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The Word Makes the Difference

... *When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?* Luke 18:8 EHV

A portion of a recent blog by Ken Ham followed by a few comments.

Ham writes:

... Prior to his presidency, in his gubernatorial inaugural address in 1967, Ronald Reagan stated:

Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from extinction.

In responding to mob violence in the country in 1838, President Abraham Lincoln stated:

... *All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest; with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge, in a trial of a thousand years. At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reach us, it **must spring up amongst us**. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction were our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.*

While delivering a speech in Australia, in August 2014, atheist Lawrence Krauss stated:

*Change is always **one generation away** . . . So if we can plant the seeds of doubt in our children, religion will go away in a generation, or at least largely go away—and that's what I think we have an obligation to do.*

In 1935, Nazi Germany's dictator, Hitler, was reported as stating:

*He alone, **who owns the youth, gains the Future!*** (The quote was translated from German into English in 1946 during the Nuremburg trials.)

In the book of Judges, we read: *And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. (2:7)*

Then we are told Joshua and the generation with him who saw the great work of the Lord ... died.

*And there arose **another generation after them who did not know the LORD** or the work that he had done for Israel. And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. And they abandoned the LORD... (2:10–12)*

They lost the spiritual legacy they had in **one generation**.

In January 2018, Christian researcher George Barna stated that Generation Z (born between 1999–2015) is the **first truly “post-Christian” generation**. In fact, statistics show Generation Z is twice as likely to be atheist as any previous generation.

... The family is the backbone of the culture, and the family is the educational unit God set up to pass on a spiritual legacy to the next generation and impact the world for him in each generation. It only takes one generation to lose the spiritual legacy, and the devil knows this. That's why the family has come under incredible attack.

The devil knows that to destroy the family is to destroy the culture and stop a godly legacy from being passed to the next generation so it can impact people's lives. As President Lincoln detailed, it's the attacks from within that will destroy.

If you think about it, the evil issues permeating our culture right now are all ultimately an attack on the family to destroy the culture from within.

The devil has also attacked the family in the church. More attacks from within! There's been a generational loss from the church, and now we are seeing church attendance figures for Millennials and Generation Z down to less than 9%. Much of the church has given up (compromised/ignored) the authority of God's Word in Genesis, thus undermining the foundation of all doctrine and a biblical worldview. Much of the church is lukewarm, not raising up generations to boldly stand on God's Word.

Sadly, we are now in a situation where generations of kids have been taught through the education system, media, internet, and movies that the Bible is a book of mythology, man is just an animal, and morality is relative.

Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint." Now this literally means that where there is no revelation (e.g., prophetic vision, word from the Lord), there is no restraint.

Notice that this verse finishes with "but blessed is he who keeps the law." People will not be happy until they are obeying God's law. We do live in a time where we see this happening. The younger generations are casting off restraint as purpose and meaning in life is whatever they can get out of it right now. And in their rebellion against God, they will do whatever they can to justify doing whatever they want to do (especially with sex).

... By Ken Ham on August 30, 2022 <https://answersingenesis.org/family/it-only-takes-one-generation/>

These reflections by Ham bring two key thoughts to mind. One is often a focus for us in October when Reformation is before us: The importance of the Word of God in its authority and as the shaper of our worldview. But the second thought is equally important: We must also live by it! It should guide our every thought, word, action, and behavior. Having a theoretical standard that doesn't manifest in daily life doesn't help us and doesn't give witness to a wandering world.

The Redeemed of God who know the grace of Christ must be the ones who walk by the Word and rely upon the strength of His Spirit to make the difference in our land and culture. God's Word itself is both our defense and the weapon in this fight as Luther rightly reminds us:

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it; for God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

In the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it. Isa. 55:11 EHV



Pastor David

Oct 2022 Council Update

The Council Team met on September 7th. Following are some updates from your Council:

Outreach Board Update:

Elaine Rich has resigned from her chair position as she has decided to move to the Tryon, NC area. We wish her the best in her move and thank her for her service over the last couple of years. I am pleased to announce that Ann Miller has agreed to finish Elaine's term and lead the Outreach Board as chair starting this next January.

Acting in her new role, Ann proposed that ES begin a Ramp Building Ministry that would continue to build ramps for church members as needed but would also build ramps for our neighbors outside of ES. Deek Decker would lead this new ministry under Outreach. After discussion, the Council voted unanimously their approval for this new ministry and for Deek to lead it.

Colleen and Rich Hesseman have decided to step down as Feed the Hungry (FtH) leads. Special thanks to them both for their years of service helping feed our neighbors. Mark and Sandy Kunkel have agreed to lead FtH and was approved by Council to join Ann's Outreach Board.

Youth Fire Pit:

Andrea Toussaint proposed that a firepit be built for youth fellowship. Monty Moore suggested a location between the bus garage and Seth's dog run. After discussion, the Council approved Andrea's proposal

Safety Committee Recommendation:

Dan Arkfeld (Committee Chair) led a discussion on how the Safety Committee has been trying to change ES from a "soft" target into a "harder" one. This process began in earnest in 2019. Changes have included locking doors during services, hiring Captain Ken Washington to consult with us on this effort, modifying the landscape, installing security cameras, installing security film on first floor windows and doors, establishing Shelter in Place rooms, and holding a training session for ES Leaders (Council members, Elders, Sunday School teachers, ministry leads, and others). A further step would be to establish an armed Safety Response Team. Dan explained that Captain Washington led the preliminary investigation to see if such a team was feasible at ESLC. It was determined that there are enough people qualified to form a team. Captain Washington assured the council that members of the team would be carefully screened, trained, retrained, and certified to prepare for an active shooter situation, with the safety of the congregation always the chief concern.

Council had a wide-ranging discussion covering South Carolina gun laws, insurance, liability concerns, counseling, and how this team would be integrated into an overall response to an active shooter situation. Dan and Captain Washington assured Council that in addition to this team, that there would be a command structure to deal with the safety of the congregation, such as other people would be trained to lead members to the Shelter in Place Rooms. Leaders would also be trained to handle other emergency situations. Pastor Hammer told Council that other options, such as hiring an off-duty police officer, had been investigated but were found to be impractical. Captain Washington said that there was no set time frame for when the team could be in place, that it would depend upon how well training and certification went.

The Safety Committee's recommendation and motion reads:

"Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church establish and implement an armed Safety Response Team (SRT) whose goal is to keep members safe. SRT members would qualify, participate in ongoing training and regularly be certified to maintain proficiency as recommended by Captain Ken Washington."

Council approved this recommendation and will bring it up to the congregation in our November annual meeting.

In His service,
John Cochell



October 30th
8:30 am and 11:00 am
Communion Both Services

**Join us each week for Wonderful Wednesdays
potluck dinners on Wednesday evenings.**

**This will allow our rising confirmands to attend
class and then fellowship with other church
members for dinner.**



Confirmation Class begins at 5:00pm
Potluck Dinner & Fellowship from 5:30-6:30pm
Choir Practice begins at 6:30pm

***Note: Every third Wednesday, we'll be hosting Youth Conversations where
members of our congregation will speak and teach our Youth about various
topics.***

QUIZ TIME

By Bob Massa, Head Elder

“The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the son of God.

It is written by Isaiah the prophet:

I will send my messenger ahead of you,
Who will prepare your way,
A voice will be calling in the desert,
Prepare the way for the Lord,
Make straight paths for him.

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Mark 1:1–8.

Answer YES, NO, or MAYBE to these situations:

1. John the Baptist was the kind of guy I would like to...
 - a. Take shopping
 - b. Rock me to sleep
 - c. Get stuck with in an elevator
 - d. Invite to a black tie dinner
 - e. Drive with for 500 miles keeping within the speed limit
 - f. Send to convert my hard-hearted sister in the hospital
 - g. Sit with at an all-you-can-eat buffet
2. Why did the people flock to John the Baptist instead of avoiding him?
 - a. He was the first prophet in 300 years
 - b. He was more interesting than a circus
 - c. Anyone will come to see a fire burn
 - d. He spoke to the reality of their hearts
 - e. He talked about sin and forgiveness
3. In modern words, what was the overall message of John?
 - a. You can have it all
 - b. Look out for number one
 - c. Turn or burn
 - d. You only go around once, so reach for the gusto
 - e. Pay me now or pay me later
 - f. There’s a new day coming
4. Why was the establishment so upset with John?
 - a. his popularity
 - b. his simple life
 - c. his preaching
 - d. his attack on sin
 - e. his call for change
5. What role did John the Baptist play in the overall Plan of God?
 - a. shake up the establishment
 - b. bridge the Old to New Testament
 - c. prepare folks for the coming of Christ
 - d. baptize Jesus
 - e. alert sinners to the need for a Savior

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YOUR CHOICES

1. If John the Baptist came to your town with this message, how would he be Received?
 - a. The media would love it
 - b. People would flock to him
 - c. Church people would be polite
 - d. Everybody would run for cover
 - e. People would ignore him
2. Who played the part of John the Baptist In your life – who “prepared the way” for Jesus?
 - a. My parents
 - b. A Sunday school teacher
 - c. A coach/counselor/teacher
 - d. A special friend
 - e. A whole lot of people
 - f. Nobody yet
3. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus right now?
 - a. just beginning
 - b. nowhere
 - c. holding
 - d. struggling
 - e. roller-coaster
 - f. going great
4. What would it take to move you in your relationship with God?
 - a. a little support
 - b. a deeper commitment
 - c. some spiritual discipline
 - d. a big change
 - e. a miracle
 - f. a strong belief that God loves even me

Thank
you



We wish to thank God, Pastor, Deaconess Holly and everyone who was involved in making Henry’s memorial service so special. Also, thanks to everyone who attended, especially considering the weather. It was truly heartwarming.

*God’s blessings to all, Sue, Diane and Keith Watson
and the rest of the family*

REQUEST FOR VIDEOGRAPHY VOLUNTEERS With the start of college this fall we are down two of our videography volunteers. Additionally, we have lost one of our other youth volunteers due to other obligations and his busy schedule. Recording and streaming ESLC worship services provides a very valuable option to those who are shut-ins or cannot attend for whatever reason. Performing this service is very straight forward with clearly documented, easy to follow instructions. Additionally, new volunteers receive training needed to confidently perform these duties. We ask that you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your congregation and Jeanne Arkfeld know if you are willing to do this. His contact information is email: jeanne.arkfeld@gmail.com and phone: 614-499-2298. Thank you



Ministry of the Month



Who are the Women of the LWML?

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), with a membership of over 250,000, is the only official women's organization within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For over 60 years, this organization has encouraged and equipped many women to live their Christian lives in active ministries, and to financially support countless global missions.



“For Us and With Us,” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances far greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But, in Christ, who is "for us and with us", we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. **This celebratory LWML Sunday Oct. 9th will encourage all hearers of God's Word, so that we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ Jesus.**

Eternal Shepherd is a member of the Carolinas District LWML. Our district designated missions have, in recent years, provided support to ministries at ESLC - such as our Comfort Dog, Disaster Relief Team, and others, in a reciprocal show of support. We've been working at Eternal Shepherd to increase our presence and financial support for Carolinas District. **A new focus in fundraising is to view Mite box monies, instead, as our "Might" offerings - think Might, as in Mighty, - a "first-fruits" offering - for all men, women, and children to be able to join in on supporting such a diverse group of Synod missions worldwide!**

LWML is featured during October as Eternal Shepherd's "Ministry of the Month", with a narthex bulletin board and streaming video providing many details of the vast array of missions, both worldwide and domestic. There are also financial updates available - please take time to check those out, and then to prayerfully consider a \$ check made out to Carolinas District LWML. Or, online giving to LWML is now built into our Eternal Shepherd portal as a simple option - gifts are a focus during October, but always needed throughout the entire year...

Thanks for taking the time to learn a bit more about LWML and how all of us can support these growing needs - you may contact Kathy Bergeson if you want any additional information.

Thanks, in advance, for your prayers, plus also for your prayerful giving...!

2022 BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE FOOTHILLS CARE CENTER

Thank you to all who supported the 2022 Baby Bottle Drive to benefit the Foothills Care Center (FCC) this year. Ann and I presented the Eternal Shepard check to FCC for \$7,297. A heartfelt thanks for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment to this wonderful ministry. Foothills is still using their Clemson office as their main location. They had to close the Seneca office in October 2021 due to water damage. They plan to move back into their new renovated building in Seneca this November. This check will contribute to their remodel. Plus, 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, Grover Stewart, Bill Smith, and Jim Zwahlen for their help throughout this campaign to support FCC.

On behalf of FCC, thank you and God bless! *Tracy Cochell*



Comfort Dog Ministry News

Next month, our team will be joining Hope Comfort Dog's team from Marietta, GA on a joint mission to visit with the residents at Lutheran Towers in Atlanta, GA. One of our newest Comfort Dog team members, Sue McCart, serves on the board of directors for Lutheran Towers and shared with us what this wonderful faith-based community in Midtown Atlanta is doing in serving vulnerable members of their community. Lutheran Towers is a mission outreach of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atlanta and is celebrating 50 years of service this November. Its mission statement is, *"To provide safe, quality, and affordable housing with person-centered supportive services that empower its residents to thrive"*. It is a HUD facility so many of its residents cannot afford some of the basic needs for a quality life.

In celebration of Lutheran Towers' 50th Anniversary, we will be bringing some "Comfort Dog" joy to the residents on the afternoon of November 18. In addition to visiting with the residents, we will be collecting various items that are needed by the residents as listed below. It is requested that all donated items be new and unopened. Our hope is to "Stuff the Bus" with many of these needed items!

Household Items

Blankets
Sheet Sets (All sizes Twin-Queen)
Pillow and pillowcases
Towel and wash cloth sets
Throw/Lap Blankets
Toilet Tissue/ Paper Towels/ Trash Bags
Dish Sets
Pots and pan sets

Cleaning Supplies

Cleaning Dusting Kit with Extendable Handle
Laundry detergent
Dish washing soap

Miscellaneous

Walking Canes
Grabber Tool
Personal Buggy/ Shopping Carts

Personal Items

Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Body wash
Slippers with Non-Skid Soles
Reading Glasses (various strengths)

Gift Cards

VISA Gift Cards
Kroger
Publix
Trader Joes

We are asking our members to help us in this endeavor by contributing any of these items. By doing so, we will love and serve our neighbors that reside in Lutheran Towers, Atlanta in a tangible way. There will be a collection tub in the narthex starting September 29 with a "Stuff the Bus" label on it where you can place your contributions. Also, if you prefer purchasing a gift card, be sure to buy them from one of our Scrip ladies at church! The deadline for contributions to Lutheran Towers will be Sunday, November 13. We will also be asking our Sunday School students to make Thanksgiving Day cards for the residents. If you would also like to make/give a Thanksgiving Day card, please do so! Please see Jean Dombi, Sue McCart or me if you have any questions! Thank you in advance for any help you can provide!

To God be the Glory, Kyra Carbone, Top Dog

Honduras Mission News:

Your ESLC Honduras Mission Team will be serving in Tegucigalpa, the Capitol from Feb. 18 to 25, 2023. We have the beginning of a team but are in need of more people who would like to be part of this Short-term Mission. Please pray about this way to serve our Lord. We need to have the team formed in the next 30 to 45 days in order to request our airline seats.

We depart GSP early on Saturday the 18th for a short flight to Miami and then have about a 2 hour flight to Honduras, arriving about Noon. We stay at the World Gospel Outreach Mission House outside of Tegucigalpa; a modern, 10 year old facility, with bunkrooms, showers, bathrooms and a dining hall where our meals are prepared by Honduran cooks.

The cost per missionary will be approximately \$1650.00 total, depending on airline rates. This includes airfare, food, lodging, transportation and translators. We will need to raise in the area of \$6000.00 extra to cover supplies and medical personnel. This amount can be reduced if we have doctors and nurses as part of the team. We plan to have a fund-raiser in November to cover these expenses.

While there we provide medical and dental services, medicine, children's ministry, a pharmacy, and most importantly, we share the Gospel, all in a brigade setting at a local church. We travel to and from the brigade sites on a WGO bus.

Come, be a part of our Serve Team. Christ is counting on you.
Dios te bendiga (God Bless You), Pastor Ray



**To serve or answer your questions please contact
Rev. Ray Ramsburg at bonsairev@charter.net**

Irina Creek: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Recipient

Sept 9-11 was Operation Christmas Child Project Leader Weekend, which meant that there were special workshops in multiple places across the Upstate. The one I attended was held at Judah Church in Anderson, and the guest speaker was Irina Creek, who received her shoebox in 2000, when she was 10 years old. Check out her story below. **Remember: Our Shoebox Packing Party will be November 5th at 3pm. Please join us for an amazing time of fellowship and some exciting new information!**
~Terri Baumann, OCC Project Leader



Irina was born in 1989 during the Soviet Bloc breakup. Her parents were alcoholics. When she was 4 and ½, her dad was in prison and her mom left home one day in winter, and never returned. Irina and her sister never saw her again. Irina had another sister that was 20 years older. She came to the house and took Irina and her sister Katia to the orphanage, telling them that they would like it there because there were so many other kids to play with. Irina was excited to go, but the truth of the orphanage was a very different story. There was no hot water and no privacy. All the children, both boys and girls, had to use the bathroom together, and they had to sleep together in the same beds too. The rules were very strict. Those in charge yelled a lot, were very mean, and often stripped the children naked and locked them in the attic for hours at a time.

Irina lost hope and wondered if there was anyone who could help her. One day she saw a pretty woman in the orphanage who was smiling, so she broke the rules, stepped out of line and ran to the woman, telling her the horrible conditions in the place and asking her to help them. The woman told her that she knew what was happening, but couldn't do anything about it. That evening while she laid in bed, she heard God speak to her mind telling her that she was too focused on the problems in the here and now, and that they would pass away. She became filled with joy, and realized that life wasn't just about overcoming trouble. She started to look forward to life outside of the orphanage.

Eventually she was transferred to another orphanage and several years later, the children were told that school was cancelled for the day and the children were assembled in the school gymnasium. When the children entered, they saw a huge pile of boxes wrapped in pretty Christmas paper and they wondered if they each might get to have one. There were 130 kids in the orphanage, ages 6 to 16, and EVERYONE received a box of their very own! Irina said that she felt rich, like a manager of things. It was the first time in her life that she owned anything or had things to manage. Even though the kids only had their boxes, they looked forward to each other's birthday because they would take out their favorite thing and give it to another child in the home because they had such joy in sharing with others.

Irina also heard the Gospel when she received her shoebox and she said that time stood still when she heard it. She just knew that it was what she had been looking for. The kids were told that each of them had an imaginary black bag that was full of their burdens. It contained all their shame, guilt, hatred, and every bad thing they'd ever done or that had been done to them. They were told to examine themselves and think of what their lives had been. Irina got very nervous at the size of what she imagined her bag to be, but they were told that they could give their bags to Jesus.

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He had never done any bad things, so he didn't bear the weight of anything and he would take their bags if they'd give them to Him, and also give him their lives. She heard that Jesus was willing and able to help her, so she gave her life to him. She felt so light and secure afterwards, and her past no longer bothered her. And just to be sure, she went outside and said to God, "God, if you're here then when I throw these leaves up in the air, have them blow to the left." Even though the wind was blowing to the right, the leaves went left and Irina believed. She said that God told her that both she and her sister would be adopted together. Even though her sister had aged out of the orphanage, they were both adopted by a family from Florence, SC.

Later, when she started working, God told her on her first day at her new job that she'd meet her husband there, and she did. After they were married, God told her to go back to the orphanage where she received her shoebox and help them. They still needed hot water, a new playground, new floors and bibles. God told her to raise funds, but not to ask anyone for money. He told her that HE would send the donors to her, and he did. Six weeks later, when God was finished sending people, they'd collected \$40,000.00! God saw to it during covid that they were granted access to a closed country, and were able to make major changes to the orphanage. They put in new floors, a new hot water system, a new playground, and were able to give a bible to every child, as well as provide shoes, jackets and whatever clothing the children needed!

Her home country is now closed to the Gospel, but she did get to return last summer to see her older sister and her uncle before he died. She said that God asked her where she was going to church while she was there and she told Him "Immanuel Church". When the service was over, God told her to go and talk to the man standing at the door in the back of the church. When Irina did, she learned that he was one of the men that was responsible for her getting her shoebox 21 years earlier, because that was how he worked for the Lord. She was able to thank him.

Irina wants you to know that before you do any work for God, you need to ask God if He's the one sending you to do it. Then you need to see God as the Project manager of your work. As He leads, He will provide. Your job is to listen and obey. She wants you to know that no matter how small you think your contribution is to Operation Christmas Child, God still sees you and your effort. You need to remember that the shoeboxes you send change many lives, not just the recipients. Irina says, "All we have to do is give a little of ourselves and the Lord will bring the miracles!"



Irina Creek age 10 and now.



MISSION HAITI



Do you recognize that good looking guy in the picture? No, not me, Pastor Walta. The picture was taken at Mt. Pisgah where he conducted worship services and an update on the churches in the Central Plateau.

Mt. Pisgah has been working with the church and school in Laotchikit, Haiti for many years. Pas Bonbon is located about a 15-minute drive from Laotchikit. Pastor Walta explained how the teachers from Rocky Road School left and went to Dominican Republic. The 100 students were absorbed into another school. We have updated the Trinity HOPE lunch program to cover those 100 students as well as 300 now attending in Pas Bonbon. Pastor Walta and all the students thank all of you at Eternal Shepherd for our continued support.

Are You Prepared?

We are blessed to have a final resting place available right here at Eternal Shepherd. Our Columbarium sits in front of the church surrounded by lovely landscaping along with benches to rest upon while praying and paying respects to our loved ones.

We currently have 15 niches available with plans to add 20 more in the near future. Your current cost for a niche that accommodates two sets of ashes is \$900. However, that cost will increase to \$1000 January 1, 2023. (The average cost through a local funeral home is around \$3000).

What is the reason for the price increase? We paid \$5100 for the center addition in 2019; the cost today for the same unit is \$6600. Also the brass nameplates we place on each niche has increased in price from \$104 to \$171.

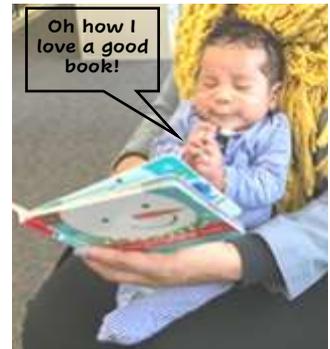
We anticipate adding two new units; one on each side of the existing one, giving us the additional 20 spaces that will be needed as our congregation continues to grow. However, the only way we can afford to do that is to sell the 15 niches that we currently have available.

Please review your final wishes, and if they include cremation; consider investing in our Columbarium as your final resting place.

Thank you,
Milo Bell
Columbarium committee chm

Volunteers Needed for BabyRead

*BabyRead is an early literacy program dedicated to low-income families in Oconee County. Volunteers are needed to read one-on-one to moms and their babies or toddlers at public venues twice a month for one hour each time. Covid options are available which don't require face-to-face contact. We are, also, looking for volunteers in management, leadership, and administrative positions. To become a **BabyRead** volunteer, call (864) 643-8083 or visit www.babyread.org.*



Scrip Cards are available and make great gifts as well as earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time. Please note we have Publix, Ingles and Walmart gift cards available. For orders please contact **Beckie Rau** at (864) 944-6096. After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser**. ~Thank you for your support.



ON-LINE GIVING Remember you can give on-line. Just go to our church website at www.eternalshepherd.org and click on the On-line Giving bar in the top right corner on the homepage. ~Thank you for your faithful support.



FOOD BANK NEWS: Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to 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 down by the main Fellowship Hall). ~Thank you for your generosity and support.



CARD CART NEWS! - If you have a chance, stop by the **Card Cart Ministry Display in the Fellowship Hall**. You might find a card that is just perfect for someone you know! There is a wide variety for all kinds of occasions and the price is perfect!!! \$.50 for all cards and \$5.00 for a box of 12 found on the bottom of the cart.



Hospitality Happenings for October

10/2 – Jim & Carole Bluhm

10/9 – ???

10/16– Rev. Phil & Margi McLain

10/23 – Woo & Lisa Wagner

10/27– ???



Hospitality is going forward full speed since the conclusion of the Pandemic. We have provided for Memorial Services and Sunday Bible Study. We always remain committed to our church and are always looking for new members. This requires as little or as much as you would like to help with: providing food, set-up, serving and clean-up. All these are helpful and needed.

If you are new to any of these, please contact me at 864-784-0421 and my husband and I will gladly help. ~Colleen Wakeman

October Birthdays

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| 1 – Jim Fireovid | 15 - Rev. Ray Ramsburg |
| 2 – Dave Smith | Elijah Wolber |
| David Stupke | 18 –Ken Schneider |
| 3 – Elisabeth Baker | 19 – Juanita Dettman |
| William Harth | 20 – Cas Marszal |
| Lindsay McKay | Craig Wells |
| 4 – Jason Fireovid | 23 – Mark Kunkel |
| 6 – LuWanna Johnson | Doreen Schulz |
| 7 – John Hermann | 24 – Helga Johnston |
| Ethan McKay | Kim Wennermark |
| Lisa Wagner | 25 – Bob Morriss |
| Sue Wennermark | Chet Pilcher |
| 9 – Jeep Feldt | 27 – Gabe Sitler |
| Sue Schneider | 29 - Bon Kruse |
| 11 – Gloria Christopherson | |
| 12 - Tyler Beck | |
| 13 - Amy Rebholz | |
| 14 - Evie Cornine | |
| Elaine Grotheer | |
| Tristan Phelan | |



October Anniversaries

- 8 – Larry & Jan Snyder
9 – Shannon & Dcs. Holly Cox
Joshua & Katrina Madden
12 – Jim & Carole Bluhm
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 *Henry Watson*
the Elders Fund received gifts of \$225.00,
the General Fund received gifts of \$200.00,
and the Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*)
received a gift of \$500.00

Other Gifts:

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$103.13,
and a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Giving Thanks Grant

The FCC Baby Bottle Drive Fund received gifts of \$125.00

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$96.30

The General Fund received a gift of \$500.00
from Blessings Shared Grant

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$645.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$767.72

The Little Lambs Preschool Fund received a gift of \$96.71

The LWML Fund received gifts of \$135.57

The Mission for Friends of Kijabe Fund received a gift of \$400.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$1,097.74,
and a gift of \$1,000.00 from Blessings Shared Grant

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.

Next week we are going to enjoy a fun-filled day as we celebrate Farm Day! Ms Sara Foster is bringing her Farm Animals once again and along with her children (Little Lambs Graduates) will teach us all about the animals. We will see sheep, goats, chickens, and farm dogs! We always learn so much from Ms. Sara and how important these animals are on the Farm! The children will also wash pretend farm animals, make an adorable sheep craft, shuck corn, eat apples, and stuff the scarecrow which is most likely standing outside of our preschool doors! It will certainly be a fun day for all of us!

In October we will have our annual School Picture Day and are once again going back to Little Cane Creek Farms for a Field Trip! This Farm is perfect for our little ones, and we are looking forward to spending time there! We will be able to go on a hayride, pick a pumpkin, drink apple cider, see the cows and much more! **The school will be closed that day (October 13th).**



We thank you for your continued prayers of protection for all our Little Lambs families and especially for our staff that we can stay healthy and well.



*Thank you and God Bless.
Gina*

Cookies for Friends

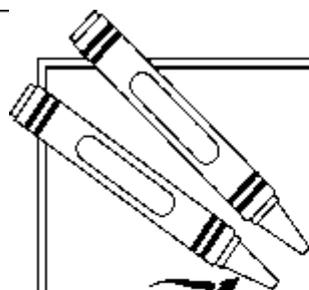
Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone

What you need:

- An adult to help
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- $2\frac{3}{4}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



Just for

KIDS

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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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

Deaconess: Holly Cox

Secretary: Celeste Entrekin

Preschool Director: Gina Cote

Choir Director: Rick Schmidt

Choir Accompanist: Michelle Rowland

Organist: David Phillips

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