

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COURIER

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Let's honor our leaders

**OCTOBER IS
PASTORAL
APPRECIATION
MONTH!**

and show our appreciation!

Live a Life that Matters

Sunday services: 8:20 and 11 am; Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 am

CSFBC MISSION STATEMENT

“Infusing TRUTH to produce selfless followers of God.”

PASTOR ROD'S MESSAGE

It's Fall and it's Pruning time!

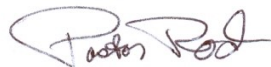
Last week it was noticeable that our apple tree needed pruned, after almost a decade of only light trimming. If you know anything about fruit trees, they always grow 'suckers'. Suckers are limbs that never produce any fruit, but grow straight up, reaching up for all the sunlight they can get. The beautiful and abundant foliage is always part of their glory. The problem with these branches is that although they look the best of any limb on the tree, all they're doing is draining resources from the fruit bearing limbs of the tree. Of course, the result is less fruit. You can have a great looking tree with little or no fruit.

But what's the purpose of a fruit tree? To look good? Not in my yard, nor in the Kingdom of God. In fact Jesus tell a parable of a tree that's not bearing fruit and the owner says "cut it down" (Luke 13). Another version: "Chop it down!" "It's taking up space we can use for something else." A fruit tree without fruit is a purposely tree. NO, it's worse than that. It's keeping a productive tree from growing in that space and producing life-giving fruit. It's wasting the resource that God gives: water, sunlight, nutrients in the soil.... It's not just an anomaly, it's a hindrance. How are you doing at bearing fruit for the kingdom?

Perhaps this will help. When I cut down the 'suckers' an obvious insight grasped me. ALL the branches had numerous leaves. Pretty braches. Looked like I was taking off the 'healthiest' branches. But not a single branch that I cut off had even a single apple on it. NOT EVEN ONE! The branches that looked dead (not a single leave remaining on it), held ALL the apples. EVERY apple hung on a limb that looked dead! I continued my trimming with that observation in my mind. Sure enough every apple was on a dead-looking limb and there were no apples on the beautiful limbs.

Application: when I die to the things that gratify my flesh (Romans 13:14; Galatians 5:16), God can now use what He's given me to grow fruit for Him. When I want to look good or want the glory for myself, when people think I look good for what I'm doing, saying or whatever. I'm not producing what God put me here to do. When I die to myself (1 Corinthians 15:31), the fruit is always from God, when I live for my own good looks, the applause of men, then nothing is produced, but I might really appear to be the healthiest Christian in the group, but I might be close to hearing, "Chop it down."

Because Jesus has appointed us to bear much fruit,



So I say, **LIVE BY THE SPIRIT**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:16

PASTOR PHIL'S MESSAGE

Is it really well with your soul?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18: *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light and momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

The darkness is a stubborn thing. We are taken by how bleak things can seem in the night versus the day when the sun is shining. It doesn't take much to get most people upset today; just watch the news or look at social media. The darkness and its forces want you to think about how stubborn they can be. We need to persist in running to Jesus as written in the song "It is Well."

One of the most loved and enduring hymns of the last 150 years is "It is Well" by Horatio Spafford, a successful business man from Chicago who experienced intense suffering and loss. In 1871, his son died of scarlet fever and that year the Great Fire in Chicago destroyed every material possession he owned. This alone would have seemed unbearable to many of us today but the suffering did not end there; life turned even more tragic two years later.

Spafford decided to take his family on a trip to England to meet up with DL Moody, the evangelist, and see how God was moving. Horatio was delayed on business so his family, his wife and four daughters, went on ahead of him. The ship hit an iron vessel and 226 people were killed. Spafford's wife was found unconscious when rescued and she sent him a telegram stating "saved alone". Horatio left to meet his bereaved wife, and as they were passing the place where the ship had been hit he was inspired to write "It is Well".

Today many people in our culture long to avoid any mention of death and suffering. There are whole ministries focused on the power of positive thinking. Even within the wider secular culture there is a spirituality of positivity. Yoga and meditation with new age bends push positive mindfulness. If this is all there is, we would have a problem. Jesus said that He came to bring life that is abundantly full of true joy and power in Him, not in our circumstances (John 10:10).

Spafford points us to the reality of Christ calming us in the midst of trial. Sometimes God calms the storm and other times He calms His child. We must not forget all of God's benefits, His great and precious promises to us who are called His very children (2 Peter 1:4). We find peace not in optimism or circumstances but in our Savior for we are blessed to know our transgressions are forgiven and our sin is covered (Psalm 32:1-2). God does not count our sins against us because Christ has paid for them at the cross. Jesus is our peace, for He has made our soul well again. Because of Jesus may our souls reply, It is well with my soul! Read these words of the hymn:



*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll:
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.*

*But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.*

*And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
A song in the night, oh my soul!*

Deacons Devotional

Can we buy, earn or pay our way into heaven?

NO!

So what can we do? Believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and ask Him to forgive us and save us!

Forgive us and save us from what? Ourselves! Yes.

Did you ever make a mistake, do or say something wrong, not do or say something you should have, think about something you should not be dwelling on? It seems that the older we get the more we understand just how much we need forgiveness daily. Don't think of yourself as better than anyone else!

So as a Christ follower, a saved sinner, how should we live?

Circumspectly (watchful, discreet, cautious, prudent)!

There are probably more than twelve ideas of good things we should do! But I think if we start with these five we will be growing in the right direction!

First - Rely on (depend upon) the Holy Spirit.

Second - Trust Jesus as Lord.

Third - Pray without ceasing. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Fourth - Search the scriptures daily.

Fifth - Attend public worship regularly.



Sunday School/Nursery/Kids Club

Newly adopted safety measure: Parents of children in nursery and the 3 yr.—K Sunday School Class will be asked to sign their children into the nursery and Sunday school class. You will also be asked to keep your cell phone on during services in case you are needed to help with your child (i.e. diaper change, inability to comfort etc.) Thank you for your cooperation.



Nursery workers needed! I will making up the 2020 nursery schedule very soon so everyone can mark their calendars. I am in dire need of helpers as well as emergency fill ins. Please get in touch with the office (814) 398-4243 if you can help out on a regular or emergency basis. God Bless you, Debbie

Kids Club is off and running for the year and we have been just amazed at some of the ways God has orchestrated the details. To begin, we have had so many faithful volunteers from our congregation step up to show the love of Christ to 80 children in grades K-6, mostly from Cambridge Springs Elementary School. These volunteers are responsible for walking up to the elementary school at dismissal time, helping organize the children that will be attending kids club and safely walk them back to our church where they are quickly immersed in learning about God's word during Bible time. They also spend time making special crafts to go along with the lesson, play organized games in the gym and are led in worship and teaching in the sanctuary. There is always a time during worship where children are invited to talk to a pastor or crew leader if they have questions about salvation. Many children have made decisions for Christ throughout their time at Kids Club or VBS so we are so excited about the seeds that are planted through this ministry. During this fall session, the children are learning about the life of Joseph and we plan to learn about the life of Esther in the spring.

One of the other neat parts to Kids Club is the dinner that available to all of the children and their families. God has provided amazing volunteers in the kitchen who prepare and serve meals at kids club with such excitement and interest in the children and their families. Our first week, we served about 110 people dinner and were very close to that the next week. It is always a neat time to interact with the children and their families. We pray we are reaching many children and families in our community, all for the glory of God. If you have a desire to help with this ministry, please call Stacie Klemm at 398-1785, Kristin Held at 398-1113 or the office at 398-4243.



Health Ministry

Eyes on the Road...Not on Your Phone!

We all know the catch phrase used on billboards and advertisements to help curtail drunk driving: Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

The same can be said of distracted driving, which may seem harmless, but can be just as devastating and deadly. In fact, the National Safety Council has named April National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Why is distracted driving so dangerous? When your eyes are off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off driving, you're as dangerous as someone driving drunk.

According to the Center for Disease Control, about 9 people are killed and 1,000 injured EVERY day due to distracted driving.

Think of it this way: the average text takes about five seconds to send. Traveling at 55 mph, that's like going the length of a football field with your eyes closed!

Think also about the example you're setting for your children: if they see you looking at your phone, checking email, snapping a picture, posting something to Facebook while you drive, when they are drivers, they will DO THE SAME.

Tell yourself, "It can wait." If it can't, then pull over to somewhere safe and do what you need to do. We all drove, some of us for decades, without these devices in hand. It CAN be done!

Put your devices out of sight while you drive so that you can keep yourself and everyone in your car safe.

Remember also, there are other forms of distracted driving, like putting on makeup, eating, fiddling with GPS and music, turning around to talk to passengers, watching movies, etc.

Driving needs to be as distraction free as possible. Please don't drive distracted or "intexicated!" You may save a life, even yours!

"Texting while driving increases the risk of accident 23.2 times over unimpaired driving." ~Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

"Texting while driving results in longer response times than even drunken driving. While an unimpaired driver can respond quickly to changes in traffic and begin braking within half a second, a legally drunk driver needs four additional feet to begin braking—and a driver who's texting needs 70." ~Virginia Tech Transportation Institute



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSIES



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| 1st: Danny Held | 18th: Emily Mumau |
| 2nd: Jeb Brace | 19th: Juliet Maddox |
| 4th: Justin Held | Ellie Maddox |
| Karen Burchill | 21st: Jimmy Humes |
| 5th: Keithe Bancroft | 22nd: Ben Maddox |
| 6th: Rachelle Held | 24th: James Mumau |
| 9th: Jamie Gardner | 25th: Blake Burchill |
| Noah Lowther | 26th: Nathan Walczak |
| 10th: Karen Held | 27th: Justin Gaines |
| Cassidy Boylan | 28th: Phil Held |
| 13th: Lisa Rindfuss | Tom Crowe |
| 14th: Kathy Parsons | |
| Nancy Gage | |
| Alex Doubet | |
| 16th: Cindy Billingsley | |
| Calvin Burchill | |



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| 2nd: Vince and Audrey Byrne |
| Rob and Amy Boylan |
| Mick and Cindy Mitchell |
| 4th: Randy and Darlene Gorske |
| 8th: Reed and Nancy Gage |
| 27th: John and Debbie Acker |
| 28th: Cliff and Wendy Wise |
| 30th: Lee and Mary Beth Manross |

Nursery

1st Service:

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| 6th: Marilyn Dine and Chris Zirkle |
| 13th: Craig and Cindy Billingsley |
| 20th: Amy and Cassidy Boylan |
| 27th: Angie Mumford and Kalle Kula |

Sunday School:

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| 6th: Pam Lowther and Lydia Sellers |
| 13th: Josh and Emily Mumau |
| 20th: Debbie Shearer and Jenna Dudenhoefer |
| 27th: Chris Zirkle and Debbie Dine |

2nd Service:

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| 6th: Andi and Jillian Risjan |
| 13th: Sandy Mumau and Hsaio-Yi Shearer |
| 20th: Robyn Kovschak and Jenn Howell |
| 27th: Kristin Held and Barb Beardsley |

Garden Room Schedule

Please be sure to call your partner prior to working to confirm. If you are unable to work, please call to switch with someone and notify your partner. If you cannot work or find anyone to switch please call Laura at 398-2507



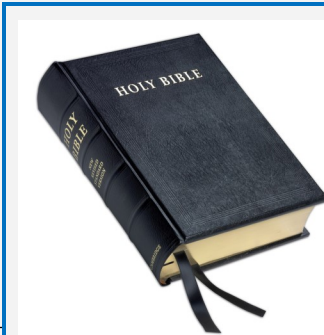
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| 5th: Laura Stone and Kris Bancroft |
| 12th: Nancy Gage and Bonnie Boylan |
| 19th: Toni Merritt and Karon Runyan |
| 26th: Sandy and Heidi Mumau |

Special Events and Announcements



Tuesday
October 1st
Prayer Meeting
7 pm



Thursday October
3rd
Bring your Bible to
School Day!



Parenting Small Group
Friday
October 11th 7 pm
@ Lowther's



L.O.V.E. Marriage Small
group will meet every 3rd
Friday at the Hovis'. The
next meeting is Friday Octo-
ber 18th at 6 pm.

L.O.V.E. stands for Living Our Vows Everyday.



Men:
Come to the church
on **Saturday Octo-
ber 26th at 8 am**
for a morning of
refueling!

Begin with a filling
homemade break-
fast followed by fill-
ing up your spiritual

fuel tank with God's Word and fellowship.

Saturday October 26th at 6 pm we will be showing
the movie "Gosnell". This is the true story of the
investigation and trial of abortion doctor Kermit
Gosnell and how the political and media tried to
cover it up.

It is not rec-
ommended
for children
to see as it is
graphic.



Thursday October 31st 6
pm. More details as they
are available.



Tract 'n Treat is Thursday October
31st from 6-8 pm. We will once
again be passing out tracts and
candy (and hot chocolate or cold
drink) to the community. If you
could donate a bag of candy by

October 27th it will be greatly appreciated. We will bag it up
and put tracts with it for distribution. You can drop off your
donations to the office during regular office hours or on Sun-
day mornings. We usually minister to around 500 children
every year.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

The Grieving: The LaVan Family, Colvin and Yenny Families, Randy Kawinski, Bob Wilmoth, Lynn Smith

Cancer: Karen Held, Kelsey McClellan, Karon Runyan, Jason Runyan, Chris Peterman

Health Issues: Kim Marzke, Julie Brink, Ron and Marcia Wrye, Reed Gage, Becky Timco, Pete Teed, Loren White, Rose Cummings

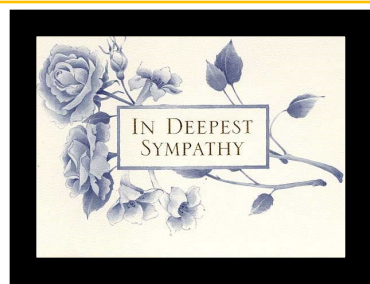
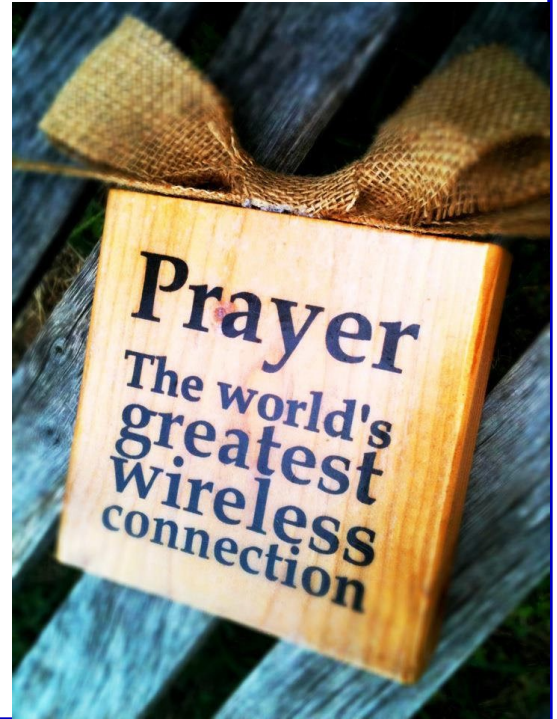
Rehabilitating: Janet Wise, Michelle Wilmoth, Debbie Brickett

Nursing Home: Paul Kirk, Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, Bill Hodge

Military: Dillon Lang, Keith Bentley, Howard VanMatre, Adam Alm, Jimmy Humes, Gregg Merritt, Wesley Fleischer, Christian Ross, Austin Shearer, Wyatt Fleischer, Tyler Hauf, Bryce Kirk

Guidance: Brian & Lynette Smith, Eugene and Fawn Pabon

College Students: Madison Klemm, Mark VanMatre, Stephen VanMatre, Katie Duda, Jordan Anderson, Neely Colvin, Clayton Dingle, Zachary Dingle, Austin Jones, Jillian Risjan, Cami Schmidt, Cori Schmidt, Ryan Shaffer, Alex Wheeler, Brenna Rindfuss



Our deepest sympathies to Lynn Smith and family on the passing of Lynn's mom, Rita Bernoski. We also mourn with Patty Yenny and family on the passing of her mother, Jean Port.



Congratulations to Jon and Jenna Dudenhoefer on their marriage on September 21st. May God bless your marriage for many years to come.

MILITARY

Tyler J. Hauf completed Army basic training at Fort Jackson in



HAUF

Co-lumbia, South Carolina, and graduated Aug. 29. Hauf is the son of Michael Hauf of Cambridge Springs and Jessica Belfiore of Meadville. He is also the grandson of John and Joan Belfiore of Cambridge Springs.

Upon completion of high school at Cambridge Springs, he will train at Fort Lee in Richmond, Virginia, as a wheeled vehicle mechanic. After which

he will be at the Army reserve unit in Fairview 542nd Quartermaster Co.

Congratulations to Tyler Hauf. May God guide you as you continue to serve our country.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm Prayer Meeting	2 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Crawford County Care Center 3 pm Kids Club	3 <u>Bring your Bible To School Day</u> 6:30 pm Prison Ministry 7 pm Praise Group	4	5 6 pm Concert at Calvary Baptist Christian School Pray for Pastor Rod
6 COMMUNION 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	7 1:30 pm Ministerium CMA 7 pm Trustees Pray for Pastor Phil	8	9 10 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm Kids Club	10 7 pm Praise Group	11 7 pm Parenting Small Group	12 Pray for Pastor Rod
13 Youth Sunday 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	14 6 pm C.E. Board Pray for Pastor Phil	15	16 10 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm Kids Club Finale	17 7 pm Praise Group	18 6 pm L.O.V.E. Marriage Small Group	19 Pray for Pastor Rod
20 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	21 6:30 pm Deacons Pray for Pastor Phil	22	23 10 am Women's Bible Study	24 7 pm Praise Group	25	26 8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 6 pm "Gosnell" Movie
27 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	28 6:30 pm Board Chairmen Mtg. 7 pm Advisory Bd. Pray for Pastor Phil	29	30 10 am Women's Bible Study	31 6 pm Chili Cook-off 6-8 pm Tract 'n Treat 7 pm Praise Group		
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This and That!

Dear Faithful Friends at First Baptist Cambridge Springs,

I am purposefully leaving my last thank you letter and story below, so that you can rejoice with us in knowing that since the writing of that last email we have had THREE MORE women come into NightLight!

Many people are talking about how this is preparation for a big harvest time for the Lord. "Big" for us doesn't always mean numbers. "Big" means big changes in women's lives who used to be out on the street in prostitution, walking in darkness, but have now come into the Light!

So please, as you continue to pray for "W" and "A" - please now include "P" and "N" and "B". (Sorry cannot give their full names). Rejoice with us that they have also left the darkness and come into the light!

Can they stick with it? Can they walk in the Light?

Will they be pulled back into the darkness by previous customers or contact?

Please pray that they will come to Jesus and listen only to His voice.

Pray that they will stay in the Light and continue here at NightLight.

Blessings,
Jeff Dieselberg



Be sure to show your appreciation to Pastor Rod and Pastor Phil this month. October is Pastor Appreciation and we want to let them know that even though we may not say it often, we do appreciate all they do for our church and God's people.

Coming in November!!!!

3rd: Small Group "Book of Isaiah"

5th: **ELECTION DAY** 7 am till 8 pm

8th: 7 pm Parenting Small Group

10th: **Final** Small Group "Book of Isaiah"

15th: 6 pm L.O.V.E. Small Group

20th: **6 pm Annual All Church Thanksgiving Dinner and Business Meeting**

21st: FCA Fall Rally in Franklin

23rd: Men's Fellowship Breakfast

27th: Advent Lunch at Church of God

28th: Happy Thanksgiving