



The Good News of Bath Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Mission Statement of the Bath Christian Church is:

*"To serve the living God, to nurture our personal faith,
& to witness the good news of God's love to others."*

Pastor Jim's Thoughts for November

As we turn the pages of the calendar, we see another year is slipping into history. Our Jack-o-lanterns of Halloween give way to the Cornucopias for our Thanksgiving table. Hopefully, our thoughts are turning toward the things for which we are thankful.

Some of us have seen sickness interrupt our routine and, in some cases, shatter our lives. How can we be thankful? For the past 20 months, we have seen a pandemic wreak havoc on our "normal" lives. Isolation, deprivation, and polarization have become the scars of this disease. So, what do we have to be thankful? Some have ceased to celebrate anything including the Thanksgiving meal with families. Is this how we should live as Christians?

Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica that we should have an attitude of joy and thanksgiving.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NASB)

In that short passage, we find that we are to be joyful and to pray. We are also told to give thanks in everything. Giving thanks in everything is not always easy. When sickness and death visit us, it is hard to find that spirit of thankfulness. Yet, Paul tells us that is God's will for us.

We may look to other words from Paul to give us a clue about living a life filled with thankfulness while living in a world filled with pain and disappointment. In part, we need to feed on the word of God. In the Old Testament, Moses told the children of Israel to meditate on God's word all through the day (Deuteronomy 6:7). Paul writes to the Colossians: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

(Colossians 3:15-17 NASB)

For me, it is impossible to have the Holy Spirit living in me and not have thanksgiving manifested in my life.

Christ cannot be seated on the throne of our heart and we live under the shadow of gloom and despair. In fact, we just read that we are to give thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Perhaps we are not thankful because we are anxious about our future. We live in uncertain times and circumstances. Our faith fails to see God's hand in the affairs of men. It is during these uncertain times when we need to move more closely to God. We should never allow the shadows of gloom and despair to cloud our vision of God in our life.

In Philippians, we find these words to encourage us.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7 NASB)

If we have Jesus living within our heart, then certainly He is near. That fact alone should have us rejoicing daily. We are then told to not be anxious. With all of the uncertainty in the world today, it is easy for us to trade our peace and serenity for anxiety and worry. Why? My belief is that we have not developed our faith to the degree that allows us to trust God even in the bad times. Paul clearly tells us to take everything to God. Everything includes the things for which we are thankful as well as the things which cause us to be anxious.

When we reach this level of faith and trust, we will experience the peace of God that is beyond our human capacity to understand. Robert Browning wrote an epic verse Pippa Passes. Pippa is an orphan girl who lives in very modest circumstance. Within this poem, there is a song known as Pippa's song. The last line of that song is a well-known phrase: "God's in His Heaven, All's Right with the World".

In the poem, Pippa knew that everything was not right with the world. She was an exploited orphan girl who worked long hours in terrible conditions. However, despite all of the evil and injustice in the world, we can still believe that God is there and thus, all is right with the world. That is the faith we need to live. As I close my Thanksgiving message, Ann and I sincerely wish each and everyone a day filled with counting our blessings. Let's show God that we appreciate what He has done for us.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
Know that the Lord Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.
For the Lord is good;
His lovingkindness is everlasting
And His faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:1-5 NASB)

~Devotion~

Good Morning

Good Morning, this is GOD I will be handling ALL your problems today.

Please remember ... I WILL NOT NEED YOUR HELP!!!

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD Box (something for God to do). It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it.

Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful! There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember ... things could be worse. You could be them!!!

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest, my child.

If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

Love Eternally, The Lord your God

- Author Unknown

**A Bible that's
falling apart
usually belongs to someone
Who isn't.**

Charles Spurgeon

Pray
not because you
need something
But
Because you have
A lot to
Thank
God for.

Lessonslearnedinlife.

~Church Board~

The Board of the Bath Christian Church met September 12, 2021. Fourteen members were present. Chairman Starley Stell presided. Leon Wingate opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. Claude Dupree presented the financial report and on the motion by Gerald Morris and seconded by Pearson Chrismon was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Elders proposed to serve during the coming year are Jamie Barnhill, C.M. Cartwright, Gerald Morris, Starley Stell. Claude Dupree made the motion to accept the nominees as presented. Leon Wingate seconded the motion which was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Howard Robertson noted that traditionally Homecoming Sunday is observed on the first Sunday in October. Due to the presence and danger of the Covid pandemic which is affecting the world, Howard Robertson suggested that we continue with the revival planned for the week prior to Homecoming Sunday but postponing Homecoming. Leon Wingate made the motion and Becky Tuten seconded. Approved.
2. Starley reminded the group that a business meeting will follow worship service immediately after dismissal on October 10.
3. Starley emphasized that everyone be conscious of careful hygiene at church. He noted the statistics of the virus in Beaufort County for the week – 51 new cases for a total of 109 cases and 5 deaths.
4. MINISTER REMARKS – 56 home visits made. Oct. 26 District meeting scheduled: Revival services begin September 26.
5. Alex Shreve gave the Youth Report.

Howard Robertson closed the meeting with prayer.

June Wallace, Secretary

~CWF~

The Bath Christian Church CWF met on September 22, 2021 with 14 members present. Those attending were Debbie Smith, Alice Wingate, June Wallace, Cynthia Stell, Barbara Morris, Sandra Dupree, Jessie Brooks, Jane Alligood, Rachel Jordan, Darlene Ormond, Mary Lynn Edwards, Nancy Robertson, Nancy Hill, Claudia Alligood, Helen Brooks and Gale Walton.

Darlene Ormond won the Grab Bag.

Claudia called the meeting to order and talked about the beauty of fall quoting Shelley's *Ode to the West Wind*, "seasons are hopeful times". Barbara opened with prayer.

Cynthia gave the devotion on our joy levels. She used the scripture Philippians 4, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice". Jesus keeps our joy levels high and we should be engaging our souls in happy celebration.

Names were given to be included in the prayer concerns.

The minutes were read. Barbara voted to accept them as read, it was seconded and approved.

Mary Lynn will take over as card secretary.

Nancy and Billy will take over Eagle's Wings.

Debbie asked for a list of the shut-ins for the Christmas baskets

Bazaar news was discussed.

Nancy Robertson shared some ideas on possible craft ideas from some things she had made at home.

Helen and Cynthia will take care of canned goods

Discussion about including a thrift shop in the bazaar was voted on and approved. The name of the boutique will be Myra's Thrift Shop Boutique.

A motion was made for the flour, sausage, cheese and butter to be purchased by the CWF. Jane made a motion, Helen seconded and the motion carried.

Hostesses for October will be Nancy Hill and Rachel. The meeting was closed with the CWF Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Gale Walton

Flower Schedule:



November 7 Gale & Jerry Walton
 November 14 Debbie & Reeves Smith
 November 21 Nancy & Billy Hill
 November 28 Advent



Nursery (Little Lion's Class) Schedule:

November 7 Kandice & Billy Dean
 November 14 Sandra & Claude Dupree
 November 21 Cynthia Stell & Linda Heath
 November 28 Debbie Smith & Claudia Alligood

Greeter Schedule:

November 7 Brenda Godley
 November 14 Becky McRoy
 November 21 Don Shreve
 November 28 Gerald Morris

Children's Moment:

November 7 Alex Shreve
 November 14 Brenda Godley
 November 21 Dedication of Shoe Boxes
 November 28 Alice Wingate

Video Operator:

November 7 MaKayla Gilbertson
 November 14 Ronnie Gilbertson
 November 21 Linda Heath
 November 28 Donald Shreve

Serving Schedule:

November 7
 Elders: J. Barnhill & C. Cartwright
 Deacon of Wk: Barnhill & Smith
 Deacons: R. Smith, L. Gurganus,
 G. Heath, J. Jordan

November 14
 Elders: C. Cartwright & G. Morris
 Deacon of Wk: Cartwright & McRoy
 Deacons: B. McRoy, B. Norman,
 R. Smith, Tuten

November 21
 Elders: G. Morris & H. Robertson
 Deacon of Wk: Morris & C. Woolard
 Deacons: C. Woolard, L. Woolard,
 B. Tuten & L. Gurganus

November 28
 Elders: H. Robertson & S. Stell
 Deacon of Wk: Robertson & Gurganus
 Deacons: L. Gurganus, G. Heath,
 J. Jordan & B. McRoy



November Birthdays

November 1 Nelda Ormond
 November 4 Linda Heath
 November 11 Leon Wingate
 November 13 Connie Winstead
 November 23 Kathy Dupree

~Announcements~

November Events

November 1 – 9:00am Craft House
November 1 – 7:00pm Bible Study
November 3 – 6:30pm CMF
November 3 – 7:30pm Choir Practice
November 4 – 8:00am Scotty's Breakfast
November 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
November 7 - Operation Christmas Child Youth Packing Party after church (lunch)
November 7 -5:30pm Choir Practice
November 7 – 6:00pm Cantata Practice
November 7 – 7:00pm Board Meeting
November 8 – 9:00am Craft House
November 8 – 7:00pm Bible Study
November 11 – 8:00am Scotty's Breakfast
November 14 2021 Thanksgiving Offering
November 14 -5:30pm Choir Practice
November 14 – 6:00pm Cantata Practice
November 15 – 7:00pm Bible Study
November 15 – 20 Set up for bazaar
November 18 – 8:00am Scotty's Breakfast
November 20 – 6:30-NOON CHURCH BAZAAR
November 21 – 2021 Thanksgiving Offering
November 21 -5:30pm Choir Practice
November 21 – 6:00pm Cantata Practice
November 25 THANKSGIVING DAY
November 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28 -5:30pm Choir Practice
November 28 – 6:30pm Cantata Practice

December Events

December 5 - Bath Christmas Parade (youth will have float).

Bazaar Notes

Bazaar – Saturday, November 20, 2021 beginning at 6:30 with hot biscuits. Yard Sale and Fellowship Hall open at 7:00pm.

We are concentrating on more take-out food this year and asking for volunteers to provide extra vegetable soup, pimento cheese and chicken salad. Sign up sheets are in both vestibules. Should you need additional information, see Nancy Hill.

Volunteers Needed

If you are not already on a rotating schedule for Greeter, Nursery, Children's Moment, live streaming, or other church functions, please consider signing up. The more volunteers we have, the rotation will be less.

Eagle's Wings

Eagle's Wings continues to experience a shortage of supplies at this time. Their most critical current need is for canned vegetables. We are collecting non-perishable items for Eagle's Wings and delivering your contributions as often as possible to help during these difficult times. Baskets are inside the fellowship hall door and in both vestibules when you enter the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued and strong support of this mission work in our community.

Please make the church secretary aware of church directory additions/changes. We would also like to recognize you on your birthday if you will contact Jessie Brooks at 252-945-6362 with that information

What if we begin to
treat our Bibles the way
we treat our cell phones?

What if we...
...carried it with
us everywhere?
...turned back to go
get it if we forgot it?
...checked it for messages
throughout the day?
...used it in case
of an emergency?

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Church Family Prayer Concerns:

Dick Adams, Claudia Alligood, Bill Bertram, Charlie Clark, Ella Mae Smith & Michael Corless, Ann Cullen, Bill Cutler, Harold Cutler, Beverly & John Holt, Frankie Jordan, Leon Norman, Carol Richardson, Linda Shively, Beverly & Ron Tincher, caregivers, & **Unspoken Requests.**

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Doris Alligood; Linda Bause; Sylvia Boyd; Patsy Browning's nephew; Pam Butler; Tilman Carter; Eddie Coltrain; John Conway; Tracy Cordon; Anthony Cutler, Louise Daniels; Pete Fell's daughter; Esther Flowers; Dianne Floyd; Jimmy Gaylord; Chris Gibbs; Gail Gibbs; Gracie Greer's great grandfather; Steve Jones; Chris Harris; Betty Hill; Bobbie Jean Hobgood; Herman Holiday; Robby Hopkins, Jo Ann & Mike Isbell; Laney Jordan; Rick Laughinghouse; Linwood Lewis; Steve Mann; Carol McRoy (Phil's sister-in-law); Patricia Moore; Diana Overton; Mavis Owens; Patricia Smith; Diane Spencer; Bob Spragker, Roger Tuning; Peggy Wallace; Jane Walton; Patricia Waters; Jay Wickham; Ann Winfield; Twilla Woolard; Wendy Woolard; Janice Wright; & **Unspoken Requests.**

The families of: Dean Andrews, Linwood Adams, Melvin Blake, Madeleine Blount, Clinton Boyd, Betsy W. Brame, Jay Brinn, Jr., Chris Carawan, Ricky Chandler, Rick Clark, Sharon Ann Dimsdale, Bill Dunn, Pete Fell, Brian Floyd, Tony Garrick, Jay Holt, Phyllis Hudson, Daniel Jones, Tammy Kidd, Frankie Kilby, Chuck Latham, George Linton, Drew Lutheran, Alice Nijman, Terre Matthews, Rodney Murdock, Gordon Pippin, Dwight & Hank Self, Lee Shunk, Sr., Jackie Smith, Sr., Jimmy Soper, Jr., Dal Tetterton, Carol Waters, Pat Wood, Brandon Woolard, Donald Ray Woolard, Isabel Worthy.

Military Prayer List:

Jim Bass, Blane Boyd, Chase Brooks, Zack Davis, Grant Fath, Kerry Mills, Grayce Woolard.

In Nursing Homes: *Bob Miller.*

**Please submit news to me
for the December newsletter by
9:00 am Thursday, November 18th. Thank you!
You can contact Jessie Brooks at 252-945-6362
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