

Baptist Bugle



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Pastor's Ponderings –

Can we spend some time focusing on Leviticus? All too often we look at this Old Testament book as mundane. We tend to think of it as just a lot of offerings and sacrifices, laws and rules, do's and don'ts, and a whole lot of blood. But it's really so much more than that. It is a book about "The Holiness of God" and what is required for fellowship with Him. It is a book that points out the sinfulness of man and what is required for atonement with God; how He provides the way for us to have access into fellowship with Him. It is therefore a book on worship....worshipping a Holy God, and living a Holy life. We are created in the image of God, and we are created to have a close relationship with God, walking in close fellowship with Him. Many people are unwilling to have that close relationship with God, but that doesn't mean that we weren't created for that purpose. The essence of the book of Leviticus, and the call upon our lives is this...*"Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy."* *Leviticus 19:2.*

From the time the Tabernacle was erected in Exodus 40:17 and the time the Children of Israel set out for the Promised Land in Numbers 10:11, there is a span of approximately 50 days. During that span of days, the book of Leviticus takes place, at the foot of Mount Sinai. This short 50 days is a time of uninterrupted teaching for the Children of Israel. They no longer have to worry about living in Egypt...Pharaoh's armies have all been drowned in the Red Sea, so there is no more slavery. They have not yet confronted the Hittites, the Amalekites, the Jebusites, the Amorites, or the Canaanites that dwell by the sea and along the Jordan in the Promised Land. *Numbers 13:29* In this short time, God is laying the groundwork for how the Children of Israel were to be a Holy people, God's chosen people, set apart for His purpose, in order that they might demonstrate what it meant to worship a Holy God, and to live a Holy life. God saw it as a must that His children would regard Him as Holy and that they too would be Holy.

So often we talk about how important it is to NOT run ahead of the Lord. But it is just as important that we would not run ahead of the groundwork that the Lord is laying in our lives. Hold on to the things the Lord has already taught you (with conviction) and then learn some more. Paul reminds Timothy in *2 Timothy 3:14-15*, *"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."* This is the groundwork that God is laying in our lives...sometimes we need to slow down and listen and learn.

We may not be going through a trial or a time of testing right now, but we will eventually. And depending on how well we allow God to lay that groundwork in our lives now, through the reading and the application of the Word of God, will have everything to do with how well we will walk through that storm when it does come. Let's not run ahead of the Lord when He wants to teach us something. As He lays the groundwork now, it will be to our benefit and our protection later. **God knows what's ahead, and He knows what we need.**

Blessings to you as you walk with the Lord,

Pastor Steve

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY



Women of Prayer
Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Men of Action

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm
All men are invited to join us



Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
Study titled *"The Joy of Jesus"*
From the book of *Philippians*
All women are invited to join
Please contact Helen Brehm, 815-942-6625

Women's Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Study titled *"Psalm 23: The Shepherd with Me"*
By Jennifer Rothschild
All women are invited to join
Please contact Colette Kirby, 815-942-9527



Congregational Prayer

This month we will gather together on Sunday, October 7, at 5 pm for prayer & praise!

BOARDS TO MEET ON TUESDAY, October 9
5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education
6:00 pm - Board of Trustees
6:30 pm – Board of Diaconates (if necessary)

You can't solve everything-but don't let that keep you from obeying the Bible's injunction to do good to everyone you can, as God gives you opportunity. It may be by supporting the work your church is doing in your community, or by sending money to an international Christian humanitarian aid organization. Or it may be through helping a single parent who lives near you...or tutoring in a local school...or simply being a friend to someone who is going through hard times. Jesus said,

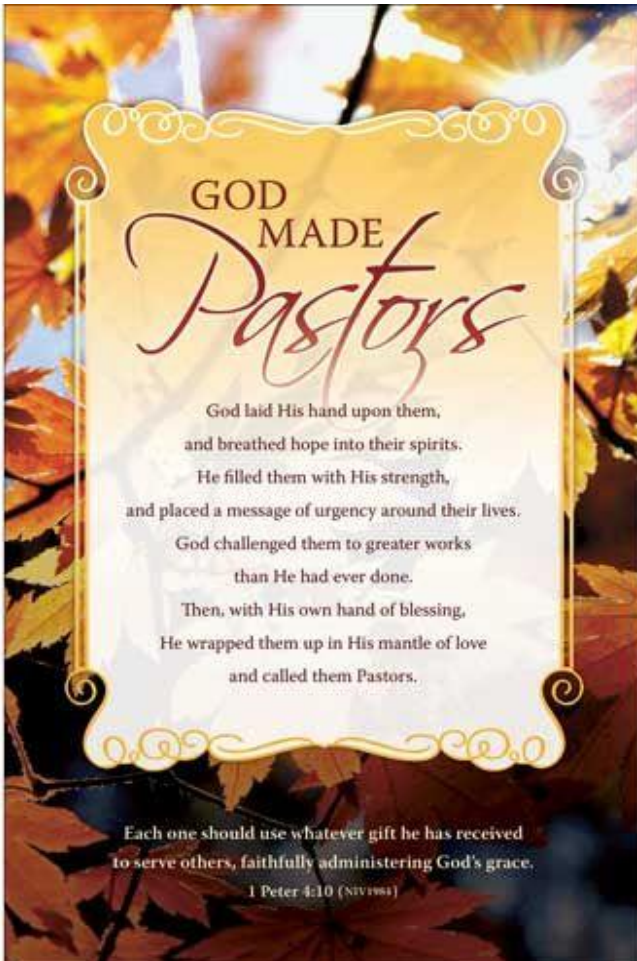
"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me"
(Matthew 25:40)

Pastor Appreciation Month

As we lift Pastor Steve and his family in prayer, might we remember to thank them for all they do; for their commitment to God and this church and the love they shower on us! We thank Pastor Steve for preaching God's Word and his faithfulness in reflecting God's love here in the church, in the community, the hospitals, the nursing homes, the police station and the fire department!! May God bless Pastor Steve and Kristi with renewed strength, health and rest for each day!

In Christ's Love,

Your very thankful congregation



Stand with us for Life

Join us on October 7th!

Meet at Life Church

118 E. Jefferson St. @ 3:15pm

(Old Morris Theatre)

Morris Life Chain needs you! Participants of Life Chain join together one day each year, from churches all across the nation, to pray to end abortion in the U.S. and help bring awareness by holding approved signs.

Morris Life Chain --- Save the date!

Sunday, October 7, 3:15-4:30pm along Rte. 47

Single Moms' Group

Wednesday

October

5:30 pm at the church



If you are a single mom or know of one who would enjoy meeting with others, please invite them to come!



Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, November 3

Save the date!

We will once again be volunteering at the "Feed My Starving Children" facility in Aurora.

This is the 5th year we have gone and it is an amazing day of packing meals to feed children around the world!

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer!!

Mobile Meals

September 16-30

Thank You to all who helped deliver Mobile Meals!

Ray & Marlene Burnside

Jan Kresse

Colette Kirby

Bill & Judy Needham

Mark & Gayle Conrod

Gary Kuntz

Jane Battersby

Dave & Cheryl Johnson

Deb Gonnam

Janet McCormack

Kay Hemmersbach

Carol Adair

Bev Swiggett

Helen Brehm

Maris Kerr

Mary Motter



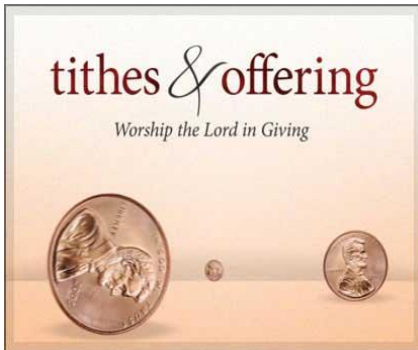
Our Deepest Sympathies go to David Findlay in the loss of his loving wife, Betty, on September 20th. Our prayers are with Dave and his family.

UNIFIED GIVING

<u>Month</u>	<u>Monthly Amt. Needed</u>	<u>Monthly Amt. Received</u>
September (4 Sundays)	\$25,720.00	\$23,295.90

Church Mortgage Balance as of September 23, 2018 \$221,007.56

Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!!!



This past year \$12,095.00 has been given to be applied to the 'principal only'! Anyone wishing to contribute toward lowering the principal should write 'apply to principal only' on their check. For accounting purposes, it would be appreciated if you would write a separate check if giving for 'principal only', rather than including it in your regular giving check. Thank you!

SOWL Food



Looking for a volunteer willing to fill the need of organizing people and food for those that require a few meals brought to them while recovering from surgery or illness. Please call the church office if you are interested.



Corn Festival Float

Thank You to all who participated in making our church's Corn Festival float a success!



Good News Club

Good News Club will begin Thursday, October 4th and finish Thursday, April 25, 2019. Club will be held every Thursday during the time period that school is in session a full day, 2:45-4:00pm.

We are excited to see what God has planned for this new school year and appreciate the prayers of our "Family of Faith" as God brings the kids! It's our fervent hope and prayer that many will come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior and that they will be little missionaries in their homes, neighborhoods and school.

Staff for the 2018-2019 school year ~

Carol Adair, Kara Paulson, Kristi Larson, Helen Brehm and Kay Hemmersbach

October Birthdays

1 Lauren Emmons, Haley West
3 Kim Marx
4 Jim Adair
5 Samantha Swiggett, Tracey Steffes
6 Claudette Swiggett, Chris Phillips, Emily Larsen
8 Debbie Ritke
10 Peyton Chapman
11 Bob Udstuen, Ashlyn Punke, Dorothy Fannin
12 Rylie Linn
15 Gayle Conrod, Erin Lutz, Scott Henderson, Joan Olson
16 Gary Kuntz
17 Grace Alford, Sarah Lawrence, Rita Briley
18 Amanda Carlson
20 Jeff Carlson, Michael Clark
21 Tim Applegate, Nancy Krug
23 Deb Gonnam, Kaylee Cromer
24 Greg Kuntz
25 Haleigh Paterson
26 Shirley Love
28 Judy Hannu
29 David Bricker
30 Diane Alford, Jackson Shannon, Pat Hunter, Nikki Shannon



October Anniversaries

2 Todd and Debi Schultz
5 Rick and Linda Cunningham
12 Bob and Cindy West
15 Art and Joyce Lucas
18 Drew and Kayla Hamilton
24 Bob and Norma Arnsdorff, Johnny and Annette Calcote



**The more we express our gratitude to God for our blessings,
the more He will bring to our mind other blessings. The more
we are aware of what to be grateful for, the happier we become.**

- Ezra Taft Benson

JEWEL-OSCO FRESH DONATION

Jewel-Osco continues to donate fresh food each Sunday morning.
The donated fresh food is that which is dated and must be used.

We have a great need for volunteers to go to Jewel at 11am on Sunday mornings to pick up the food and bring it back to the church. If you are able to serve in this capacity once a month or so, please sign up on the sheet on the sheet on the bulletin board near the library. If you have any questions, please see Deb Ritke, our coordinator!



**“YOU ARE THE
SALT
OF THE EARTH”**
~Matthew 5:13~

Salt, as ordinary and plentiful as it is, possesses a very special and unique power when added to foods. Unlike Any other seasoning, salt unlocks the subtle flavors, enhancing and bringing new sensations to our taste buds. When our Lord says to His followers, “you are the salt of the earth,” He is urging them to go into the world and enhance the good that He is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving grace of God. As followers of Christ, our congregations are the salt of the earth, seasoned with the love of the gospel and called to carry that love to all the earth.

This World Mission Offering season, we are focusing on Three Ministry Priorities: Health and Wellness, Abolishing Global Slavery and Economic and Community Development. While this doesn’t include all the ministries of International Ministries, these serve to illustrate some of what God is doing worldwide.

Please join me in praying for our global servants and in giving cheerfully to the World Mission Offering as the Lord Jesus leads us to give.

Gratefully,

Sharon Koh

**The 2018 World Mission Offering will be received during worship on
October 14, 21 and 28
Envelopes are located in the foyer for your convenience in giving**



Join Us For Sunday School

Sunday mornings
9:30 am – 10:30 am

Nursery – 3 years and under
Preschool – 2nd Grade, Teacher Lisa Vaksdal
3rd – 5th Grade, Teacher Kayla Hamilton
6th – 8th Grade, Teacher Diane Gagliardo
9th – 12th Grade, Teacher Mary Motter
Adults – Teachers, Jeff and Claudette Swiggett



Heap's Pumpkin Farm
Haunted Corn Maze
October 21, 2018 @ 6:00pm
ALL YOUTH INVITED!!



Men of Action will be taking the youth, sign-up sheet is in foyer on the table!

Children need the
freedom and
time to play.
Play is not a luxury.
Play is a necessity.

Kay Redfield Jamison



Saturday, October 27
4:00pm

EVERYONE IS INVITED
bring your own pumpkin
& carve away!!

Cookout to follow!
(hot dogs provided by
Men of Action)

Come join the fun!!!!



WHAT IS COLUMBUS DAY?

Columbus Day is a federal U.S. holiday that commemorates the voyage and landing of Italian explorer **Christopher Columbus** in the New World on October 12, 1492.

The anniversary of his landing in the New World was first formally celebrated in 1792, by the Columbian Order (Society of St. Tammany) in New York City.

WHEN IS COLUMBUS DAY? **OCTOBER 8, 2018**

Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October each year.

COLUMBUS DAY HISTORY

In Christopher Columbus's day, scholars knew that the world was round; the fact dated from the ancient Greeks. People assumed that a ship traveling west from Europe would sail clear through to Asia. However, many believed that such a westward journey was impossible. Columbus, an Italian, was convinced otherwise and persuaded King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain to sponsor his exploration and search for riches.

On October 12, 1492, Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas, convinced that he had reached his destination of Asia. Although he was not the first European to discover the Americas (Vikings, among others, had visited before), his journey sparked enthusiasm for European exploration of the hemisphere.

The first celebration of Columbus's landing in the New World took place in 1792. It was organized by the Columbian Order (Society of St. Tammany) in New York City. In 1937, the occasion was declared a national holiday by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Columbus Day has been observed on the second Monday of October since 1971. Many celebrate Italian-American heritage on this day.

The observance of Columbus Day is not without controversy. European exploration brought disease and devastation to the lives of the indigenous people of the Americas. Some areas of the United States choose to honor Native American culture on this day instead. Since 1992, this state and city holiday has been referred to as **Indigenous Peoples' Day**.

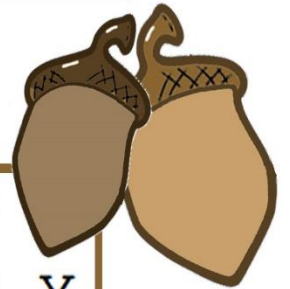
History is multifaceted. Columbus Day also speaks to the thirst for adventure, exploration, and possibilities that embodies the spirit of America. Columbus represents many early explorers and dreamers who reached for opportunity and not only dreamed, but acted.



Autumn



WORD SEARCH



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SCARF
TREE
ACORN
HAY

APPLE
FALL
PUMPKIN
SWEATER

BOOTS
RAKE
PIE
LEAF

Happy Fall!

