



“He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all are alive to Him.” - Jesus (Luke 9:38)

One of the ironies about Fall is that, in a season where leaves are dying off the trees, those same leaves beckon us to the resurrection life of Jesus. How you ask? I believe the amazing color palette splashed about in autumn foliage shouts a colorful and creative life(!) in the midst of death. Rich reds, oranges, and yellows can take your breath away! For me, The Artist reminds us to seek His Creative Hand even when Death seems to have the upper hand.

It’s a valuable and tangible “sticky note” to keep us focused upon the One who has conquered Death. Can we learn to express the colors of Christ while wrestling with the issues of death in our daily lives?

Scott ❤️
(John 11: 25-26)

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **SOUP SUPPER!** Join the party at the Buxton’s on Friday, Oct. 18, 6 pml (
- **Jesus through the Gospels:** A comparative study of Jesus’ life and teachings as viewed by the different Gospel authors. **Thursdays @ 1:30** in the **Church Library**. A link to the schedule of readings can be found on our website. Come join us for a lively discussion (No Bible knowledge necessary).
- **Online Study of Acts: Wednesdays @ 10 am** for about an hour in an open discussion of the text and what it means for our lives. Just email the Church if interested.
- Get your **shoeboxes** in the foyer (or online: www.samaritanspurse.org). Collection is **Sunday, Nov. 10**.



Third quarter missions is wrapping up its focus on **local outreach**. Our fourth quarter missions focus is

usually centered around reaching out **internationally**. For example, we support [Operation Christmas Child](#), that amazing ministry that brings shoeboxes full of gifts and hope to needy children all over the planet. Other ministries we’ve supported in the past have included well digging projects, small business loans to Third World entrepreneurs, prison outreach, disaster relief, and others. Is there an international ministry that God has laid on your heart? Share it with us! Collection Sunday is **Dec. 29**.

Shirley Hollister and team will be off to Romania October 3 - 17. They will be participating in rural building projects, children’s outreach, and bringing a message of Hope in Christ to these Romanian villagers. Let’s remember to lift them up in prayer that they may shine with the Good News of Jesus wherever they go!

Community Gathering of Prayer and Praise: Friday, October 25, 2024, 6:30pm – 7:45pm, Lighthouse Church. Come share your talents and gifts! We will have a gathering of “Prayer and Praise” in October. We’re hoping many folks will join in. Here are a few ways you can participate: Suggest songs, play an instrument, sing,, read a Psalm or other scripture, lead prayer.. These are 3 areas we will focus on:

- Praising God as our Creator
- Praising Jesus as our Salvation
- Revelation of God and Jesus in Heaven

If you are interested in participating contact Diane Grefer at 513-850-8712 or dianegrefer@gmail.com by October 13, 2024.

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A Prayer for Autumn Days

By Joyce Rupp



God of the seasons,
there is a time for everything;
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn,
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves
lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,
there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season,
your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future.
We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers
touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,

may your love keep our hearts
from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life,
you believe in us, you enrich us,
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.
For all this, we are grateful.
Amen.

(Excerpted from <https://guideposts.org/positive-living/slow-down-and-savor-the-season-of-fall/>)

Pearls of Wisdom "Who I am in Christ"

I have the mind of Christ.
See: 1 Corinthians 2:16

♥ Ruth Wise

October Birthdays

- 3. Jerry Hollister
- 5. Paul Martin
- 13. Len Webber
- 18. Darla Middleton

October Anniversaries

- 2. Janet Gage & Bill McMurtry
- 7. Greg & Nancy Yarmoluk
- 14. Jerry & Shirley Hollister
- 23. Carlyle & Doris Ellis

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

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