



Spreading The Light October 1, 2016

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Purpose Statement: **Magnifying The Word of God** By fulfilling The Great Commandment. To Love The Lord Our God and Our Neighbor, **Mobilizing The People of God** By Fulfilling The Great Commission to Go make Disciples, Baptize and Teach.

THE FOUR PROMISES OF FORGIVENESS

Matthew 6:12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; I Corinthians 13:5 does not behave rudely, it does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

- I will not dwell on this incident.
- I will not bring this incident up and use it against you.
- I will not talk to others about this incident.
- I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.

Pastor's Paragraphs

Well, we are a couple weeks into our "Disciples Path" first "Base Camp" class. This first book is called "The Beginning - First Steps for new Disciples". I have the privilege of leading this first class at 9:00 AM on Sundays Mornings in the library and I am having a blast - (I hope the rest of the class is!). We go over the lesson each week and review study work to be done during the week (optional) because being a disciple is not a one day a week deal.

I love this resource because it is so concise and direct covering what is vital to learning to follow Jesus. We're having some good discussions on what it means to be a disciple and what's really cool is that we have everything from folks who have yet to trust Jesus as Savior to folks that have been following Him a long time.

Steve Smith and John Siegel are sitting in with us and will likely be leading the next "Beginning" (Base Camp) class, and a couple other teachers are looking at doing the "Disciples Path" with their class.

All this is about truly making disciples by Jesus' definition and example and preparing folks for "The Great Adventure" - The Christian Life!

I always encourage everyone to be in a Bible study/discipleship class because that is where we really grow in grace and in fellowship with each other. I truly believe that is where becoming disciples really happens. Our participation in and accountability to others in our class is where our ability to follow Jesus for the length of our lives really flourishes!

Our worship gathering is foundational to being the church but living the Christian life needs discipleship more than we need air.

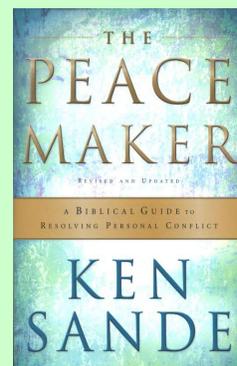
These classes are open to everyone and if you're not already in a class, we've got one for you, let me know if you're not sure where to go.

I hope the Peacemaker Sermon Series has been helpful for you. We will all face conflict in life and we must know how to honor and glorify God in the midst of it!

We have about 4 of the full-length "Peacemaker" books by Ken Sande that we would love to make available to you. It is far more detailed and Sande is an excellent writer and illustrator. Let us know if you want to check out the book.

'Till Next Month - "Following Jesus"

Pastor Mark



WMU By Evelyn Ross

Fall is here and summer has disappeared for 2016. No worries. It will be back before we know it. This time of year brings cooler weather and beautiful fall colors. Along with the season brings some wonderful holidays that we look forward to each year.

Along with Harvest Fest and Thanksgiving, we look forward to the season of giving. One of the ways we give each year is through Samaritan's Purse, "Operation Christmas Child". Our goal this year is 300 boxes that will go to 300 children. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are just the start. Along with the box each child receives a booklet entitled, "The Greatest Gift". This booklet introduces them to who Jesus is and teaches that Jesus loves them and cares for them. Many of the children that will be receiving these boxes have never heard that someone loves them. The shoebox and the booklet are only the beginning. Many children will have the opportunity to go through a discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey". It is through this program that many children will make a decision to accept Christ as their personal savior. It all starts with us and a shoebox filled with love, toys, school supplies and personal items. Pamphlets that explain what to put in your shoebox are available on the Operation Christmas Child table in the foyer. There are also shoeboxes there and you are free to take one if you do not have one at home. There is also a basket on the table where you can donate items for the WMU packing party that will be held on November 10th.

We invite you to this party to help pack extra boxes. There will be a running list on the table and in the bulletin every two weeks letting everyone know what items are needed for the packing party. This will start on October 9th.

As I write this I remember all the children that Operation Christmas Child reaches and the families that are changed because of this program. I also think about the many churches that have been started in 110 countries where the shoeboxes have been sent to. The most important way that you can help with the spreading of the gospel through this program is to pray. We are looking for people that have a heart for OCC and are willing to pray daily for this program. You can sign up as a prayer partner. Cards to do so are on the OCC table. If you would prefer, you can sign up on www.operationchristmaschild.org website and hit the tab "serving with OCC". Samaritan's Purse will keep you updated on their urgent prayer needs.

We have a lot of events coming up in the next few months. Some of the events coming up are; preparing holiday treats for the homebound, baby shower for the Community Pregnancy Center, preparing for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and Operation Christmas Child Packing party. We invite all ladies who would like to know more about missions and be involved in these events to join us on the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information you can call me at (928)227-3327.

Please join us in praying for all our International Missionaries and our North American Missionaries, and also their families that serve along with them. This is a dangerous world we live in and many of these Missionaries risk their life everyday spreading the gospel to unsaved people so that the people they serve will be with us in eternity.





Senior Adults... By Carlene Gillo

If you were unable to attend, our September meeting, a picnic at Lynx Lake on the 15th. We surely missed having you. We had a total of 33, participants, good food, and company.

Everyone had a good time visiting, and some even fished. (No one caught anything, but just the thrill of casting a line, was relaxing).

I want to thank Stan Martin and Fred Schaffer, for doing the cooking the burgers and dogs were exceptional. Denise and Fred Spindler, brought the burgers and dogs. Thank you for doing all that work. Shirley Urie and Pam Bennet, thanks for your help in organizing and setting up this event.

Thanks Stan, for being the one who remembered all the little special needs for our picnic, especially the coffee. If we were ever lost in the woods, we took a vote and decided that we wanted to be with you.

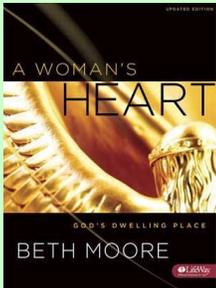
Our next meeting in October, will have a fall theme. Please bring a fall recipe to share, such as a soup, we all have the squash, and pumpkin to use up. We will also do a Talent/No Talent variety show. So think of something that you can do, or share with a few friends, a poem, a skit, etc.

We hope that you can join us on October 20th at 12:00 pm. in the Fireside room!

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Women's Ministry

Thursday Nights

6:30 pm.

New Bible Study

Starts: End of October

A Women's Heart
By Beth Moore

For more information see Brooke Long.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10th Shirley Burton
- 16th Gina Auten
- 18th Wilma Gardner
- 23rd James Hanson
- 25th Dorothy Fallgren
- 30th John Siegel
- 31st Irene Valentine



Men's Ministry by Ken Miller

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both. And be one traveler, long I stood. And looked down one as far as I could, To where it bent in the undergrowth; Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there, Had worn them really about the same, And both that morning equally lay. In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh. Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

This time of the season is always hard for me. Mother nature is getting ready for winter. Leaves are changing colors, the green grass of summer is turning brown. The days are getting shorter. The crisp morning air is colder. Another year is almost done. I often times find myself pondering life. Did I choose the right path? This poem by Robert Frost always come to mind and reminds me that the path of following Christ is inevitably always the one that has made all the difference. Yes I could choose an easier path for life, but what would I have gained?

The least traveled path is rougher and harder to walk. But I gained strength and perseverance by traveling it. The least traveled path has uncertainty and often times seems unsurmountable. But by walking it I gained patience and wisdom. Jesus tells us in John 16:33 that life will not be easy if we choose to follow Him. To follow Christ is a path that is least taken. That we will face hard times. Life will often times will feel like it's an uphill climb that we can not seem to ever attain the top of the mountain. It's when that pathway of life leaves me feeling like I can't climb any farther. When my strength is done and my body is worn out. It's these times that I remember God's promise-*The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*" Deuteronomy 31:8 NASB

When I reflect back over the year that is slowly coming to an end, I'm able to see where God has walked beside me all year. Guiding my footsteps. Giving me strength. Keeping me safe. Seeing where God has been faithful helps me to look forward to the end of a year and a beginning to the new year. I know that if God has been with me as I look back on life, then that also means he is going before me as I look forward in life. I no longer have doubts about the path I've chosen. Instead, I have anticipation towards where God is going to lead me next. If you'd like to know more about how to overcome the doubts of life, come join me on Thursday nights at 6:45pm for Men's Bible Study.

Heavenly father, as we look upon life and wonder. Help us to remember that yesterday has gone, tomorrow is not yet here. But today, is a new page in the history of our lives. Help us to not take any day for granted. To give you thanks when we wake up in the morning. To remember to praise you when we lay down each night. You Lord are in control of our life. We are here to follow where ever you lead. Your will be done Father. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

★ Deuteronomy 31:8

The LORD himself is who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you. Don't be afraid. Don't be discouraged."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2016</h1>					Building A-Worship Center B- White Building C- Family Life Center (GYM)	1 10:00 am Visitation
2 Lord's Supper 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. PCLT	3 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	4 2:00 pm Bible Study	5 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	6 10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	7 Pastor Off	8 Pastor Off 10:00 am Visitation 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
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30 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 6:00 pm. 5 th Sunday & Share 5:00 pm YBA Annual Mtg. Beaver Creek	31 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study Harvest Fest / Memory Park	Pastor Mark Will be on Vacation the 9-15 and 18, 19, 20 & 24,25,26,27	October is: Clergy Appreciation Month	Linda will be on Vacation the 3rd-17 Offices will be open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Monday - Thursday		