



October Newsletter

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A Word from Keli...

As Pastor Ben has had an extremely busy month, I asked him if I could share something with my church family in place of his monthly article. He enthusiastically said, "Yes!". So here goes... (and please forgive my grammar, I write like I talk).

Some of you may not know, I was the secretary here for about 15 years, off and on, and I was happy to come back when Judy retired. I guess God has His plan, and that's ok with me as long as it's something I like...chuckle. So over those 15 years, I have participated in many, MANY Wednesday evening programs (sigh). Now, don't get me wrong, I love the fact that we get a mid-week "pick me up" and a night off from cooking...oh, wait...did I say "a night off from cooking"? As the secretary of the church I'm usually here all day and on Wednesday's it's just easier when the preacher and the secretary cook, since you know, we're here all day. After a while it starts to get, um...old, taxing, frustrating, exhausting...you get it, it makes for a VERY long day.

Ok so fast forward to August 2018. It broke my heart to see our Wednesday evening program struggle. Every Thursday when Pastor Ben would come into the office, I'd ask him how Wednesday went? He'd answer, "pretty good", but I noticed the sign-up sheets were not getting filled in...this concerned me. So I started praying for the Wednesday program and asking God to give us some direction.

On a Thursday morning Pastor Ben and I have the same conversation about Wednesday night. I tell Ben "I wish I could just get rid of this frustration about cooking on Wednesday nights..." and right at that moment, as I was standing there God spoke to me, "Ok, you and Keith will cook on Wednesday nights." I immediately told Ben, "I think God just laid on my heart that Keith and I are supposed to do the Wednesday meal!" Ben kinda chuckled and said, "He may have laid it on your heart, but I don't want to lay it in your lap..."

Every week since then, I look forward to cooking for the Wednesday group. God has replaced the resentment and frustration with pure joy and excitement. Keith and I feel very fortunate that we can prepare and serve (uh um) a good meal for our Wednesday LIFT group (yep, that was God's idea too) Living In Faith Together...and yes, Ben chuckled at that too.

God Is Good and He *Still* Speaks to us...He Knows what's Best for us...we just need to listen and follow-thru.






October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Remember! Operation CARE donations all month	<i>1</i> Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>2</i> Tummy Time- 9:00am (ASYMCA) JCMA-9:00am Worship- 5:30pm	<i>3</i> CWF-9:30am LIFT-5:30pm Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>4</i> Selection Com.- 6:00pm	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	
	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>9</i> Tummy Time- 9:00am (ASYMCA)	<i>10</i> CWF-9:30am Admin- 10:30am LIFT-5:30pm (Ben & Keli out of the office)	<i>11</i> Elders-6:00pm Diaconate- 6:30pm Board-7:00pm	<i>13</i>	
	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>16</i> Tummy Time- 9:00am (ASYMCA)	<i>17</i> CWF-9:30am LIFT-5:30pm Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>23</i> Tummy Time- 9:00am (ASYMCA)	<i>24</i> CWF-9:30am LIFT-5:30pm Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Nehemiah Initiative Project 8:00 - Noon
	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	<i>30</i> Tummy Time- 9:00am (ASYMCA)	<i>31</i> CWF-9:30am LIFT-5:30pm Little Learners 9:30am & 1:00pm (ASYMCA)	Since Halloween falls on a Wednesday LIFT night, we thought it would be fun to have a Pot-luck with the kids' favorite foods/snacks. So, bring one of your child's favorites to share. This could be HAIR-RAISING		



Serving in October

Communion Preparation - Iris Felix

Oct. 7

Communion Meditation:	Rick Weinkauf
Diaconate:	*Iris Felix, Mike Morrow, Carol Carson & Brenda Gibson
SS Nursery:	Kristen Partin & Keli Jonas
WS Nursery:	Kendra & Matthew Whitaker
Children's Church:	Rick & Roma Weinkauf
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Oct. 14

Communion Mediation:	Doug Dalton
Diaconate:	*Wanda Jones, Brenda Risner, Doug Tritle & Bob McGuire
SS Nursery:	Elisabeth White & Keli Jonas
WS Nursery:	Nicole Stanfill & Carol Carson
Children's Church:	Don & Sarah Skiles
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Oct. 21

Communion Meditation:	Dan White
Diaconate:	*John Signorelli, Jane Clark, Mike Morrow & Brenda Gibson
SS Nursery:	Marilynn Wright & Wanda Jones
WS Nursery:	Elisabeth White & Keli Jonas
Children's Church:	Jackie Morey & Carol Carson
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Oct. 28

Communion Meditation:	Don Skiles
Diaconate:	*Wanda Jones, Jackie Morey, Carol Carson & Doug Tritle
SS Nursery:	Jackie Morey & Wendi Noon
WS Nursery:	Brian & Colleen Buss
Children's Church:	Nova & Wendi Noon
Greeters:	Bob Clark & John Signorelli
AV Booth:	Randall Coffman & Dan White

Thank you for your service to the Church!

*Indicates leads Offering Prayer

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you have a prayer need or know of any changes, please contact the church office.

Mark & Jackie - Surgery recovery/comfort/peace
 Brenda R. - Peace/comfort
 J. White family - Safety/comfort/strength/peace
 Wendy P. (Tara's cousin) - Healing/Peace
 Connie Osmus
 George Signorelli (John's dad) - Health issues
 Our Church/Our Pastor

Kathy James (AHS Counselor) - Healing/peace
 Misty Arndt - Health issues
 Jerry Gibson - Health issues
 Bart Graves - Health issues/recovery/comfort
 John S. - Comfort/Peace
 Nick Williams - ALS (Altus teacher)

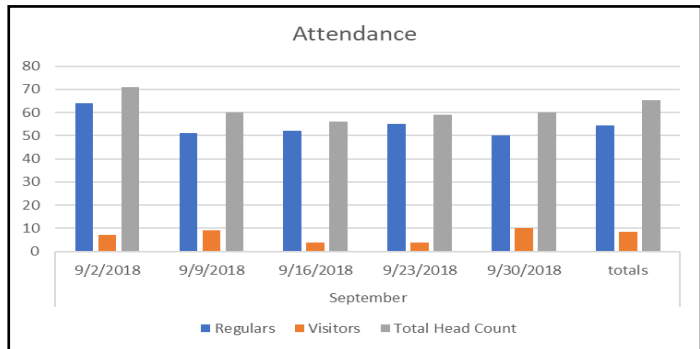
PRAISES

Our Visitors Good Health God's Family Rain Outreach programs WMBS

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone in err, please let us know.

Secretary's Report September

Monthly Budget	\$ 10,160.18
Total Sept. Offering	\$ 8,434.00
Budget Shortfall (for Sept.)	\$ 1,726.18
Average Attendance	55
Average Visitors	9
Total Average Attendance	65



HAVE YOU HEARD...

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nicole Stanfill - 3
 Don Skiles - 4
 Mr. & Mrs. Nova Noon - 14
 Kymberli Yancey - 14
 Phil Carson - 28



In Memory of Bettie Peters

A Weeping Willow tree has been planted by the office windows and a Fall arrangement has been placed in the Foyer in memory of Bettie Peters, our beloved sister in Christ and a cherished friend to many.



October is the month the church accepts donations for Operation C.A.R.E. Just bring your items to the church and we'll make sure they get delivered.

Mark Your Calendar!

Things are busy in **November...**

- Nov. 4th** - The Service/Action Committee hosts a Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon. Plan to bring your favorite holiday dish to share!
- Nov. 17th** - A church workday is scheduled for 8:00am - noon. If you can help with cleaning and/or some small repair work inside and outside the building, we need you!
- Nov. 18th** - The annual Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church is always a favorite with Altus families.
- Nov. 24** - This is the Saturday before our Hanging of the Greens Service in which we meet at the church and start decorating for the Christmas season and our Chrismon service.
- Nov. 25th** - Our annual Hanging of the Greens Service is when we decorate the Sanctuary tree with handmade Chrismons.