdoor recreation programs, or volunteer and leadership trainings for people with & without disabilities.* (From: www.baycliff.org)



LIVE THE MESSAGE in 2016

Isn’t it interesting how Jesus could work miracles everywhere except in his own home town? The problem wasn’t the location; it was the attitude of the people. So how did Jesus respond? He left them and moved on! Faith refuses to stay stuck in the past. Beware of “I-knew-you-when” people. When you let them define your world, they always make it smaller. They’ll try to keep you stuck at a stage in your life that’s passed and gone. They’ll try to define you on the basis of who you were, not who you’ve become and rob you of the momentum you need to soar. God wants to do great things in your life, but you need to move beyond the good old days. The past is past; so forge ahead! James says, “Be doers of the word and not hearers only” (1:22). Being a follower of Jesus Christ means not

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only knowing and understanding His message, but also living in obedience to His Word. As 1 John 2:6 says, "Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did." *Prayer: Dear Father, as Jesus, your Son and our Savior, honored you in His solitude and service to others, may I follow His example in my life. May I live in the light of your glory and may my life be lived for God and leave a lasting legacy. As the song goes: "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you." In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Submitted by Chuck & Colleen Barko

Pearls of Wisdom

Treasures on earth will only rot and fade away – We must store up eternal treasures in heaven (James 5:2, Mt. 6:19).

- From Ruth Wise

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

18 Doris Ellis
29 Karin Benson
30 Judy Laing

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let us know!)

Upcoming NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

- 1 Elders meet: 7 pm, Church Library**
- 5 Turn back your clocks** before going to bed.
- 6 Potluck!** Following worship. Bring a dish to pass. Also, **final collection of shoeboxes** for Operation Christmas Child.
- 13 Leadership Meeting.** All are invited to participate.
- 18 Soup Supper!** Schuehrer house @ 6 pm. Bring a soup to share and a friend to share it with!!
- 19 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 8:00 am**

JOIN US for Friendly Small Group Fellowship:



- **Tuesdays:**
 - 10:00 **Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **Hebrews.**
 - 11:15 **Prayer Group** in the Pastor's Office. Come grow in your prayer life, in a warm, supportive atmosphere.
 - 11:30 **Worship Team** in Sanctuary. You're invited to listen in as the Team prepares for Sunday.
 - 6 pm: **Discipleship Gathering.** Kirk & Sue's house, 24500 E. Anderson Pt. Rd. Call Sue with any questions: 269-929-6536.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ **8 am**, in the Church basement. Come for a great breakfast in the company of friends!

(If you've got an idea that might gather a group together, let me know! - Scott)

ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, Nov. 22nd, (IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)

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