



Dear Family in Christ,
Jesus was called “a friend of sinners”. That means he invited people of all “persuasions” into a safe and loving place where they

were encouraged to live a changed life. We, as the Church, are called “the Body of Christ”. That means we are to invite people to change just like Jesus. But such a move requires a radical shift in our thinking about Church and some “letting go” of a measure of our comfort level. It means we change. It means we learn to live out a generosity that is truly magnetic. It means doing Church in a whole new way.

Keeping you informed:

- **Church YARD & BAKE SALE:** While not every penny has been tabulated at this moment, the total will come in just around \$3,300 – our highest ever (around \$500 of that total was Bake Sale profits). Well done, everyone!
- We had a wonderful time with **Harpist Amy Shreve**, husband **Gary Wixtrom**, and daughter **Elise** on August 20th, where they led worship and “sang the Lord’s Song” to us with harp, guitar, and drum.
- The **CHURCH DIRECTORY is being revised and will be ready by the beginning of October**. If you aren’t sure that you are on the current one and you’d like to be listed, please let us know!
- **SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN OUR FALL!** Our first soup supper will be at **Kirk & Sue Tyler’s house, Friday night, Sept. 8th, 6 pm**. Bring a soup to share and some extra friends for more fun! (*Maps/directions available in the Church foyer. You can Google Map them using: 24500 E. Point Anderson Rd*)
- **Island-wide birthday celebration for Forrey Ledy** who is turning 100! Come: 1-4 pm, Twp Golf Course Clubhouse, **Sept. 23rd**.

Most people on Drummond Island (and everywhere) don’t go to Church. They simply don’t see the point. For them, there’s no relevance to their lives. Others have been hurt by “pushy” or “judgmental” Christians and they’ll have nothing to do with us. It’s time to change that. It’s time to say that in EVERYTHING we do, we will

show the same unconditional love and acceptance that Jesus showed to “sinners”. We will say to EVERYONE, with every fiber of our being, “YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!” (and come as you are!).

Learning to be Good News,

- Scott



MISSIONS

Kirk and Sue have done a great job leading the Friday nite campfires, giving out free hotdogs, chips, and drinks to whoever showed up. Many of you also brought a dish to pass. Some local kids did show up and a discussion on salvation and baptism arose. A number of them indicated they’d like to be baptised. Scott has followed up with parents. We did baptize Connie Pratt’s great-grandchild, Brookelyn, on Monday, July 31, where she publicly committed to living for Jesus (see pics on the Church website). God loves new beginnings!

Don’t forget to bring your World-Changer Containers to Church on Sunday, Sept. 24th, when we will collect and bless them to God’s outreach to our local community. Please be praying about the next quarter’s mission focus and bring your ideas to the Sept. Leadership meeting on Sunday, Sept. 10th.

A New Purpose

By Bill Crowder

Jacob Davis was a tailor with a problem.

It was the height of the Gold Rush in the 1800s American West and the gold miners’ work pants kept wearing out. His solution? Davis went to a local dry goods company owned by Levi Strauss, purchased tent cloth, and made work pants from that heavy, sturdy material—and blue jeans were born. Today, denim jeans in a variety of forms (including Levi’s) are among the most popular clothing items in the world, *and all because tent material was given a new purpose.*



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Simon and his friends were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Then Jesus arrived and called them to follow Him. He gave them a new purpose. No longer would they fish for fish. As Jesus told them, "Come, follow me, . . . and I will send you out to fish for people" (Mark 1:17).

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With this new purpose set for their lives, these men were taught and trained by Jesus so that, after His ascension, they could be used by God to capture the hearts of people with the message of the cross and resurrection of Christ. Today, we follow in their steps as we share the good news of Christ's love and salvation. May our lives both declare and exhibit this love that can change the lives, purposes, and eternal destinies of others.

Help me, Lord, to represent You well so that others might be drawn to Your love and salvation

INSIGHT:

In ancient cultures, the family relationship was more than a heritage; it was an identity. The family business wasn't simply a way to earn a living; it was a commitment to family. This cultural setting shows two surprising aspects to Jesus's call of His disciples. *First, the authority and absoluteness of Jesus's call.* He calls these men to accept an immediate, complete, and permanent change of life and an entirely new destiny. Jesus's call to discipleship trumps even the closest relationships (see Mark 10:29-30). *Second, the immediate and unquestioning response of the disciples.* "At once" can also be translated "immediately." These men left father and business to follow Jesus with no hesitation.

(Taken from: <https://odb.org/2016/11/10/a-new-purpose-2/>)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 23 Sam Ledy
- 27 Forrey Ledy

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Jon & Judy Laing
- 11 Eldon & Viv Seaman
- 23 Earl & Donna Bailey

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

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 3 Potluck** following worship.
- 8 Soup Supper @ 6,** Kirk & Sue Tyler house
- 10 Leadership Meeting,** following worship. All are encouraged to participate.
- 16 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ 9:00 am**
- 23 Forrey Ledy B-day party!** 1-4, Twp Golf Course
- 26 Elders meet: 7 pm,** Church Library

JOIN US for
FRIENDLY SMALL
GROUP FELLOWSHIP:



- **Tuesdays:**
 - **9:30 Discussion Group** in the Library on God, life, and the Bible. Current study: **Ray Vander Laan** video, touring the land of the ancient Hebrew. Come experience the Bible with us!
 - **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.
- **Men's Breakfast**, every third Sat. @ **9 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 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY, Sept. 19th (IF YOU CAN SUBMIT BY EMAIL, IT IS APPRECIATED)



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