



The Beacon



YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY FEET, A LIGHT ON MY PATH. PSALM 119:105

October 2022



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Christmas

We kick off our Shoebox Campaign beginning Sunday, October 9th.

You'll find boxes, labels and OCC information located in the Welcome Center. "Through your prayers and generosity, we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth! Be sure to make your shoebox gift unique and include a letter and photo; those personal touches can mean so much to a child." Franklin Graham

So, start shopping, fill those shoeboxes and bring them to the church by November 6th.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Kid's Ministry Event at B² Farms

Sunday, October 9, 2022 ~ 12:00p

All kids, Kindergarten - 5th Grade are invited to go to B² Farms where you'll enjoy a HUGE Bounce Pad, Hay Rides, Corn Pit, Pumpkin Sling Shot, Tunnel Slide, Hay Mountain, and so much more!!

A Pizza Lunch will be served after the 11:00am service in the Family Life Center, then head out to



B2 Farms for some fun!! Sign up in the Welcome Center. For more information see Heather Glenn or Chelsey Mullins.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Let Pastors Dave and Cameron know they are loved and appreciated!

"He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."

Titus 1:9

Bahama Fire Dept. & First Responder Appreciation Dinner

Monday, October 10th ~ 6:00pm

Join us as we show our appreciation to the First Responders of Bahama. The Baptist Women will provide the meat and tea, however; we are requesting help with vegetables, desserts, and drinks. A sign up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Please have the food at the Bahama Fire Dept. by 5:45pm, then stay and eat with our first responders to help show support for our community.



Youth Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct 29 ~ 7am

It's time to clean out those closets and cabinets and declutter that spare room or garage, and donate any unwanted (gently used and in working order) items to the Youth Yard Sale. Money made from the sale will be used for youth mission trips and projects. Donated items can be brought to the church on Friday, Oct. 28th or Sat. Oct 29th by 7am.

Nothing to donate? Come to the sale and support our youth and their missions.





**Pastor Dave's
Message
for the
Month**

Every day it seems like more and more people are only concerned about themselves. People watch out only for their own interests. They treat others in ways that they themselves would not want to be treated. They put their own needs and wants ahead of everyone else. They think only of themselves. We live in a world where many people are self-focused.

As Christians, God has called us to live differently. God wants us to live with our lives focused on Him and on others. Jesus made this clear in Matthew 22 when He told us what the first and the second greatest commandments are. But this is not something new. This way of thinking has always been the standard for God's people. In Micah 6:8 God said this, "He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" God defines what is good, and He has shown us what is good. He makes it clear that it is good to be honest and fair in the way we live our lives and how we treat others. We are to be kind and faithful towards others. Most importantly, we are to walk in daily submission to God. This is what God requires of us.

So, as we live in a very self-centered world, let's live differently. As we do God will be glorified, we will be blessed, and others will be pointed towards Jesus.

For His glory,

Pastor Dave

**Building
Loan Balance**

(as of 09/10/2022)

\$ 304,159



Tuesday, Oct. 6th ~ 6:45p
(1st Tuesday of each month)

"Better" By Jen Wilkin - Session 8



*We extend our sympathy
and prayers to:*

- ✎ Carol Carden and her family in the death of her mother, Jean Laws
- ✎ Don Garrett and his family in the death of his cousin, JoAnne McDaniel
- ✎ Dawne Lewis and her family in the death of her uncle, Richard Sykes

Autumn Leads to Spring

The new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
-- 2 Corinthians: 5:17

Bright orange pumpkins and gourds decorate doorsteps around town. Maple and honey locust trees are turning scarlet and gold, and sunlit cornfields shimmer against a brilliant blue sky.

Autumn paints the landscape in exuberant color, but there is a bittersweet side to the season as well. In fact, the word "fall" comes from the Old English word "feallan" – meaning to fall or to die. In a matter of a few short weeks, the trees that are now ablaze with color will stand bare, stripped of their foliage. Our gardens will be raked clean of summer's rich bounty. Coneflower, zinnias and ornamental grasses will dry into brittle stalks. Soon the vibrant beauty of fall will transition to the gray days of winter.

Winter may be our least favorite season (at least for many of us), but it is a necessary one. Autumn and winter enable what's no longer useful or necessary to fall away in order to make space for new growth in the spring. It's a time for the earth to replenish, storing up energy for the burst of life that will take place in April and May.

The same can be said for our spiritual growth. Our old, unhealthy behaviors, bad habits and sins must fall away in order to make room for new life and new growth. We, too, must let go of all that is inhibiting us from true life in Christ and retreat into rest in order to be replenished and reinvigorated for the work God has for us. The spiritual seasons of fall and winter are necessary for the spring of rebirth and new life.

The new creation will indeed come, as Paul reminds the Corinthians; our spiritual spring will indeed arrive. But first, we must allow ourselves to let go of all that is old and no longer necessary. We die to ourselves to make space for our new selves to thrive in Christ. *"We know that our old self [our human nature without the Holy Spirit] was nailed to the cross with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin."* Romans 6:6

Heavenly Father, help me let go of the sins that are weighing me down. Help me release all that is unnecessary so that I may thrive in You. Amen.

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/>



Monday, Oct. 17th ~ 7:00p
(3rd Monday of each month)

Join us for a new study;
'33 The Series - A Man and His Design'

33 The Series is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years He lived on earth.

"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye." - Unknown

OCTOBER 2022

BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Deacon's Mtg 4p Ladies Night Out 5p <i>Cassie Gillie</i>	3 <i>Terry Carden Brittany MacDonald</i>	4 Women's Bible Study 6:45p	5 Wed. Night Service 7p	6 <i>Dan Carpenter</i>	7 Youth Dinner/ Bible Study 6:30p	8
9 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am Kid's Ministry Event 12p	10 Bahama FD Dinner 6pm	11 <i>Paul Hall</i>	12 Missions Night 7p <i>Elyssa Koutsis</i>	13	14 Youth Retreat 14 th - 16 th	15 <i>JoLea MacDonald</i>
16 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	17 Men of Iron 7p <i>Kyndall Chambers</i>	18 <i>Wesley Davis</i>	19 Business Mtg 6:45p Wed. Night Service 7p	20 RCWC Luncheon	21	22
23 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am	24	25	26 Wed. Night Service 7p	27 <i>Owen Gentry Don Sharp</i>	28	29 Youth Yard Sale 7am
30 Worship Service 8:45a & 11a Sunday Sch. 10am <i>Dwayne Taylor</i>	31 <i>Collins DiMeo</i>		Memory Verse "He has shown you, O man, what <i>is</i> good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8			



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A Message for Misfits

by Pastor Chuck Swindoll

Before he ever came to the plate, Jephthah had three strikes against him.

- He was an illegitimate child. *Strike one.*
- He was the son of a barmaid and a brute. *Strike two.*
- He was raised in an atmosphere of hatred and hostility. *Strike three.*

Nurtured in an overcrowded cage of half-brothers, he was the constant target of verbal put-downs and violent profanity. Putting it mildly, Jephthah wasn't wanted. He compensated by becoming the meanest kid on the block.

Kicked out of home before he reached young manhood, he took up the lifestyle of a rebel among a tough bunch of thugs that hob-nobbed in a place called Tob. Earning a reputation as the hardest hard-guy, he was elected leader of a gang. They ripped and rammed their way through villages like a pack of wild hyenas. Had they ridden motorcycles, their black leather jackets could have read "The Tob Mob" as they raced over hills, outrunning the law of the land. Read [Judges 11:1-3](#) for yourself. It's all there. A societal reject, Jephthah was Charles Manson, the Boston Strangler, and Clyde Barrow all wrapped in one explosive body. Having him and his apes drop into the Tob Pharmacy for Saturday night malts was about as comfortable as taking a swim with the Loch Ness monster.

Suddenly, a change occurred. The people of Israel encountered a barrage of hostilities from their not-so-friendly neighbors to the east—the Ammonites. The longer the battle raged against this hateful enemy tribe, the more obvious it became that Israel was against the ropes. Defeat was inevitable. The Jews needed a leader with guts to stand up against the fiery foes from Ammon. Guess who the Israelites thought of? Right! They figured that only a guy with his record would qualify for the job, so they called the man from Tob. Tremblingly, they said:

Come and be our chief that we may fight against the sons of Ammon . . . and [you may] become head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. (Judges 11:6, 8)

What a deal! Asking Jephthah if he could fight was like asking Al Hirt if he could blow some jazz or A. J. Foyt if he could drive you around the block. That was Jephthah's day in court. After a brief cat-and-mouse interchange, the mobster signed the dotted line. Predictably, he annihilated the Ammonites in short order and the Tob Evening News

rolled off the presses with the headline: HOODLUM BECOMES HERO - EX-CON ELECTED JUDGE!

Jephthah the judge. Fellow gangsters had to call him "Your Honor." What a switch! Jephthah had no rightful claim to such a high calling.

That would have been true—except for one thing: God's grace. Remember now, God is the One who builds trophies from the scrap pile . . . who draws His clay from under the bridge . . . who makes clean instruments of beauty from the filthy failures of yesteryear.

To underscore this truth, consider Paul's stunning remark made to a group of unsophisticated Corinthian Christians:

Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11a NIV)

Don't rush over those last eight words:

"And that is what some of you were . . ."

Our Father, in great grace, loved *us* when you and I were Jephthah—a rebel or a drunk or a gossip or a crook or a liar or a brawler or a Pharisee or a playboy or an adulteress or a hypocrite or a do-gooder or a dropout or a drug addict. Looking for sinners, He found us in desperate straits. Lifting us to the level of His much-loved Son, He brought us in, washed our wounds, and changed our direction. All our church-going and hymn-singing and long-praying and committee-sitting and religious-talking will never ease the fact that we were dug from a deep, dark, deadly pit. And may we *never* forget it. Classic misfits . . . we.

But there is one major difference between Jephthah and us. God chose to *reveal* his past for everyone to read, while He chose to hide ours so none would ever know what colossal misfits we really are. Talk about grace!

<https://insight.org/resources/daily-devotional/individual/a-message-for-misfits1>

Coming up in November...

Youth Stew - Nov. 5th. A sign up sheet will be in the Welcome Center of ingredients needed for the stew, plus sign up if you would like to purchase stew at \$8/quart.

Fall Festival - Nov. 12th - 1-3pm
Games/Prizes/Photo Booth/Giant Slide/Bounce House/Hay Rides/ Classic Car Show. Volunteers are needed. Sign up in the Welcome Center.