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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be holding our Annual Ham & Bean Dinner from 5-7 pm on Friday, November 8th in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

In Context Bible Study

Join on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our "In Context" Bible Study.

Faith Circle

Please join us at the church on Thursday, Nov. 14th, at 10:00 am for a cleaning day.

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We will not be meeting in November & December, see you again in January 2020!

Women's Fellowship Bazaar

Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Bazaar in conjunction with Brotherhood's Ham & Bean Dinner on Nov. 8th. Ladies, we need home baked/made food items donated to sell as our fundraiser. In addition, we are offering booths to rent by others who would like to sell their own goods. Booths are \$10 each. Please see Teresa Kidwell, Donna Von Biela, Carole McClellan, or Debbie Demuth if you are interested in a booth.

Card Sunday

Card Sunday will be on Sunday, Nov. 24th, please stop by the table in the lobby and sign the cards for our shut-ins.

Hanging of the Greens

Set up for our Hanging of the Greens service will be on Saturday, Nov. 30th, starting at 9:00 am. The more help we have the quicker we get done and we will have chili for lunch afterwards!

Iffert Scholarships

If you are planning to apply for next semester, you must turn in your application **No Later Than Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.** If you currently have a scholarship, your grades need to be turned in as soon as possible.

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Communion Services

We will have a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note they will look different from the bread squares.

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday, Nov. 17th. You will soon be receiving your stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail. Be in prayer about what god is laying on your heart to give this upcoming year.

Thank You's

Dear Church Members,
The Andrew County Food Pantry in Savannah acknowledges your donation of 69 lbs. of assorted food items to help those in need.
Thank you for caring and sharing your blessings!
A.C.F.P.

Shoe Box Sunday

Samaritan's Purse Shoe box Sunday will be Sunday, Nov. 10th. Have your shoe boxes dropped off that day to be blessed before they are picked up and delivered. The cost of each shoe box is \$9



From The Pastor's Desk

“LIFELINES”

Chuck Swindoll recently wrote a devotion about birthdays that I would like to share with you. Now that I have turned 55, I guess in the eyes of the world I am officially a senior citizen and so I thought this fit.

Chuck writes, “Just celebrated another birthday, no big deal. It’s just another stabbing realization that I’m not getting any younger. I know that because the cake won’t hold all the candles. Even if it could the frosting would melt before I’d be able to blow all of them out. My kind and thoughtful secretary reminded me of another approach I could take. She gave me a birthday card showing an old guy standing beside a cake *covered* with candles. On the front it reads:

‘Don’t feel you’re getting old if you can’t blow out all the candles...’

And inside it reads:

*...just **BEAT**’em out with your cane.’*

He goes on to write, ‘Children are about as encouraging. My youngest once asked me if they had *catsup* when I was a boy. I tried not to look offended—he could have asked if they had the wheel. But I was pleased to inform him that we not only had catsup...but also electricity, talking movies, the radio, cars, and indoor plumbing. He seemed amazed as he gave me that you-gotta-be-kidding look, then turned and walked away. I suddenly felt the need to lie down and take a nap.

But birthdays are milestones...significant points in the passing of time...specific yet mute reminders that more sand has passed through the hourglass. They do, however, give us a handle on the measurement of time which, when you boil it down into minutes, really moves along at a pretty good clip. There are 60 of them every hour...1440 every day...over 10,000 of them each week...about 525,000 per year. As of today-I’ve experienced millions and millions of them. Talk about feeling old!

We mark our calendars with *deadlines*-dates that set limits for the completion of objectives and projects. To ignore those deadlines brings consequences. To live without deadlines is to live an

inefficient, unorganized life, drifting with the breeze of impulse on the fickle waves of moods. We set deadlines because they help us accomplish the essentials...they discipline our use of time...they measure the length of our leash on the clothesline of demands.

God, however, brings about birthdays...not as deadlines but *lifelines*. He builds them into our calendar once every year to enable us to make an annual appraisal, not only of our length of life but our depth. Not simply to tell us we’re growing older...but to help us determine if we are also growing deeper. These lifelines are not like that insurance policy you invested in last year. There’s no automatic promise of annual renewal. Obviously, if God has given you another year to live for Him, He has some things in mind...He has some very special plans to pull off through your life. Surely it includes more than existing 1440 minutes a day!”

Chuck concludes his devotion by quoting Psalm 90: 12 which says, “**Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.**”

God has given us a specific time here on earth that will be used to help further His Kingdom. As we grow older, even though there are still some things that happen that make us scratch our heads and go, “Hmmm” we understand that God eventually uses all things for His good, and as believers we are part of that plan.

So cherish your time here on earth. We don’t know how much time we have, but we do know that every minute is a gift from God and an opportunity to revel in His blessings. As each birthday comes and goes, take the time to evaluate your life and how you have grown deeper in your walk with God. Be thankful for your families, friends, jobs, church, daily needs, and a list that can go on and on and so on your next birthday give God a great “shout-out” thanking Him for another year to grow in wisdom and love. I know I’m grateful for my 55 years here on earth and look forward to serving God for another 55. My lifeline is tied to Him! I hope yours is too!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 3rd - Communion Sunday
- Nov. 3rd - Daylight Savings ends
- Nov. 5th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Nov. 8th - Brotherhood Ham & Bean Dinner 5 pm
- Nov. 8th - Women's Fellowship Bazaar 5 pm
- Nov. 10th - Shoe Box Sunday
- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day
- Nov. 12th - Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00 pm
- Nov. 12th - Garden Gate Meeting 6:00 pm
- Nov. 14th - Faith Circle cleaning day 10:00 am
- Nov. 17th - Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 21st - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Nov. 24th - Card Sunday
- Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30th - Set-up for Hanging of the Greens 9 am

Communion Assistants

- Nov. 3rd - Rose Mary Seuell & Carole McClellan

Van Drivers

- Nov. 3rd - Corey
- Nov. 10th -
- Nov. 17th - Brent
- Nov. 24th - Jack

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Sept. 29 th -	\$2,562.00	\$230.00
Oct. 6 th -	\$3,755.00	\$235.00
Oct. 13 th -	\$1,735.00	\$75.00
Oct. 20 th -	\$1,442.00	\$45.00
Totals:	\$9,494.00	\$585.00

\$11,765.75 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Sept. 29 th -	92	40
Oct. 6 th -	83	36
Oct. 13 th -	83	39
Oct. 20 th -	87	35

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's amazing love; work being completed in the new addition; Annual Fall Membership meeting & potluck luncheon;

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Lance (Julie Oswald's cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – radiation not working, back on chemo; Sean Abersold- cancer & starts radiation; Miranda Nill starting chemo (friend of Angela Cobb); Emily (Teresa Kidwell's niece) 36 yr. old- mastectomy 11/5/18- will be receiving radiation & chemo; William Davis: Gayle Davis- Leukemia (family of Jordan Davis who is a friend of Jessica Vogt); Delores Collins (sister of Linda Trapp)- starting chemo & radiation; Whitney (grade school granddaughter of a swim friend- inoperable brain tumor; Byron Myers- prostate- chemo; Mike Williams (Missy West)- stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Lorey Schank (friend of Steve & Debi Haskey)- breast cancer returns after 28 years & metastasized to her bones; Glen Spitzer's Uncle (Robert Meyers)- leukemia; Jo (Donna W. friend)- withdrawn; Chris, son of Susan Wheeler & grandson of Joan Schubert- leg amputated due to cancer;

Other: Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Debi Haskey- chronic health issues; The Catron Family; Dianne Venable- Alzheimer's; Scotty Sharp's Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 15 yr. old- needs a heart transplant; Alex King; Larry Bryson- recovery from to amputation; Ashley West- teaching in Shanghai; Jessica Blanton- at Mosaic Rm. 2241- low spirits; Donna wood- 2nd cataract surgery; Leonard McCall- 2nd radiofrequency ablation; Larry Bryson- surgery to remove the rest of his toe; Kara Tolbert- job frustrations; Penny (sister of Angie Hernandez)- blood infection;

Traveling Mercies: Donna VonBiela to Virginia; Robin Carolus- medical mission trip to Nepal; Pulley's in Branson

Sympathy: Debbie Demuth & family in the death of her sister Dianne; the family & friends of Aiden Gromowski, the Benton High School Sophomore who passed away this week.

Finally: all our people & programs; living more **stewardship 2020- What god wants our church to do & what He wants us to do as individuals- "Give us This Day"; In Context Bible Study;** living more **Fully Alive** in 2019 ; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11