

Beckley Disciples News

October 2019

A Global Mission Church

Gone Fishin'

As you peruse this edition of the newsletter, you will see not only is October a busy month, but, in many regards, we are asking a lot of you. We wrap-up the Reconciliation offering, begin collections for both Operation Christmas Child and our Coat Drive, and undertake our annual stewardship campaign.

The truth of our faith journey is that God does ask a lot of us. First, discipleship is about cross-bearing, i.e., a sacrifice of our life for the One who has given us eternal life. This means that all worldly concerns must be forsaken, so that we can focus on being Christ's Gospel witnesses to those around us.

Second, the command of Jesus is about love. He declares the greatest commandment to be: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your strength, all your soul and all your

mind." Likewise, we must "love neighbor as self." Love is the new watchword for disciples, and it must be shared with all those whom we meet.

Third, the example of our Lord is one of servanthood. From washing disciples' feet in the upper room, to His death on the cross, Jesus revealed that He had "come to serve, and not be served." This means that we must, likewise embrace being a servant as the means by which we reveal Christ to the world around us.

Finally, we must accept that "power from on High," i.e., the Holy Spirit, as the only means we can bear fruit for the Master. On our own we will divide ourselves of sectarian differences, theological trivialities, or, quite simply,

human pride that "I am right and you are wrong." One of the most underappreciated ministries of the Spirit is to unite the Body of Christ.

True, God does ask, if not demand, a lot of His children. Nevertheless, regardless of the cost to self, we must embrace wholeheartedly the work God lays before us, and allow His light to shine through us.

Faithfully,

DRS



October Outreach Projects

We have two important outreach projects happening during the month of October. First, we begin collection for Operation Christmas Child. We will be collecting various items (see later in the newsletter and the bulletin), so that we might pack shoeboxes in early November for distribution this Christmas season. We have funds on hand to cover the cost of postage. You may donate specific items, or cash for purchase. If you have any questions, please see Tammy. During October, we are also collecting gently used winter coats. Go through your closets (we always need men's coats, particularly bigger sizes), and bring them to the church. You may hang them on the coat rack outside the office, or on the rack as you enter the Fellowship Hall off of Fayette Street. We will be distributing coats in mid-November. If you would like to donate hats and gloves those are extras those we serve greatly appreciate. If you have questions about this ministry, please see Don. When you help us with these projects you are telling a neighbor in need, "Jesus loves, and I love you."



Youth Yak

We had a great day at this year's Kid's Classic. Our numbers were way down, but everyone who came to the church seemed to enjoy themselves. We do plan on continuing this outreach ministry, but are going to revamp our menu selections, and plan for much smaller numbers.

There are articles elsewhere in the newsletter about Operation Christmas Child. We hope to be able to pack 40 boxes this year, so we need plenty of help. Monies are on hand for the postage donation, but contributions to purchase items are appreciated. We will collect these items

through November 4, then work on packing shoeboxes.

It is not too early to begin thinking about Advent and Christmas. It is always nice if the kids can make some type of presentation during this special time of year. However, we need the children to be present for worship/Children's church on a regular basis to do so that we can practice.

We also are prepared for Sunday school each week. We do this on an inter-generational basis, but welcome the opportunity to help our youngest learn more about Jesus and



becoming one of His disciples. Sunday school begins at 9:45 each week. Hope to see you then.

Tammy

Music Notes

It has been good to have the choir back in worship with us, and sharing the rich blessing of music. It is never too late to join the choir, so just plan on joining us each week for practice.

We have moved our practice time to Sunday's following worship. We gather in the choir room as soon as we can, and are practicing approximately 45 minutes each week. We are working on an anthem for each week, as well as have selected a

cantata for this Advent Season. CD's for the latter are available if you want to sing. We will have a couple Wednesday evening practices to accommodate schedules

We are certainly disheartened as Don's voice problems have returned (and I am sure he is as well). Our gifted choir filled in the sermon time on the 22nd, as he was unable to preach. Likewise, the worship leaders are trying to take as



much from him as possible, so that he can save his voice for preaching. If you are willing to serve as a worship leader, it is not too late to let him know. All materials for serving are available through the office.

Yvonne

Stewardship Campaign

Jesus reminded His disciples, "Nothing is impossible with God." We have experienced God's goodness in our midst innumerable times. It is how we express our gratitude that determines the continuing blessings we receive.

The Cabinet has prepared a proposed 2020 budget that totals \$172,597. This represents a 3.5% decrease from this year.

We believe it will allow us to continue our various ministries, even as we begin actively planning on how to grow our church.

To meet the budget we are asking all members to prayerfully consider your commitment to the church, particularly financially. We have set the challenge for everyone to try and increase the 2020 giv-



ing by 5%. While this will still leave us with a deficit, it will keep it to a manageable level.

Our stewardship campaign will run October 6-27. Estimate of Giving cards will be in the bulletin beginning October 13.

News for the Pews

Change for Life

The loose change you place in the offering plate makes a big difference in the lives of neighbors in need. These coins total over \$400/year and allow us to provide a variety of service. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Reconciliation Offering

Jesus broke down barriers by having a theological discussion with the woman at the well in Samaria; by reaching and touching a leper for cleansing; by sitting down for table fellowship with tax collectors. We are likewise challenged to break down the barriers of our day. The Reconciliation Offering (received October 6) goes for that purpose direction. Half of the money is returned to the Christian Church in WV for its work in this area, and the Carpenter's Corner has received funds from this. Help us convict the world that there is no distinction before God, and herald the Gospel to a sin sick world.

Chili Night

We have made the commitment to participate in this year's Uptown Beckley Chili Night. We will begin cooking the chili Friday Night, so we need help with this, and donations to help offset the cost. On Saturday we will return to the church and begin reheating the chili, and make plans for moving across the street. We could also use a Canopy Tent to protect in case of inclement weather. We need help on Saturday night for the distribution of the chili, and we will be selling water as well. Prayers, of course, are welcome, as we know they will lead us to being the best chili in Beckley. LOL

Carpenter's Corner

After a brief hiatus, the Car-

pen-ter's Corner reopened on September 13, and has been as busy as ever. Our church will be serving October 11 & 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. We need plenty of help to feed neighbors in need. Don't forget if you wish to be in the kitchen you do need a Food Handler's card.

The Carpenter's Corner Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, October 15, at the United Methodist Temple. Please keep the leadership in your prayers as they prepare and gather for this meeting.

Operation Christmas Child

Throughout the month of October we will be collecting for Operation Christmas Child. Here is the list of do's and don'ts for shoeboxes. First, mark your shoebox according to gender (girl or boy) and age: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. You may include a "wow" item, school supplies, clothes, and toys. (if needed, please include extra batteries.) Do not include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. You may leave your donations outside the church office, on the stage in the Fellowship Hall, or in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Tammy.

Cabinet Meeting

The Cabinet will have its next meeting on Wednesday, October 16, (note change of date) at 7:00 p.m. in the Anchor classroom. We are asking all department chairs, and available church leaders to attend this meeting. We will be discussing a plan for helping our



church to begin proactively working toward church growth. We need everyone's input to the proposal that will be put forth, so that the Cabinet, in turn, can take recommendations to the Board for its November meeting.

Contact Info

Always being desirous to keep the congregation up-to-date, and in anticipation of a new directory next year, we are asking your help. Please make sure we have the most accurate phone number for reaching you. This is especially important for the One Call Now Service, as it will leave you a voice mail, if so equipped. If you would like to receive some of your correspondence via email, please let Nancy know what that is. We never share contact information with anyone.

A Time of Remembrance

Looking ahead, November 4 will be our annual Remembrance Sunday during the worship service. While we do our best in the office to keep track of members who have joined the church triumphant, occasionally we miss one. So if you know of members, particularly those living out of town, who have gone home to be with the Lord, please let the office know. We do want to have an accurate list for this important time of celebration.

NOTE: Daylight savings time ends November 3. Don't forget to fall back before going to bed.

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Barbara Adkins, Bookkeeper
Angelo Martin, Custodian

Sermon Scriptures

October 6	Numbers 11: 23-25
October 13	1 Kings 17: 14-16
October 20	Philippians 4: 14-18a
October 27	Matthew 17: 19-21

Serving in October

Elders: **6**—Chuck & Carolyn Turner; **13**—Richard Flowers & Pat Freeman; **20**—Mark Tredway & Nancy Snyder; **27**—Bill File, III & Yvonne Seay.

Deacons: Darlene Hodges, Garrett & Tammy Runion, Conrad Cooper, Ed Crouse, Paula Shrewsberry, Carol Cooper (Upstairs)

Communion Prep & Clean-up: **6**—Chuck & Carolyn Turner; **13 & 20**—Roger & Charlotte Hutchens; **27**—Doug Korczyk & Nancy Snyder.

Worship Leaders: **6**—Kristin Canterbury; **13**—Yvonne Seay; **20**—Paula Shrewsberry; **27**—Nancy Snyder.

Lead Usher: Wayne Tucker

Outside Communion: Mike Vaughan

In the Hospital in September

Dee Dee Corey, Eugene Leach

Prayer Concerns

"Teach us to pray," disciples asked. While the Lord's Prayer is a guide to that request; our communion with God also means we seek His blessing in the lives of those facing life's trials.

Randy Adkins, Carolyn Bailey, Susan Bailey, Gaynell Crouse, Clela Cox, Woody & Patty Dacal, Kevin & Susan Fry, Airlene Jarrell, John Jordan, Nancy Kittle, Donna Jean Poleck, Meg Prince, Derek Ross, Pat Trader, Gloria Tucker, Kevin Winfree, Zachary Wood.

In the heart of Beckley, with a heart for the Gospel.