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**October 2018**

## **Minister's Moment**

Well, we have finally come out of the Summer and are officially into Fall. Cooler weather is upon us and this is the time of year when people traditionally are becoming more involved with church. There is a lot going on at Red Oak. Sunday school is in full swing and we have begun a Bible study on Wednesday nights, working our way through the book of I Corinthians. During our morning worship, we have just finished a sermon series on I Corinthians 13, that great chapter on love, and we have been thinking together about how we love others like Jesus. Paul lays out for us a beautiful picture of what God's love, agape love, looks like in action. Our goal as Christians is to put that same love into practice in our relationships with other people.

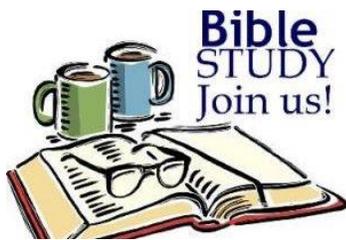
During October, two things will be going on. First, I am beginning a new sermon series on the Beatitudes, or the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew. The Beatitudes represent God's way of keeping score or helping us understand what is important in life. The more we live out the Sermon on the Mount, the more we are able as the church to influence and impact our society with the Gospel. The problem we face is the reality that society has one way of keeping score and God has another. As Christians we are constantly faced the dilemma of who's scorecard are we going to follow. Are we going to follow God's way or the world's? This sermon series will help us gain insight into how we can be more committed to doing things God's way.

Simultaneously, during October, we will begin to think about stewardship in preparation for putting together next year's budget. Each week we will hear from someone who is faithful in giving talk about

their commitment and what it means to be good stewards of the resources that God has given us. No one really likes to talk about money in church, but the reality is that it takes financial resources to keep the church going and on track. At the same time, we need to remember that stewardship is not just about our money, but it is also about our time, energy, gifts and priorities. So, as we move through the month, I encourage all of us to think about how we can be better stewards of what God has given us.

Grace and peace,

Reece



**Please join us each Wednesday evening at 7:10 pm for Bible study on the book of I Corinthians, led by Pastor Reece Jones. We look forward to having you here.**

**The Women’s Bible study meeting is held each Monday night at 6:30 pm from September 24<sup>th</sup> to November 12<sup>th</sup>. Study is “Discerning the Voice of God” by Priscilla Shirer. Anyone is welcome to attend.**



**We will be collecting items for the cleaning buckets through the month of November. The Young Disciples class will be responsible for preparing and distributing them to those in need. Please use the list inserted in the bulletin or pick up a list in the narthex and support this worthwhile project.**

**Choir News** 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

**Choir practice is held each Wednesday at 6:00 pm.**

### **Eldership News**

The Elders will meet Sunday morning, October 7, 2018 at 8:30 am.

### **Evangelism and Membership News**

Our Minister Appreciation luncheon will be held October 21, 2018. Bring a covered dish. A table will be set up for cards and gifts.

### **Christian Men's Fellowship**

CMF will meet on October 13, 2018 at 8:00 am at Denny's restaurant.

### **Christian Women's Fellowship**

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm. This will be a dinner meeting and our main discussion will be the fall bazaar.

### **Church Board News**

The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 after worship. Our regular schedule Meetings are the first Sunday, bi-monthly, after worship service. All members of the Eldership, the Diaconate, Team leaders, and ANY one interested in what the church is doing is invited to come.

### **Eldership News**

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### **Evangelism News**

Invite your friends and neighbors to church.

### **Mission News**

The Prison Ministry will meet Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the church library.

Our next Missions meeting will be Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the library.



**Community Garden:** Every third Saturday starting at 8 am, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center is open for volunteers to come and help in the Community Garden, to interact with the 3<sup>rd</sup> street community, and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. You don't need special skills you just need to care. Share your caring this month, October 20, 2018, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS: October 24, 2018 – Lynwood Stocks**

### **Thank you**

Thank you to our Red Oak members for your continued support for the mission's team project. Because of your generosity we were able to provide the Third Street Academy with the 28 bags of school supplies promised plus craft sticks for the STEM project, hand sanitizers and ear buds for the fourth- grade class. Thanks to a friend we were able to acquire a small train for each child and numerous books for the school library.

We appreciate your help for making this mission project a success.

Nannie Sue Fields  
Clara Faye Whitley

### **Mission Team Project/Focus for October**

Our Mission emphasis for October will continue to be collecting Single Sheets and/or Pillow Cases for the Community Crossroads Shelter (homeless shelter). The Shelter can now house up to 110 people at any given time. Bedding is always in demand. If you are not able to shop but would like to help, please consider a donation of \$10-\$15 and someone will shop for you.

#### **Stewardship News**

**We will focus on stewardship during the month of October.**

#### **Youth News**

**We are having our Halloween party in the fellowship hall on Sunday, October 28th from 4-6 pm. Please help us by bringing in candy and small goodies for the kids to receive during the games. We will also need volunteers to help run the games. Dinner will be served.**

**The Young Disciples class is collecting cleaning items to be distributed to those in need. Please support this project.**

**Prayer Concerns (Please hold our brothers and sisters in prayer)**

Deanna Mox (Hazel Erwin’s niece), David Brooks (friend of Sandy Smith), Mimi Denton, Elmer Flake (Sue Hedgepeth’s brother), Ruth Oliver (friend of Claudia Manning), Melina Hernandez (co-worker of Mike Worthington), Joy Clark, (Nannie Sue Fields’ cousin), Robin Avery (Sandy Hazelton’s sister-in-law), Hazel Tripp, Micky Anderson, Ed Cavanaugh, Mike Rasberry, Pattie Mercer (Lou Joyner’s daughter), Shemar Jordan, Lou Joyner, Grace Pate, Ruth Haddock, Lou Joyner, Grace Pate, Ruth Haddock

**Year-to-date Stewardship Report**



Let these words from the scriptures guide you as you consider your financial gifts to the church in support of our programs and ministries:

***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21.***

The following figures are given for your information from **January 1 through September 30, 2018**. Remember, faithful Christian stewardship is *not* based on the Church’s need to receive, but upon our need to give as Christ commands.

Total funds needed for 2018 .....	\$ 125,058.00
Received for General Fund .....	\$ 95,021.08

***For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.***

(II Corinthians 8:9)

**Serving in October**

**Elders**

Sandy Smith, Capt. and Sellers Dickerson

**Diaconate**

Marshal Blazer, Melissa Blazer, Hannah Smith, Clara Faye Whitley

(If you are unable to serve, please find someone to fill in for you.)

**Feed the Homeless - Lynwood Stocks**

If you would like to participate please call Sandy Smith at 814-4954.



◀ Sep 2018		October 2018					Nov 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<b>1</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm  Anna Gaylor Hildegarde McLaughlin	<b>2</b> CWF General meeting Dinner served 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> Choir Practice 6 pm	<b>4</b> Prison Ministry Mtg. 6:00 pm	<b>5</b> Chi-Rho Fall Retreat 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6</b>  Alton Hedgepeth	
<b>7</b> Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering  Elders' Meeting 8:30 am	<b>8</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Choir Practice 6 pm Bible Study 7:10 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Lou Joyner	<b>13</b> CMF Meeting 8:00 am  Paula Main	
<b>14</b> FH Reserved	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Choir Practice 6 pm Bible Study 7:10 pm  Pattie Worthington	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Third Street Project	
<b>21</b> Minister's Appreciation Luncheon	<b>22</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Choir Practice 6 pm Bible Study 7:10 pm  Feed the Homeless 6:00 pm  Mike/Sandie Worthington	<b>25</b>  Worth/Haley Williams	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> Youth Halloween Party 4:00 – 6:00 pm Dinner is served	<b>29</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>30</b> Mission's Meeting 6:00 pm - Library	<b>31</b> Halloween Choir Practice 6 pm Bible Study 7:10 pm				