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## Notes for the Journey

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### Finding Our Way Back to the Center of God

#### *A Special Evening for Ladies*

**Ladies!** Just a reminder that we would appreciate your RSVP for the Friday, November 3 evening women's retreat from 6:00-9:00pm at the church.

A soup and salad bar dinner is included and the special speaker, Barbara Jackson Richards, is one that you DO NOT want to miss (she and I will be tag-teaming this one).

The event is FREE and I promise you will enjoy every minute! Please bring a friend and enjoy some down-time!

PM, text or call me to let me know you are coming. We are limiting this event to 50 women, so don't wait.

—Liesl Wingert

### Thoughts

The last several weeks we have been on a journey of messages taken from a sermon series by Rick Warren. Based on the comments I have been receiving, God is doing some good work through it. This past Sunday's message on forgiveness centered on Warren's encouragement to:

“Evaluate all my relationships, offering forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others except when to do so would harm them or others.” These are difficult, but healing words. I am thankful for the healing God is doing in our midst.

If you missed this message or others in the series, you can find most of them on our web page.

Also, this week we will take a break from the series and celebrate with those who have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and are going to make that public through baptism. Come be a part of encouraging these folks on their journey of faith.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

We would love to have a few more people willing to decorate their car trunks for “Trunk or Treat” on October 29. Let Stacy know if you can help with this.

We will also need individually wrapped candy to pass out from the car trunks. You can bring that to the church at any time. A container is in the foyer for donations. Thanks.



### ◆ Operation Christmas Child ◆

When we donate items for the Operation Christmas Child project, we are looking beyond our own wish lists and selecting items that some child around the globe will receive—in a shoebox. It may be the very first gift that child has ever received.

Our church has a container in the foyer for donations you may drop off anytime. We will be packing the shoe boxes in just a few weeks. Thanks for your generous donation.



### Lectionary Scripture

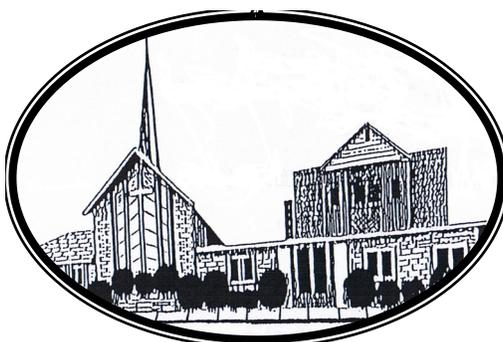
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Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



### Mission

*A community of believers  
endeavoring to live and love  
as Jesus taught.*

*Come—Experience  
Community!*

# Church Calendar

## Sunday, October 29

Morning Worship 9:30am  
 Sunday School 10:40am  
 Kids' Klub 6:00pm  
 Student Ministry Group 6:00pm  
 Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:30pm

No Adult Ministry this evening

## Wednesday, November 1

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am  
 Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage 6:00pm

## Thursday, November 2

Assemble Backpacks 4:00pm

## Friday, November 3

Special Evening for Ladies 6:00-9:00pm  
 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

## Happy Birthday



Christy Shoulders..... November 1  
 Tristen Weidner..... November 1  
 Jessica Chenoweth..... November 1  
 Pat Hill..... November 1  
 James Coulter..... November 4  
 Phoebe Brinkley..... November 4

## Happy Anniversary



Rod & Pam Linder..... October 31  
 Steve & Lela Wilson..... November 4

## ◆ Thank You ◆

Thank you to everyone for their continued support of not only myself but also for our children and youth programs. I am so blessed to be a part of an amazing church family who supports us through everything. Thank you so much.  
 Stacy

## In This Together

Our support group for those dealing with depression, anxiety and other forms of mental illness will have its next meeting Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our intention is to gather to support and encourage each other in our journey. The group is also open to family members of those suffering. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

## Statistics for October 22

Morning Service	113
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 3,559.70
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 4,732.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 3,917.00

## Prayer Needs



Don Stoll—health  
 Leota Burkett—health  
 Dean Garrett—health  
 Several Unspoken Needs  
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

## Baptism Service October 29

We are having a baptism service on Sunday, October 29. If you have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and would like to make that commitment public through baptism, please contact Pastor Steve.

## ◆ Thank You ◆

Again our family is overwhelmed by the expressions of love toward us during this Pastor Appreciation month. We sincerely thank you for all cards, gifts and kind words sent our way. Also the brunch Sunday was amazing.

We are even more thankful that you are a church family that makes us feel appreciated and loved all year long. Thank you for being a constant blessing to our family.  
 Steve, Liesl and Family

## Assemble Back Packs

Our church will be assembling food back packs on Thursday, November 2 at 4:00pm here at the church.

This is a ministry that serves many area children who would not have adequate food for the weekend if they didn't have this backpack.

Please call the church office (392-3761) if you can help. Thanks.