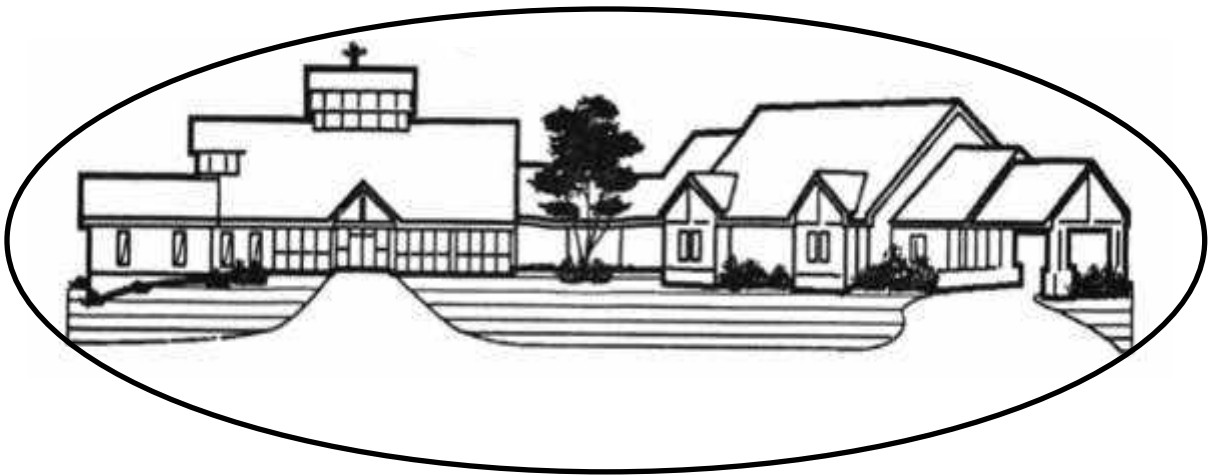


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# Agapegram

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## A Life Lived Near God



*“LORD, who may be a guest in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain?”* Psalm 15:1 EHV

This verse was the opening question of the cluster of Psalms we’ve studied for the past weeks in Wednesday night bible class. A collection of texts that teach us about the Kingdom of God and how it relates to us so that we may be in the presence of God. These thoughts came back to mind while reading the devotional *Daily Light on the Daily Path* with a mix of passages about being in God’s house:

It is good for me to come close to God. - Ps 73:28 WEB

Yahweh, I love the habitation of your house, the place where your glory dwells (Ps. 26:8). —A day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness (Ps. 84:10).—Blessed is one whom you choose, and cause to come near, that he may live in your courts. We will be filled with the goodness of your house, your holy temple (Ps. 65:4).

Yahweh is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him (Lam. 3:25).—Therefore Yahweh will wait, that he may be gracious to you; and therefore he will be exalted, that he may have mercy on you, for Yahweh is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him (Isa. 30:18).

Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, ... let’s draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (Heb 10:19-20, 22).

Somehow the importance of these words seems all the more heightened in these days of lockdowns (whether governmental or self-imposed), restrictions, political wrangling, civil unrest, and the rest. How crucial it is to be in God’s house and the place where his glory dwells. But, take note, these passages aren’t about going to the church building on Sunday morning. Yes, that is a good and necessary thing when it is available to us, but God’s presence isn’t isolated to a sanctuary. God’s house isn’t the building where we love to gather. God’s house is his temple and it is made out of living stones (1 Pet. 2:5). Blessed is the one that he has chosen and caused to come near – that’s you! And you have been filled with the goodness of his house, the goodness of being the body of Christ. Goodness like forgiveness of sins, eternal life, peace, patience, strength, and joy.

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So, whatever your days are looking like this year and whatever the challenges you are facing in these moments, are you living a life near to God? Do you remember that he has already drawn you near to him? You are in his house, sanctuary visits or not, because you are in Christ. He has been gracious to you. He will continue to be gracious to you. Wait on him. Daily! It is good to come close to God!

*"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."* Psalm 145:18  
EHV

*--Pastor David*



### **Finance Board**

In the next few weeks check your church mail boxes for your six-month giving statements. Your review will allow us to correct any errors prior to year-end and for those individuals utilizing on-line giving it will include those amounts. We will note statement availability in the Sunday bulletin and for individuals watching on-line we will have Pastor include it in his summary announcements prior to services beginning.

The church budget process has begun with each board reviewing 2020 and estimating their needs for 2021. We plan to have a document for member review two weeks prior to the November Voter's Meeting. Again, we will utilize the above methods to inform you of the budget's availability. As a result of the Pandemic your prayers for this process are requested.

*~Thank you, Bob Massa*

**PRELIMINARY YEAR END STATEMENTS:** In early October, preliminary offering statements will be printed for all members from 1 January 2020 - 30 September 2020. The purpose of this statement is to assure that all information posted to each member's envelope is correct prior to the final year statement in early January 2021. The statements will be placed in each member's mailbox at the church by mid October 2020. **Please check your statement closely and contact Grover Stewart, Financial Secretary, at 704-603-7092 or [gstewartjr@reagan.com](mailto:gstewartjr@reagan.com) for any concerns or corrections. If you need your statement please contact myself or Celeste in the Church Office.** *~Thank you, Grover Stewart*



## *Deaconess' Musings*

### **The End of Brokenness**

*The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.  
~Psalm 34:16*

While many contemporary authors and speakers prefer to proclaim that the Christian's life should be one of victory and hardship-free triumph, daily life quite frequently decimates that claim. Completely eradicates it. You know all too well how life is full of twists and turns, and ones that are not always wanted or appreciated. Daily are we reminded of just how broken we are, how broken the world is, and just how very little we can do to stop this brokenness.

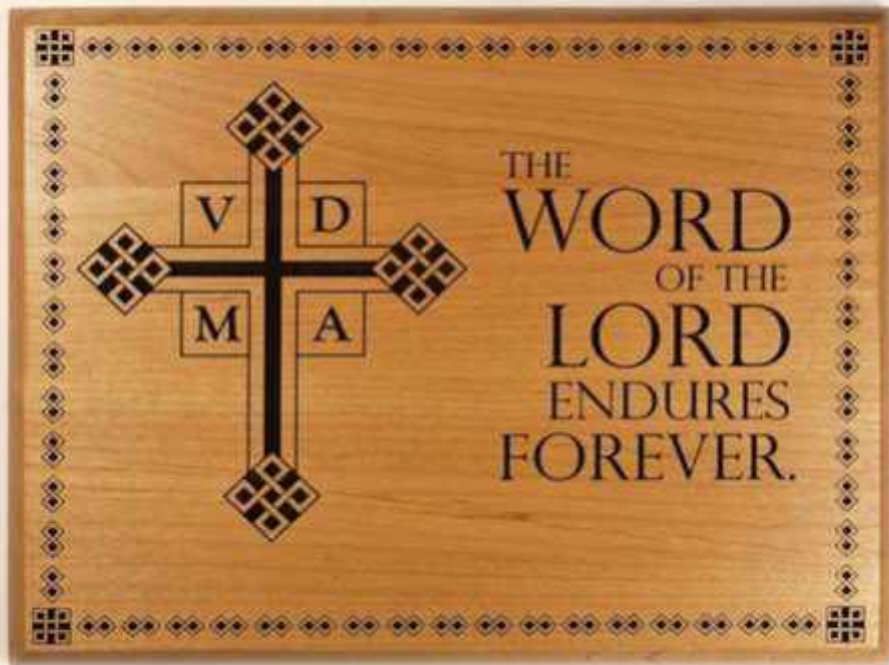
Sin entered the world and broke the back of Creation. It broke the perfect, pure relationship with our Creator God, the world, and each other. No longer perfect, the world became a dirty, dangerous place filled with death and sadness. Once perfect humankind now murdered and lied. Stole and cheated. Placed others and themselves above the Almighty God. Pride now ruled in our hearts. So entrenched are we in sin, we do not see just how utterly despondent and powerless we are to stop ourselves from continuing to fail and break God's Will. Brokenhearted and crushed are we. Who will save us from us?

But here shines the realized and revealed Savior, the Christ Jesus, first promised so long ago in the garden. The longed for Savior that was spoken of throughout the desert wanderings of the Israelites and the promise of a greater David that would establish a kingdom for all nations. The Savior that would bind up the brokenhearted and wipe away every tear caused by humanity's sin-soaked brokenness. Christ Jesus, our LORD, stooped down, entered our world, and died to break the back of sin, death, and the devil for you. He rose again to bring salvation and the forgiveness of sins to you. He will come again to finally restore Creation back to its perfect intentions. It is there that we will finally be at total peace and joy, as we stand face-to-face with our Lord, Savior, and Creator.

Perhaps this truth sometimes feels "too blasé" or "too comfortable." But as situations and times arise that causes us to come face-to-face with our own utter sinfulness, this seemingly simple truth shines brighter than ever before. The Gospel message continues to surprise. That the God of the Universe truly cares for your brokenness and crushed spirit, weighted down by sin's overwhelming burden. So much so that He came to save you from that burden and to exchange it for His easy and light one.

Until Christ's Second Advent, this world will continue to be one of sadness and hardship, but take heart brothers and sisters; our Jesus has redeemed us and will return to right all wrongs and wipe every tear from our longing eyes. Until that Great Day, may we never spurn this simple, yet all-powerful Gospel message and may we cling to it forever.

*~Deaconess Holly*



# Reformation Sunday

## October 25, 2020



Margi and I will be leading another **tour to Israel in 2021**. The theme will be, **“Follow The Good Shepherd”** based on **John 10:11** and **Psalm 23**. Jesus said, **“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”** Join us on this tour and Follow the Good Shepherd in Word and visit the sites of salvation He won by laying down His life for the world. **The dates are October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested please contact me via cell, text, or email: 615-396-7559;

[philmclain@gmail.com](mailto:philmclain@gmail.com). I will send you a brochure. In October we will have a meeting via Zoom and/or hopefully in person.

## The Christian Martyrs of Otranto

Jesus said, "...and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.... And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:22, 28).

Otranto is a small town in Italy, in the ancient province of Apulia, on the Salento peninsula, overlooking the Strait of Otranto that connects the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea, and which separates Italy from Albania. This is a poor, rocky, arid part of Italy, and has been occupied by Greeks, Arabs, Normans, Germans, Arogonese, Venetians, Neapolitans and Turks over the centuries. It is one of the most beautiful places in a beautiful country.

There is a small cathedral in Otranto, built in the eleventh century by the Normans. The cathedral is remarkable for its tile mosaic floor laid down in 1163—1165 by artists overseen by a monk from a nearby monastery. The mosaic depicts "the tree of life," with scenes from the Old Testament, historical figures, paradise and the inferno, where the devil wears an unmistakable Turkish mustache.

On 28 July 1480, a little more than 300 years after the mosaic was completed, 18,000 Muslim Turks arrived in boats below the city's walls atop the cliffs of Otranto. On 11 August, after 13 days of bombardment, the Turkish soldiers breached the walls and entered the city. At the cathedral, the Turks found Archbishop Stefano Agricola in the doorway, wearing his vestments and holding a crucifix, asking for mercy for the believers who had sought refuge inside. He was beheaded in front of the altar, and the other priests were cut in half. Males over age 15 as well as small children and infants were slaughtered, and the women and older children in the cathedral were taken to be sold as slaves in Albania. Historical accounts record that perhaps 12,000 were killed and 5,000 enslaved by the Turkish invaders, including victims from the area around Otranto.

Contemporary accounts also record that 800 able-bodied men from the town were brought together and told by the Turkish commander to convert to Islam or be killed. A tailor named Antonio Primaldi, one of the 800, is reported to have said, "Now it is time for us to fight to save our souls for the Lord. And since He died on the cross for us, it is fitting that we should die for him." At this, the prisoners are said to have cheered loudly. On 14 August, the 800 were led to the Hill of Minerva, just south of the broken city walls. The prisoners were made to kneel before a large rock, and the Muslim executioners severed their heads with their swords, one after another, 800 times. One of the executioners supposedly refused to take part and was immediately killed by his comrades. The first to be beheaded were luckier than the latter ones, as even the finest swords are dulled by bone and rock.

Otranto was retaken by the Arogonese in the spring of 1481. On 13 October 1481, the remains of the 800 were found and brought to the cathedral. Today, many skulls, femurs, and other bones can be seen behind glass in a large reliquary in the Chapel of the Martyrs in the south aisle of the church. Revisionists question whether the 800 were killed for their faith, but there are many who question our faith today, too. In any case, in the late Middle Ages in Europe, the Christian Faith was at the center of things, and many in Otranto surely died as believers in Christ while resisting the Muslim invaders. Today, we face many challenges. While the challenges we face are not as stark as those of the people of Otranto, they are nonetheless dangerous for our souls if we lose sight of our Savior.

*Father, thank You for the sacrifice of Your Holy Son for our sins, and the example of Your faithful martyrs of Otranto. Keep us in Your Word, keep our faith strong, keep our eyes on Jesus. Amen.*

*--Paul Wilson, ESLC Head Elder*

## October Council Update

ESLC Council reviewed & discussed the following in our latest meeting:

**Live-Streaming Services Update:** All necessary equipment to stream services with quality video and audio have finally been delivered. Initial testing by Cecil Murray has been very positive. After an initial pilot test, we plan to offer the early service on YouTube at 8:30 AM every Sunday morning. Members who miss the live stream can view the archive playback on YouTube any time after its original production.

**Children's Sunday School F2F:** The Board of Christian Education led by Janet Walker presented their plan for our children's physical return to Sunday School. Council unanimously approved the plan. Sunday School's first session back was September 20th. Special thanks to Janet and the entire Board for creating and implementing this plan.

### **Church Bus Update:**

Gene Kunkel (Bus Lead) and Bob Massa (Asst Bus Lead) held the first bus driver training session with their team. Several improvement ideas came to light and have been added



(i.e. on-board defib, brake controller for Disaster Relief trailer, battery trickle charger...). See the pics on the bus's first outing with Seth to visit some disabled vets. Thanks again to Gene and Bob for leading this new ministry!

**Safety Committee Phase 1 Recommendation:** The Committee's Phase 1 recommendation of installing film laminate to all ground level windows and an external church video monitoring system was presented to the Council and was approved unanimously. Both items will be presented at the Annual Voters Meeting in November for final approval. Special thanks to the entire Safety Committee for their months of diligent work in bringing this important recommendation to the Council. Committee members are Dan Arkfeld (Co-Lead) Tom Eckersley (Co-Lead), Nicole Beattie, Pastor David, Sam Hamrick, Woo Wagner, Cecil Murray (Technical Consultant) and I.

**Mark your Calendars, Hybrid Congregation Meeting will be Held November 15th:** Our annual Voters Meeting will be held on November 15th after late service. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting as we'll have a limited number of people attending physically (social distancing and masks...) in the Fellowship Room as well as all members who want to attend remotely via Zoom (remote meeting tool). Remote attendees will be able to ask questions and vote just as if they were attending personally in the Fellowship Room. Key items that will be discussed and voted on will be: 2021 Church Budget, new 2021 Board Chairs and the Safety Committee's Phase 1 Recommendation.

*In His service,  
John Cochell*



# The Fountain

by Kerry Blount

<sup>4</sup> Jesus had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup> You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals." <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life." John 4 (EHV)

There's a fountain free, 'tis for you and me,  
Let us haste, O, haste, to its brink.  
'Tis the fount of love from the Source above,  
And He bids us all freely drink.

There's a living stream with a crystal gleam:  
From the throne of life now it flows;  
While the waters roll let the weary soul  
Hear the call that forth freely goes.

There's a Rock that's cleft, and no soul is left  
That may not its pure waters share.  
'Tis for you and me, and its stream I see;  
Let us hasten joyfully there.

Will you come to the fountain free?  
Will you come? 'Tis for you and me.  
Thirsty soul, hear the welcome call:  
'Tis a fountain opened for all.

I am drawn again and again to Jesus' offer of the water of life. So are a host of others. The simple but moving lyrics above come from just one of the many, many songs inspired by contemplation of the Fountain from whence the living water flows. Our thirsty souls long to quaff the pure essence of Life that ends our deepest thirst forever. Let us not wait until we kneel by the river of life in heaven, but instead let us drink of it daily as Jesus continually offers it "on the road" as we love and serve, worship and pray, and follow in His steps. Will you come?



## Board of Christian Outreach and Disaster Response Teams Working Together right here in Oconee County!

There are many opportunities for members of our congregation to help, not only in the Upstate but throughout the Southeast. If you would like to be part of a team cutting up downed trees from tornadoes and hurricanes, building ramps for the handicapped, helping families in time of need.....please contact *Cecil Murray, Deek Decker, Bill Barthel, or Lars Helland.*



## *Comfort Dog News*

Seth and the Comfort Dog Team continue to seek ways to reach out to our community even though our visits are limited due to COVID-19. Here are some highlights of our recent activities:

- Care packages sent to Bryan Thibeault who is deployed to Poland with the Army Reserves
  - Goody bags given to the staff at Oconee Memorial Hospital's ER Department
  - Creative plaques made for Lila Doyle residents, Cottingham Hospice House nurses and other individuals
  - Window visits at Brookdale, Willows and Foothills Assisted Living Facilities
  - ESLC member outside home visits
  - Little Lambs Preschool students greeted before school
  - Seneca High School meetings with students who lost a classmate in a tragic car accident (see picture)
  - Attended two veteran hospice patients "Veteran's Last Patrol" ceremony (see picture)
- On-line chats or Zoom visits with supporters of Seth

We don't know what the future holds for this ministry but pray that God continues to give us ideas and opportunities to serve our community as He leads. Seth loves to work so this "downtime" has been a bit hard for him but we try to keep him busy and engaged so when doors are open for us, he is ready to go!



To God be the Glory,  
~ *Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*  
864-932-8308



## 2020 BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE FOOTHILLS CARE CENTER

Thank you to all who supported the 2020 Baby Bottle Drive to benefit the Foothills Care Center (FCC) this year. Eternal Shepherd raised \$5337.40. This is by far the largest amount we have collected!! Due to the COVID pandemic, we were

not sure what type of response we would receive this year. We had amazing support! A heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment to this wonderful ministry. Your continued support enables FCC to fulfill their mission *“To glorify God the Creator, by protecting and promoting the value of all human life”*. What a blessing to be part of this God pleasing ministry!



Many thanks to Celeste, Pastor and Grover for their help throughout this new process to support FCC. On behalf of FCC, thank you and God bless! *Tracy Cochell*

### ESLC Church Bus Update

On Wednesday September 16, 2020 our bus was used for the first time. Six members of the K-9 Military Comfort Dog Team and Seth rode the bus to two “Last Patrol” ceremonies in Easley for two military veterans in Hospice care. Prior to the pandemic Seth and the team had been regularly visiting both veterans. Because one of the ceremonies was in a residential area it was requested that the number of cars be limited, hence we took the bus. Our drivers were fantastic and Seth rode well. All the attendees, approximately 20 to 30 besides our group were introduced to Eternal Shepherd and our Comfort Dog Ministry. After the second program during a follow-up conversation the commander of the “Last Patrol” organization invited us to participate in future patrols.

On the horizon our Disaster Relief Team may use the bus to travel to areas damaged in the recent hurricanes.

Should you like more information concerning the “Last Patrol” or this event, please ask a member of the Military K-9 Team. Should you desire to be transported by the bus to and from Eternal Shepherd for church services or events contact Gene Kunkel (864-944-1960) or Bob Massa (803-447-9894). If you are a church organization and would like to utilize the bus. Also, contact Gene Kunkel or Bob Massa.





## Haiti Missions

### School starts at Rocky Road Haiti

Pastor Walta and Pastor Samuel send greetings to everyone at Eternal Shepherd. They sent the picture of how much the Banana plants have grown in one month. They write "These gardens of various fruit trees will make a very big difference in the lives of many people. You are changing their life". Last month we wire transferred funds to cover the salaries of the teachers at Pas Bonbon. At Pas Bonbon there is a Principle/Teacher, 4 teachers, and a cook. The teacher's pay ranges from \$100/month to \$120/month and the cook receives \$50/month. Yes, that is Per Month! We also provide the meals at both Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road Lutheran Schools. Because of the exponential growth of both of these schools, I (Lars) am trying to find additional LCMS churches to help support our efforts in Haiti. If you know of any churches that might be interested, I will gladly go there and do a presentation.



**For more information on what our Mission Committee is doing, please contact Lars Helland. *We are always open for new Mission Opportunities!***

### TOY'S FOR GOD'S KIDS



The "Smilemakers" of ESLC are still making "Toy Cars" for the children of the world. While there are no mission trips going out at present we intend to reach the children through the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry. If you have a friend at another Church who would like some cars for their shoeboxes please give Pastor Ray Ramsburg the information so he can contact them. Help us to bring smiles to the children of the world. *Thank You!*

## Honduras Mission 2021

At this point in time there are no Serve Teams traveling to Honduras to serve with World Gospel Outreach, our host, when we go to serve. Several missionary friends have gone back to Honduras however from what we hear the ability to move around the country is very limited. The CEO of World Gospel has posted an update on their website and I would like to share a part of it.

From CEO Abel Pena:

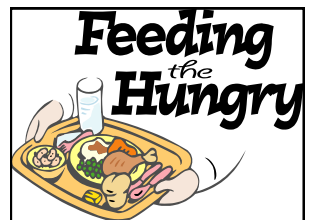
It is WGO's desire to receive Serve Teams in Honduras and Belize as soon as possible in a healthy and safe way. WGO is committed to continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic in both countries and keep you updated as we receive in-country governmental guidance and more clarity as each country begins the reopening process and our steps to bringing back Serve Teams to both countries. We appreciate all of your prayers, financial gifts, and most of all, your partnership in the ministry of reaching those in Honduras and Belize with the eternal hope of the Gospel. Know that we are praying for each one of you and for the hand of God to cover us through this time.

Normally in the Fall we have our "Helping Hands for Honduras" fundraiser to gather funds to buy supplies and medicine for our mission trip. At this time I believe our February trip is doubtful, however, our host WGO, and the people of Honduras continue to need our help. We cannot hand out gloves as before but we can donate to the cause. If you would like to help the WGO staff in Honduras reach out to the people with food and medicine please donate through our church. **Mark the check: Honduras Mission Fund - Helping Hands for Honduras.** We will then pass it on to our friends at WGO in Honduras. Thank you for your support.

*~Que Dios te bendiga (May God Bless You), Pastor Ray*

### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY OF SENECA, SAT. OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>:**

Due to the continued concerns over the Covid-19 Pandemic we will continue social distancing for our Saturday service date October 10th. At this time, the Our Daily Bread building will not be open for gatherings. Serving this Ministry however will continue. As the organizers of this Ministry we feel it is easiest for us to make bagged lunches to hand out at the door of Our Daily Bread. Our Ministry has been blessed with many volunteers who have been willing to gather to prepare and serve lunches for our hungry friends in Seneca. We know that many of you would like to get back to normal and would be willing to volunteer for this service date. We ask that you understand that under current conditions we feel that limiting this activity is the most prudent way to keep our members safe. Rest assured that if things change regarding Our Daily Bread guidelines, we will be in touch by group email to those that have supported this Ministry. Please be in prayer for this important Ministry and for the individuals it touches in our community. We are looking forward to gathering soon, we miss you all! *~Colleen and Rich Hesemann*





## ***Our Mission: Empower.***

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***Please be sure to read their News Letter. You may pick up a copy at the front desk or go to [RippleofOne.org](http://RippleofOne.org) for more details or to volunteer.***

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## **FOOD BANK NEWS:**

Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month. These items will help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **October's** preferred product is "***Peanut Butter***". Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank located down by the main Fellowship Hall. *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Habitat For Humanity is in need of volunteers throughout the organization. There are jobs for men and women in all areas. Please consider helping in this worthwhile organization. If you have any questions contact Henry or Sue Watson.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BABYREAD

BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read to moms and their babies or toddlers at public or school libraries twice a month for one hour each time. **Become a Baby-Read volunteer by emailing Caren at [babyread@charter.net](mailto:babyread@charter.net).** To learn more about BabyRead, go to [www.babyread.org](http://www.babyread.org).



**SUNDAY FLOWER CHART** - this sign-up chart is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Tiger Lily of Clemson has continued to do a beautiful job with their arrangements without raising the price which will remain at \$25.00 per vase. You can sign up for as many Sundays as you want during the whole year for the dates that have special meanings for you and your family. Directions are posted above the chart.



**Greeting Cards**— Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Cancer/Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! All these cards have been restocked in the cart in the Fellowship Hall. They are \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. Take a little extra time and check them out. *Thank you for your support.*

## SCRIP CARDS

Scrip Cards are now available and make *great gifts* as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. For orders please contact Beckie Rau by phone 944-6096; or by email at [cbrau@charter.net](mailto:cbrau@charter.net). After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Please note we will not be handling this directly person to person in the interest of safety. *~Thank you for your support.*





## Hospitality Happenings for October

***No in house hospitality happenings at this time due to current restrictions.***

*As always we thank you for your support and look forward to the day we can once again join together at ESLC in fellowship.*

Thinking about joining the hospitality board?  
Please see myself or Marlene Bell with any questions. *In his service, Sue Williams*



### October Birthdays

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Jim Fireovid           | 15 - Rev. Ray Ramsburg |
| 2 – Dave Smith             | 18 –Ken Schneider      |
| David Stupke               | 19 – Juanita Dettman   |
| 3 – Elisabeth Baker        | 20 – Wally Fiebelkorn  |
| William Harth              | Cas Marszal            |
| 4 – Jason Fireovid         | Craig Wells            |
| 6 – LuWanna Johnson        | 24 – Helga Johnston    |
| 7 – John Hermann           | 25 – Bob Morriss       |
| Lisa Wagner                | Chet Pilcher           |
| 9 – Jeep Feldt             | 27 – Gabe Sitler       |
| Sue Schneider              |                        |
| 11 – Gloria Christopherson |                        |
| 13 - Amy Rebholz           |                        |
| 14 - Evie Cornine          |                        |
| Elaine Grotheer            |                        |



### October Anniversaries

- 8 – Larry & Jan Snyder
- 9 – Joshua & Katrina Madden
- 15 – Ted & Sarah Wanthal
- 19 – Jason & Mary Fireovid
- 20 – Milo & Marlene Bell
- 22 – Kerry & Sue Blount



## SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS



### **In August the following gifts were given:**

In loving memory of *Reta Enders*  
the Little Lambs Preschool Fund received gifts of \$242.22

In loving memory of *Claire Giordano*  
the Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$25.00

### Other Gifts:

The Alaska Mission Fund received a gift of \$10.00

The Church Bus Fund received gifts of \$620.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$50.00,  
and a gift of \$256.00 from Thrivent Choice

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The Disaster Response Team Fund received gifts of \$410.00

The Elders Fund received gifts of \$754.00

The Foothills Care Center Baby Bottle Drive received gifts of \$781.77

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$750.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received a gift of \$100.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$584.84

The Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*)  
received a gift of \$565.79

# Little Lambs Tales

*“The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, blesses us” Psalm 67:7*

As we head into the month of October, we are thankful for the cool mornings and the wonders that God reveals to us in the season of autumn.

On September 16th we were able to enjoy a fun-filled day as we celebrated Farm Day! God certainly blessed us with beautiful cool weather to enjoy our day. Ms Sara Foster brought her Farm Animals once again and along with her children (Little Lambs Graduates) taught us all about the animals. We got to visit with sheep, goats and chickens! Boy did we learn a lot about these animals and how important they are on the Farm! The children also did some square dancing with Farm Music (thanks Deaconess Holly), shucked corn, ate apple pie, and stuffed the scarecrow which is now standing outside of our preschool doors! It was certainly a fun day for all of us!



Our days at Little Lambs Preschool continue to run smoothly as we venture into our next season. We expect that our students will begin to have the normal sicknesses that occur during this time of year (colds and such) but we have seen that the parents are extra cautious and are keeping their children home when they are not feeling well. Perhaps this will be a silver lining that we will see during these crazy times.

We ask for your continued prayers of protection for all of our Little Lambs families and especially for our staff that we can stay healthy and well. *Thank you and God Bless. ~Gina Cote*



**LLPS Farm Day! September 16, 2020**

# Hands That Give



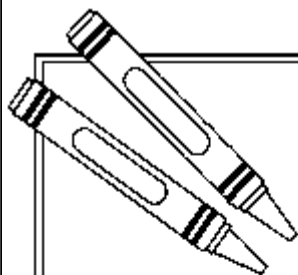
There are many ways you can give to others.  
All you have to do is lend a hand!

## What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

## What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room — like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.



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## THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z** .....

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K  
 D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O  
 X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B  
 T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y  
 J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T  
 O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_."

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

## **SERVICE TIMES**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor: David Hammer  
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Preschool Director: Gina Cote  
Choir Director: Rick Schmidt  
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