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Growing in Christ



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Odds & Ends

Dates to Remember:

- 10/3 - *World Communion Sunday*
- 10/16 - *Presby Pride at Gaither's*
- 10/17 - *Mission Sunday, one service at 10:20*
- 10/23 - *Mt. Pilgrim Women's Retreat*
- 10/29 - *Youth Lock-in*
- 10/30 - *Fall Parties*
- 10/31 - *Service of Remembrance*
- 10/31 - *Trunk-R-Treat*
- 11/5 - *Dan's Fish Fry*
- 11/11 - *Main Stage, Camelot*
- 11/21 - *Advent Fair and Chili Cook-Off*

People to Watch for in October

Serving on **World Communion Sunday, October 3**, are **Courtney Babb, Bill Beeler, Ida Campbell & Lou Canaday.**

Liturgists for October are: **October 3 - Donna Madewell**
October 10 - Steve First
October 17 - Greg James
October 24 - Kay Day
October 31 - Bobby Beaty

Head Usher for October is **Lou Canaday.** Helping her will be **Lillian Hathcoat, Mike Day, Linda Hayes, & Joe & Donna Wilson.**

Greeters at the doors on Sunday mornings are **Tom Kirk** (North door), **Don Badgley** (SW door), **Adrienne Badgley** (Memory Walk door) and **Bill Bowman** (Handicap entrance).

Coffee Hour at 10:00 will be hosted by **Ella Carson.**

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The Anderson Testament

Ryan's Ruminations

It seems every month has at least one holiday - not necessarily a "holy day" as the word originally meant - but a day that is set aside in our society for observation in one form or another. Of course, that day in October is Halloween. There are divergent views about how or if Christians should observe Halloween. Some see it as a harmless secular festival. They see no danger in costumes, candy, and spooky stories. Other Christians see Halloween as a night in which pagan and even demonic practices are celebrated. It should not only be avoided, but condemned. Still other Christians attempt to recognize the history of Christian practices associated with this time and attempt to preserve those practices.

It's no wonder that there are such divergent views today. All three of these views seem to hold some truth. It seems the "holiday" as we know it is a conflation of both pagan and Christian traditions that span many centuries. Below is an excerpt I took from an article on Wikipedia.

"The ancient Celts believed that the border between this world and the Otherworld became thin on Samhain (summer's end), allowing spirits (both harmless and harmful) to pass through. The family's ancestors were honoured and invited home while harmful spirits were warded off. It is believed that the need to ward off harmful spirits led to the wearing of costumes and masks. Their purpose was to disguise oneself as a harmful spirit and thus avoid harm. In Scotland the spirits were impersonated by young men dressed in white with masked, veiled or blackened faces. Samhain was also a time to take stock of food supplies and slaughter livestock for winter stores..."

Without a doubt such pagan practices should not be continued by us Christians! However, there are also strong Christian traditions associated with this time. The word Halloween is first attested in the 16th century. It is a

contraction of the phrase All-Hallows-Eve. It's the evening before All Saints Day. That is, the night before All Hallows Day, which is also known as "the feast of All Saints." The feast of All Saints is traced back to Pope Gregory III (731–741). It is a day to remember "... the holy apostles and of all saints, martyrs and confessors, of all the just made perfect who are at rest [with God from] throughout the world."

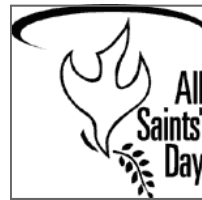
So with Halloween, as with many other aspects of our culture, we should remember that we are to be "in the world, but not of the world." We condemn practices that celebrate evil spirits and death. Instead, we use this time to acknowledge human mortality. We take the time to remember the saints that have gone before us and we celebrate that they now live with God in heaven.

Halloween and All Saints Day will be celebrated in a number of biblically sound ways here at FPC Anderson. On Friday night the youth will enjoy fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ during an all night lock-in at the church. The children will come on Saturday for fall parties. Children up to second grade may come from 10:00 to 11:30. Third through sixth graders may come from 1:00 to 2:30. FPC will host a "Trunk 'R Treat" that evening from 6:00 to 8:00. We will be a witness to the community by showing people God's kindness, and passing out Christian materials along with more edible treats! The youth will "trick or treat" in the community for canned goods that will be donated to Operation Love. At the Rasmussen house we will be handing out gospel tracts or candy with scripture verses in addition to more customary treats. I pray that you will look for similar opportunities in your neighborhoods.

Finally, we plan to have a "Service of Remembrance" on the morning of Sunday Oct. 31. We will remember the saints from our congregation who have passed from this life in the past year by reading off their names. We will thank God in prayer for their lives and how they touched ours, while we celebrate the certain hope of eternal life we share in Christ Jesus.

I hope you will see this Halloween as a great opportunity to be a witness in our community to the One who has overcome the darkness of sin and death in this world, so we may live in the light of our Lord Jesus Christ!

God bless and Happy Halloween!
Pastor Ryan



- 10/1 Joe Wilson
- 10/2 Steve Perry
- 10/3 Ruth Chesnut, Bob Shoemaker
- 10/4 Bill Beeler
- 10/5 Jackie Hensley
- 10/7 Bambi Addison, Shea Bischoff, Bill Campbell
Donna Madewell, Dee Jay Sheward
- 10/8 Nancy Campbell, Sarah Davis, Fred Riggs
- 10/9 William Carrell, Carol Farran, Barbara Perry,
Jackson Stephenson, Dick Wohlberg
- 10/10 Isaac Reger, Bill Ward
- 10/11 Jacobline Rasmussen, Lisa Rinard
- 10/12 Nancy Hyde
- 10/14 Al Beaty, Mike Neal
- 10/17 Lauren Beeler, Brynn Reger
- 10/18 Lizz Alezetes, Melinda Pierce
- 10/19 Steve First
- 10/20 Helen English, Marilyn Stewart



- 10/22 Bertha Barker, Bud Campbell
- 10/25 Claude Singer, Chase Sizemore, Tanner Sizemore
- 10/26 David Mishler
- 10/27 Brian Bostic, Marilyn McKean
- 10/30 Nancy Ohlheiser, Dude Warner

Anniversaries



Susie and Dave Huff, 33 years, 10/8
Dan and Sue Schrope, 55 years, 10/8
Michael and Kay Day, 18 years, 10/10
Edwin and Kathryn Etchison, 60 years, 10/10
Daniel and Sara Noland, 1 year, 10/10
Frank and Joy Phelps, 52 years, 10/12
Bud and Nancy Campbell, 26 years, 10/13
Curt and Donna Farran, 24 years, 10/18
Rob and Jane Loose, 23 years, 10/24
Fred and Pat Riggs, 64 years, 10/26
Mark and Amy Sizemore, 14 years, 10/26
 We wish you many more happy years!

Newsletter Guidelines

- Deadline is the **13th** of each month.
- Complete the Newsletter form and place it in the church office, directly in Donna Madewell's mailbox in the Conference Room OR -
 e-mail to Donna at demadewell@comcast.net.



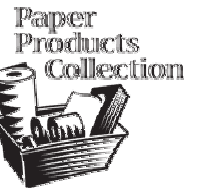
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Let us gather for **World Communion Sunday** on **October 3**. Remember, this is the Sunday to bring **non-perishable** canned or boxed food and paper products. These items will be dispersed to the needy in our community through **Operation Love**.

The third Sunday of the month is designated giving for the Christian center. Please bring your donations of paper products, coffee, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, and deodorant on **Sunday, October 17**. Items will be collected and delivered to the Christian Center by the Mission Committee. Thank you!



Bible Explorers

Come and join the **Bible Explorers Sunday School Class** on **Sunday mornings at 9:00** in the Church Library as they study "The Inescapable God".

Lessons are as follows for October:

- October 3 - **God's Majesty and Human Dignity**, Psalm 8
- October 10 - **God's Perfect Law**, Psalm 19:7-14
- October 17 - **God's Safe Refuge**, Psalm 46:1-7
- October 24 - **God's Universal Reign**, Psalm 47
- October 31 - **God's Comforting Presence**, Psalm 63

Trunk-'R-Treat

Join the fun!

The Sixth Annual *Trunk-R-Treat* project is sponsored by the Deacons and Evangelism. All are invited to pass out candy from the trunk of their cars this Halloween season. Monetary donations are welcomed.



Sunday, October 31st
6 PM until ??? (when the candy runs out)
8th Street Church parking lot
*Bring your kids, grandkids,
friends and neighbors!*



Fall Parties

It's time to celebrate the harvest and fall time of the year!

Our youth will have a lock-in in Friday, October 29. They will stay the next day to help with the Fall Parties for the younger kids.

Kids through 3rd grade will gather in Fellowship Hall from 10:30-Noon

4th grade through 6th grade will gather from 1-2:30

We will have games, activities, and fun food,
so plan on coming for a great time!

(You may wear your costume if you like)



Thanks to all who donated blood or tried to donate on Wednesday, September 15. 35 people came to donate and 30 units of blood were donated! Thank you from the Deacons and Julie Benagh.

SAVE A LIFE - GIVE BLOOD

A Busy Season

We are rapidly approaching the holiday season. These are times full of gatherings, good food, and good company. First Pres will continue many of our traditions from the past years.

October 16 - Presby Pride at Gaither's

October 17 - Mission Sunday

October 17 - Kids Club, 4-5:30

October 23 - Sisters in Spirit Women's Conference at Mt. Pilgrim

October 29-30 - Youth Lock-In

October 30 - Fall Parties

October 31 - Service of Remembrance

October 31 - Trunk-R-Treat, 8th Street Parking Lot

November 5 - Dan's Fish Fry, 4-7:30

November 20 - Presby Pride

November 21 - Advent Fair and Chili Cook Off

November 21 - Kids Club meets after Chili Cook Off and Advent Fair

November 25 - Happy Thanksgiving

December 12 - Hand Bell Dessert Concert

December 19 - Blue Christmas Service, 7 PM

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services, 4 PM and 10:30 PM

December 25 - Happy Birthday Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

Please mark your calendars and prepare for a wonderful time of glorifying God and enjoying one another in the fellowship of Christ!

Christian Education Opportunities

Mondays @ 5:30 in the Parlor - Don and Adrienne Badgley

**“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk ye in him.” Colossians 2:6**

Tuesdays @ 6 PM in the Conference Room - Jason Knapp

Wednesday @ 9 AM - breakfast with the men at Flashback’s

Wednesday @ 10 AM in the Conference Room - Pastor Ryan
Ephesians, using a study by John Stott

Sunday Mornings at 9 AM:

- Grades K-3, Life 101, Room 202, Pastor Donna
- Grades 4-6, Life 201, Sunday School Classroom, Miss Nancy Moneyhun
- Grades 7-9, Life 301, To Save a Life, Miss Michelle and Miss Mary
- Grades 10-12, Life 401, To Save a Life, Pastor Ryan, Youth Room
- Adult Sunday School: Bible Explorers in the Library
Jason Knapp in the Conference Room

Youth Group is for grades 7-12 and meets on Sundays @ 4:00 and Thursdays @ 6:30.

Kids Club is for grades 3-6 and meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at the same time as Youth - 4:00-5:30.

Men meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month for **Presby Pride** at First Pres or a local restaurant and with various speakers. Call Chuck James at 642-3928 for more info.

Please call the Church Office at 642-0219 if you have questions!

Presby Pride

Attention men of the church!

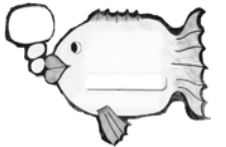
Men, you have a spot reserved at Gaither Family Resource Center on **October 16 at 10 AM** for your October gathering. Cost is \$12.60. Breakfast will be followed by a tour of the world famous Gaither Studios where the first Homecoming shows were taped. Make your reservations through Chuck James at 642-9328 or the church office at 642-0219.

Join the guys for breakfast at Flashback’s on Wednesday mornings at 9!

Dan’s Fish Fry

Friday, November 5th, is the day for the church to work together as one body!

Our *Dan’s Fish Fry* will take place from 4-7 on that evening in **Fellowship Hall** for **dine-in**, the **Parlor** for **Carry-out**, or through the alley for **Drive-Thru Service**. There are many ways to help make this a success. You may volunteer your time and energy, donate pies for dessert, or donate money. Tickets are now available from Session, Trustee, and Deacon members. Posters and handouts are available through Ida Campbell or Donna Madewell. So plan on contributing and plan on eating a fine dinner here in Fellowship Hall.



Proceeds from the fish fry will be contributed to the *Youth!* The chairpersons for this event are **Dick and Ida Campbell** and they are assisted by **Marilyn Thompson and Sonya Eddy**.

Dick and Ida may be reached at **649-9266**.

Mission Event

Exciting Mission Event This Month

Every fall our Church has a unique worship service dedicated to celebrating the mission work that God is doing both in our community, and throughout the world. It is a privilege to announce that this year we will be having very special guest speakers, Dr. Robert and Dorothy Matthews, who are coming all the way from Tanzania to share their experiences with us. **Mark your calendars for October 17, and prepare for a memorable worship service!**

The Matthews work closely with Dale and Chris Hamilton, Missionaries who our church has supported since coming into relationship with them in 2005. Some of you may remember that Chris was the medical escort for Jane Highfield when she became sick in Africa during our Church mission trip to Tanzania. Dale preached at the memorial service for Jane when she went to be with the Lord. Dr. Robert Matthews and his wife Dorothy have been serving as Missionaries alongside Dale and Chris for the past 2 years. It has been an interesting road that led the Matthews to work in the mission field. Dorothy spent the first half of her life as a Missionary kid in Korea. She was living in Texas, working as a teacher when she met Dr. Bob who was working in a private family practice. The two married, and quickly realized that God was calling them to leave everything behind, and to go to Africa to spread the Gospel. They now live in a very difficult place, where they are tested each day, but Dr. Bob shares: *"Here in the Southern hemisphere we are able to see the constellation called the Southern Cross. Late in the evening, almost due south from East Africa, this cross can be seen lying on it's right side, then it becomes erect and finally sets on its left side later during the night. It reminds me that despite the enormity of the problems of pestilence, war, poverty and sin on this great continent, that the Lord is still sovereign and is on His throne, as this cross rises and sets over Africa. I am reminded that this same constellation was seen by the ancients, during the days of Abraham, Moses, David and the by the Lord Jesus Himself. The laws set in place by God, the movements of the heavenly bodies, continues today as it did thousands of years ago. God is ever faithful... Dorothy and I consider it a privilege to be here and to be able to utter these simple words in Swahili, " Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him." (John 14:6)"*

A Letter from Africa

Greetings to all of you at 1st Pres Anderson:

I feel honored to be remembered by so many of you in Anderson. Thank you for your prayers for the college and for me.

The rice has been cleaned and dried, and is now in storage. There are pictures on the bulletin board in the church hallway of many workers who helped in this process. There are also pictures of the cows and the oxen, which are for the Fall plowing season.

It had been a very busy time there, getting the rice project finished and helping the students prepare for graduation. The graduation ceremony for this school year at NTC was July 17th. After graduation I left for Dar es Salaam and met with other leaders in education. Perhaps I will write more about the summer events here at NTC in the next letter.

School has begun again and we are back into the old routine after our long summer recess. I look forward to the busy season of this October through May next year, with teaching, administrative work as Principal, and working in the field in God's beautiful earth. May He again bless the efforts of the seeds to grow and the efforts of this man's muscles. Also the effort of the good workers He sends when they are required to help in the rice paddies and corn fields. Perhaps my own little garden will provide some tomatoes, although I can't buy Big Boy seeds here. I remember how delicious they were from the garden when I lived in Anderson several years ago.

May God continue to bless you in the coming winter. Perhaps both our countries will receive the amount of moisture needed for our garden and water supply.

In His service,
Bela Kalumbete

Pastoral Care

The following verse are portions from Psalm 34, from *The Message Bible* passages: *“I bless GOD every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise. I live and breathe GOD; if things aren’t going well, hear this and be happy: Join me in spreading the news; together let’s get the word out...GOD’s angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray. Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see - how good GOD is. Blessed are you who run to him.”*

Many times during each day we need to stop our busy-ness and take the time to close our eyes, take a deep breath and release it slowly, while thanking God for the breathe of life he gave us. It takes just a couple of minutes to do this, and also say a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings he has given to each of us. We may not see the blessing in what we are going through at the moment, yet upon reflection, during the quiet times we can see that God was walking with us. Did we try to do something all by ourselves...again? Perhaps it was successful and maybe it wasn’t. Did we try to blame a bad outcome on someone or something else? Or did we remember J-I-T (just in time) to release the situation (problem, project, person, you supply the proper word) to God saying “Thank you God, for going before me to clear the pathway to a good solution for all concerned.” The result may not be what you wanted or expected, however, when given over to God, it will be the best solution in the long term. God only wants the best for us. We have to hand it over and step out of the way, so he can handle it his way. When we are consistently honest with ourselves and God, remembering to pray a prayer of thanks and praise, we’re letting God be in control. “Blessed are you who run to him.” Then other people will notice something is different about us and will want to know what it is that we “have”, and want to know more about God and our faith in him. Let them see how good God is...”Join me in spreading the news; together let’s get the word out!”

Your sister in Christ,
Caroli Wolfe

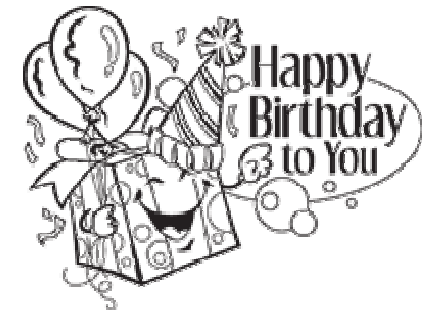
Happy Birthday to Jackie!

Please join the family of Jackie Hensley in wishing her a
Happy 80th Birthday

Sunday, October 10 - 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

University Village Club House
(off Lindberg Rd between Alex Pike
and Nursery Rd)

No Gifts please – just the honor of
your company



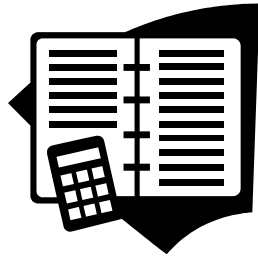
Mission Trip

Callout Meeting for Church-Wide Mission Trip

Who? Anyone who feels called to participate in the trip should attend: Those who plan to Go, Send, Pray, Fundraise, or are just curious
What? Mission trip to Tanzania during the summer of 2011 (probably in June)
When? Callout meeting on Oct. 17, following the Luncheon after the service
Where? In the Kimmer Room
Why? Come to get information, share ideas, ask questions, prepare, and PRAY.

Finance

Finance Report as of August 31, 2010



August Revenues	\$25,874
August Expenses	22, 825
August Surplus	3,048
Year to date Revenues	\$85,194
Year to date Expenses	88,646
Year to date Deficit	(3,452)

August was a good month! Income was a bit below normal, but expenses were exceptionally low. The result was a small surplus of \$3,048. We are budgeted to spend \$32,939 per month and spent only \$22,825.

There were no extraordinary expenses and both Trustee and Mission spending was low. Even Personnel costs were reduced due to an anticipated refund from the Board of Pensions for a previous overcharge on Pastor Dave Comstock's pension.

For the year to date (a three month period) income is running about \$5200 ahead of last year and expenses are almost \$1800 lower. The deficit for the first three months of the current fiscal year is \$3,452, whereas last year the deficit was \$10,497 at this same time.



Jack Eflin

Memorials

The following memorials have been received through **September 12**:

Mary Anne Waugh

Bob and Marilyn Dorris
Jim and Marilyn Moneyhun
Jack and Boots Eflin
Gil and Marilyn McKean

Louie Shearer

Bob and Mary Ann Shoemaker
Gene and Sarah Rummel

Bette Matter

Jim and Marilyn Moneyhun

Barbara Shafer

Jack and Boots Eflin
Gil and Marilyn McKean

Dr. Basil Burton Dulin

Bob and Marjorie McFadden
Al and Bobby Beaty
Jim and Marilyn Moneyhun
Jack and Boots Eflin
Gene and Sarah Rummel
Gil and Marilyn McKean



Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of **Dick Gross**. Dick passed on September 14. The service was held on Friday, September 17 and was officiated by Pastor Ryan Rasmussen. Rozelle Johnson Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Please keep Alice and the family in your prayers.