

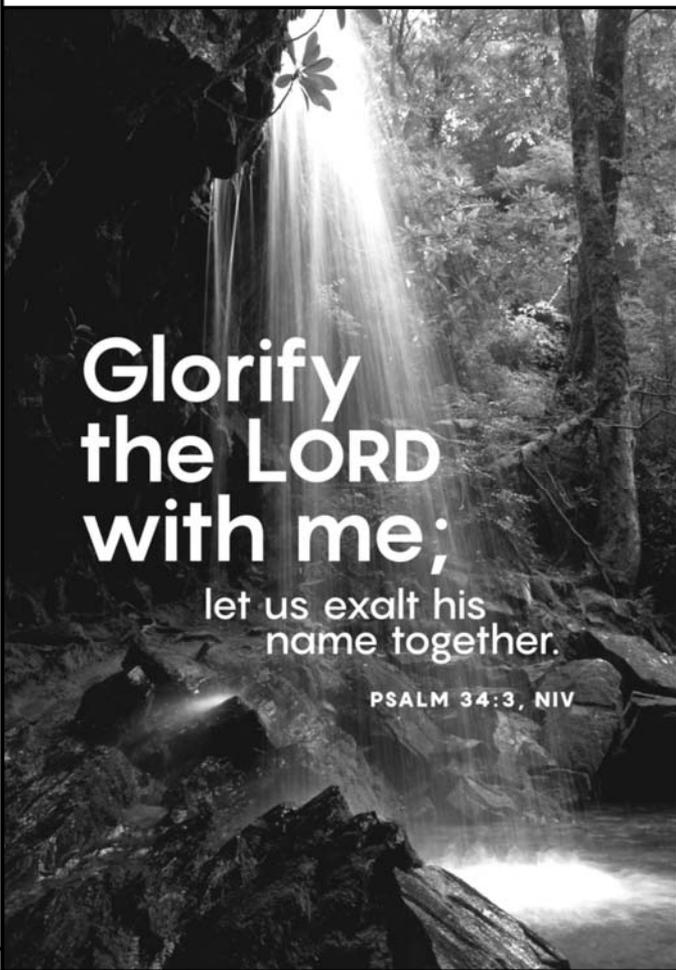
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October
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**Glorify
the LORD
with me;**

let us exalt his
name together.

PSALM 34:3, NIV

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

*Listen to our service online at
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The submission deadline for the *November* issue of Windows is October 10th.

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From The Pastor's Heart

According to the grace of God, which was given to me, like a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.

1 Corinthians 3:10

This is a great time of the year as the changes of seasons are on us: a nip in the air after an amazing summer. As I look around the house I see many things that are on the “honey do list” which makes me feel like going to Lowes and getting ready to do some projects. I love their old slogan *“come and let’s build something together.”* I believe that is so often what is needed in our lives and the church. When we read or watch just five minutes of what’s happening in our world today, (devastation from hurricane Florence comes to all our minds) and many stories of broken lives, we know we are in real need of direction from the Master Builder. Our desire would be for God to guide us individually and together as we commit our hearts, lives, ministries and possessions under His care. We want to allow the Master Builder to have His way with our lives and future so that together we might reach the Collingswood community and beyond with his love and message of hope.

As the fall begins there are many new opportunities to grow in our relationship with Jesus and serve others too. There are many classes and small group experiences as well as serving and mission opportunities throughout the fall and winter for all ages. We have begun a new Sermon series on Sunday mornings on the importance of being a Connection people. We are calling our new series “Becoming a Lego Church.” Lego toys are built to



last so we can build amazing things with them. How can we make connections to become a “Lego” kind of people deeply connecting with one another, responding to the heart and prayer of Jesus of making disciples for His glory? I came across an article from Paul Brune that further helps us see the power of the master builder in our lives, Jesus Christ. May this encourage you as we journey with the Lord together this fall!

The Master Builder

The Lord reveals to me this big old mansion and while standing in full view remains at the same time hidden covered with years of dust and cob webs and in need of a Master Builders love whose skilful hands could only repair and restore it to its full beauty and grandeur.

The builder bought the mansion so he could do just that. As the builder opened the front doors and walked in and looked around only he could see what was beneath the years of reconstructed form work, the dust everywhere, the cob webs everywhere and the original furniture though covered over for protection from predators was still in place.

So the work began, first resetting the doors rightfully in place, oiling all the joints and then re-strengthening the posts and the floor boards; filling in the cracks on the stair well leading up to the front doors, replacing any broken windows and pruning back the under growth; the face then begins to reappear. With it, freedom to breathe and to be seen and while all this is going on the Master Builder has been working on the inside clearing the floor of debris starting at the centre of this grand old house; one room at a time setting all things in their proper place clearing away the dust dirt and cob webs while washing all the walls.

Ceiling, chandeliers, bathroom, and toilet, polishing everything as he goes he restores the kitchen filling it with the proper utensils; onward moves the Master Builder intent on a full and complete restoration of this mansion worthy of his whole attention and his time. He paid the price knowing that it would cost him his all and with eyes open fixed on the whole picture and the end result, spurred on by his knowledge, he continues his work.

He stands in the great hall looking up at the climb before him to the next level, each step in need of personal attention before reaching the top. Having a meticulous and intimate relationship with the detail of each step, he takes the time in his relationship to

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Our Missions Conference will be held from
November 14-17.
Wednesday night, November 14th is the
kickoff event and a dinner is planned on
Saturday, November 17th.
More information will be coming soon.



NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BENEFIT will be held on
Saturday, October 13th at Tavistock Country Club, \$75
pp. Please call 856-365-5295 for more information.

CHURCH CONFERENCE
Thursday, November 15th
7:00 pm

All chairs of our committees are asked to submit
a report (one page or less) and answer these 2
questions:

1. What ways has God blessed your ministry team this year?
2. What do you believe God wants you to accomplish for next year?



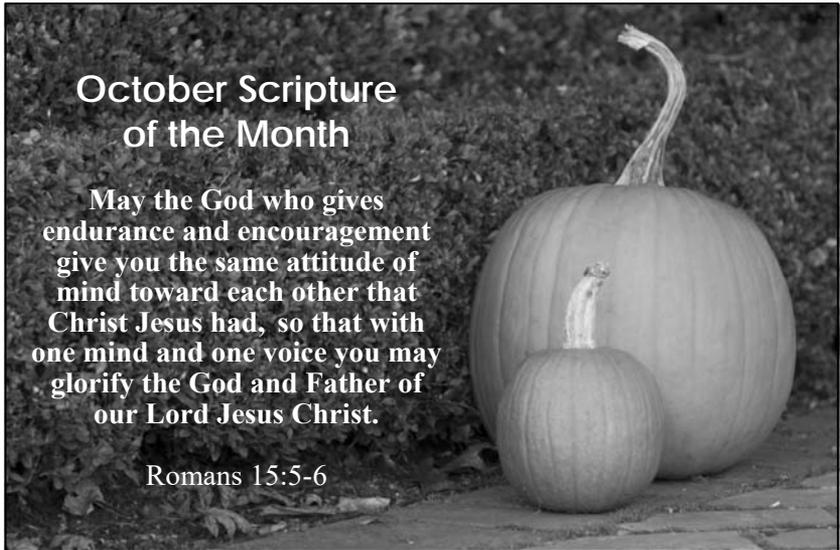
These reports are due in by Sunday, November 11th. You can email them to maria@fumccollingswood.org.

Thank you!

OCTOBER SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



- October 7 **O penness** - *Have a teachable spirit .* Ephesians 5:21
 (Communion)
- October 14 **N ewness** - *Strive to become more like* I Peter 2:1-3
 Christ, while helping others do the
 same.
- October 21 **N ourishment** - *Spend time in prayer,* Ephesians 6:18,
 alone and with others, for other John 15:1-3
 followers of Jesus.
- October 28 **E ncouragement** - *Intentionally strive* Galatians 6:1-2,
 to support, lovingly correct, and build Hebrews 10:24
 up others



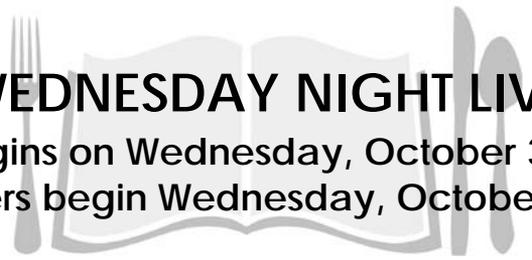
October Scripture of the Month

May the God who gives
endurance and encouragement
give you the same attitude of
mind toward each other that
Christ Jesus had, so that with
one mind and one voice you may
glorify the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



Please continue to be in prayer for those impacted by Hurricane Florence. Our October communion offering (October 7th) will go toward the relief efforts.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Begins on Wednesday, October 3rd.
Dinners begin Wednesday, October 10th.

Don't miss being part of WNL this fall!!! We know that involvement in Worship, Connect, AND Mission are all crucial for our lives to be thriving in God's love. So while many other programs in the church hit the Worship and Connect pieces, WNL will help you grow in Mission.

It starts with a wonderful dinner at 6:00 pm.

Cost: Adults 11 & over, \$6.00, \$3.00/child 10 & under, Free 3 & under, family maximum \$25)

After dinner, youth (grades 6-12) and adults are encouraged to be part of the WNL Experience beginning at 6:45 pm. It's not just a class - it's so much more!! Through Bible teaching, training, prayer, and hands-on serving experiences, you will be equipped to live in Mission with our community and the people you love!

- 10/3 "1st Night" Prayer Gathering
- 10/10 "Having an Eternal Perspective" - study of Colossians 3
- 10/17 Serving Night - opportunities in our local community.
- 10/24 "Understanding the G.O.S.P.E.L."
- 10/31 (Off for the holiday)
- 11/7 "1st Night" Prayer Gathering
- 11/14 Serving Night - kickoff for our missions conference with local missions
- 11/21 (Off for the holiday)
- 11/28 "Eternal Perspective" wrap up
- 12/5 "1st Night" Prayer Gathering
- 12/12 Serving Night - caroling at Collingswood Manor



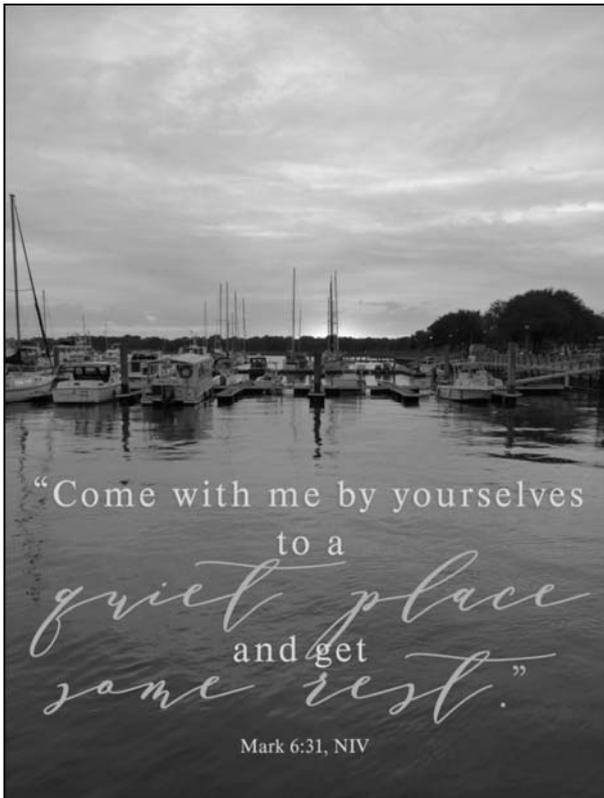
WNL also includes a great program for kids! Classes begin at 6:45 pm.

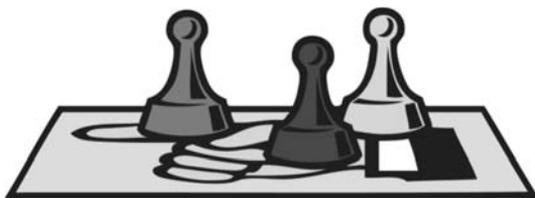
Grades 3, 4, 5 – Survive and Thrive

- In God’s Kingdom.
- God keeps us cool no matter “how hot” it gets.
- Fully rely on God.
- God is a fire to comfort and guide.
- Kindness helps you thrive.
- God rescues us.

Grades K, 1, 2 – Bible Art

- God created the world.
- Art can be messy and so can life but God helps us.
- God helps us to stand out.
- We each have gifts to help in church.
- So much more, including projects, stories, crafts!!





GAME NIGHT

GAME NIGHT – held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Stokes Dining Room. Feel free to bring your favorite game or come and learn a new one! Also, bring your favorite snack to share. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please See Emily Davis or Susan Gibbins-Davis.



GRACE CAFÉ
Open Mic Night
September 28, 2018

Join us on the last Friday of each month for an evening of entertainment! Sign-up starts at 6:30 pm. Entertainment from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We welcome all performers to share their love of music, poetry, comedy, etc. All generations welcomed! There is a PA system, stage lighting, amps, keyboards, drum kit and a large stage area to enhance your performance. Coffee and assorted food items will be served. If you would like to bring a tasty treat to share, that would be great! Bring your entire family! For additional information contact John Vernon or check us out on Facebook - Grace Cafe!


SING SONGS OF PRAISE.
 James 5:13



Trunk or Treat 2018

**A great opportunity to share with children
from our community and remind them that
God loves them...and we do, too!!**

Monday, October 29, 2018 - 6:00 pm

Last year we had HUNDREDS of people come to our Trunk or Treat event. Wear your best family-friendly costume and bring other boys and girls along for the fun!

Decorate your car and bring treats to hand out. The church will provide hot dogs and cold drinks. Children go trunk to trunk in their costumes to collect their treats. To give treats to hundreds of people, we need your help. You can donate bags of candy and snack size goodies (or a cash donation if you wish) and place them in the decorated boxes located next to the Connection Points.

PLEASE NOTHING WITH NUTS!

Thanks for helping with this outreach effort.

See Pat Gunning (email: pat@fumccollingswood.org) or contact the church office if you want to decorate your car for the event. You can also sign up on the tear off in your Sunday bulletin for ways to help.

**Show them we are a place where God's
love makes the difference!**

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Church Office Closed	2 10:00 AM Follower Bible Study	3 WNL begins 6:45 PM Mast
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21 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service 6:00 PM Ryver	22 Church Office Closed 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	23 10:00 AM Follower Bible Study 5:30 PM Urban Promise Celebration Banquet	24 WNL begins 6:45 PM Mast
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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er's Men	18 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	19	20
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<i>Halloween</i>			



Tim and Kathy Sheetz, Handi*Vangelism

THANK YOU so much for the supply items you helped gather and donate for our use at Handi*Camp 2018! This was our 45th summer - and it was another good one! God brought together a great group of staff members for 7 weeks to care for our 113 campers and Bible Conference guests (ten were first-timers). The camp weeks' theme was SPACE and the Bible Conf theme was SURVIVOR! A fun activity for all the weeks was watching 6 ducklings grow. Field trips to the Cape May County Park and Zoo, Franklin Institute, Deptford Mall (twice) and the Pop Shop all went well - they are always a fun part of camp. We saw God at work spiritually, too, as His Word was taught and lived out for all to see, including special times of worship and praise. Two campers asked Jesus to be their Best Friend and Savior! We trust other campers, guests and staffers grew in their love for God from their time at camp. Again, thanks for your love in giving, praying and caring!

Don and Norma Toland, retired from Papua New Guinea

To All of Our Dear Prayer Partners:

Norma and I are sending this urgent prayer request, asking each of you to be in earnest prayer for the Rawa people of Papua New Guinea. After a Skype telephone conversation a couple of days ago with our Rawa Literacy Coordinator, Yunu [You-knew] Siwi, he told us of this very urgent prayer need.

For over a year now, very heavy Spiritual Warfare has been going on between some of the Rawa clans living across the mountain range in the Rawa Two dialect area. Yunu stated that in recent months this has spread across the mountain range to the communities in the Rawa One Dialect area as well. People are being hacked to death by machetes and their homes burned to the ground.

When we asked Yunu why these marauders were doing what they are going, he stated that no one seemed to know. Apparently, there is now a group of Rawa men that want to fight back by hacking the marauders up and burning them to death.

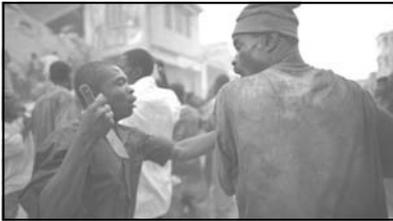
This has gotten so wide spread that a lot of the Rawa men have gotten so fearful for their lives, that they have either just fled along with their families, or have sent their wives and families out of

the Rawa area. Those who remain are fearful to even go to tend their food gardens.

Right now Satan is having a joyful celebration in seeing the Rawas systematically decimating one another. At this point, there is a dearth of strong Christian leadership to lead their people to follow the Lord.

Please pray with us that God will do battle for the Rawa people, and put a total stop to this senseless hatred and killing. Let's pray and claim the Lord's wall of protection surrounding all those who are following the Lord, so that the enemy can no longer hurt or kill them. Let's pray that when these evil marauders see the tremendous power of the Lord protecting His followers, that, in great fear, they will stop this senseless killing, repent, and turn to the Lord themselves. Thank you for standing with us in prayer about this most serious situation.

David and Phyllis Schmid, Haiti



We received the following news from friends in Haiti working with Lemuel (Manis and Judy). I have changed and added some of the information. Many of you may be aware that there has been violent rioting and looting in Port-au-Prince for the past several days. The main incentive was a government announcement that gas prices were going to rise significantly. The riots began on Thursday, but escalated quickly over the weekend. Roads were cut off everywhere. Many businesses (including grocery stores) were burned and/or looted. Vehicles were burned or /smashed. Banks

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were looted. The rioters would allow no vehicles on the roads, and most people sheltered in their homes....some of them couldn't even go out to buy food! (And most Haitians don't have refrigeration so they buy food day to day.) There were road blocks and demonstrations in other cities as well, but not to the level of Port-au-Prince.

Manis and Judy's Toyota Land Cruiser was in the city to buy supplies and the driver put it in the safest place he could: a supermarket (where we always shopped) parking lot that had security guards. But, security guards can't do anything in the face of a mob. The supermarket was looted, and the Land Rover was smashed and looted as well.

The decision about gas price hikes was rescinded, but the mobs were then saying they will not stop until the current president, Jovenel Moise, steps down. However, as of now, it appears that police are trying to restore order. Some main roads are still blocked, and there may be isolated demonstrations still going on. But, vehicles have cautiously begun to circulate in Port-au-Prince. We are not sure what the coming days will look like; things are still tense. Moreover, there have been a lot of losses that may affect everyone in a secondary way.

The staff of Lemuel are all safe as well as our friends and family. Some of our missionary family are in the states now so they are away from the violence.

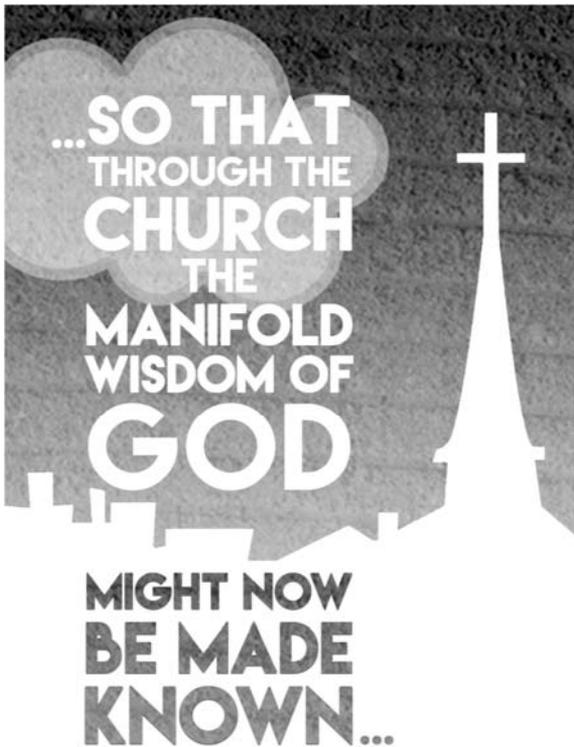
Please pray for Haiti at this time. Pray that believers will truly be a living light--agents of God's love, peace, justice and wisdom in the middle of a lot of chaos. Long term, you can pray for an end to government corruption; for wise and righteous leaders; for a change in mentality to one of unity and understanding; for stability and peace.

Neil and Wannee Thompson, Thailand

Our OMF-US National Conference last week was a great blessing and very inspiring. The theme was "From Strength to Strength." Several international leaders attended, as well as our National Director Elect, James (with Lisa) Dougherty—a guy who, fresh out of college started at the office the same day as I, in August 2001! Our home staff from across the country, missionaries on home assignment, board members and other volunteers, many retirees and ministry partners attended. We learned that I am one of 77 retirees in the US; nine are over 90 years old! We have served a cumulative 2667 years in East Asia—and many more since returning to the US!

The Field Updates were very moving, primarily from Vietnam and The Philippines. We were thrilled to reunite with old friends from Thailand and young friends who became missionaries during our term in leadership. I spent a breakfast with an anesthesiologist who is considering early retirement to serve in East Asia! Please pray for all who attended and for enhanced understanding of OMF ministry by volunteers and partners.

Please pray for our ministry at The Pines: providing a welcoming, relaxing and spiritually and physically refreshing environment in Thailand. Wannee will manage the accounts, schedule reservations and oversee the Thai staff. She asks for special prayer in working with the Thai staff—both in maintaining good working relationships and times to share about the Lord. I will lead our Sunday morning and worship services (sharing insights from Romans.) One of the Thai staff—Joe—a is a handyman, providing general maintenance and fixing what goes wrong. Pray for me as I work with him and look for opportunities to share the Gospel.



EPHESIANS 3:10, ESV



If you have not already done so,
 please give your dates
 (birth dates and anniversary dates)
 to the church office
 in writing or by e-mail:
maria@fumccollingswood.org.

- Oct. 1 Taylor Cobert
- Oct. 2 Betty Strike
- Oct. 4 Kim Harris
- Oct. 5 Jenn Knudson
- Oct. 7 Joan Steward
- Oct. 8 Elizabeth Boswell
- Oct. 10 Dylan DeRue
Tyler Wertz
- Oct. 11 Jerry Adams
- Oct. 13 Bill Bickel
William Hoover

- Oct. 15 Jack MacNamara
Nicole Meyers
Jill Tribulas
- Oct. 16 David Hammond
- Oct. 17 Steve Latch
- Oct. 19 Tom Averell
Linda Rameriz
- Oct. 21 Michael D. Schmitt
- Oct. 22 Janel Esher
Nicole Zook
- Oct. 23 Ethan DeRue
- Oct. 26 Betty-Ruth Schopfer
- Oct. 27 Jan Michael Hoover
- Oct. 31 Veronica Hamilton



- October 2 Gus and Mary Mondatsos
- October 3 Steve and Linda Schoch
- October 5 Will and Christine Walker
- October 18 Ron and Kathy Warwick
- October 19 Vince and Maria Gianfrancesco
- October 21 Mark and Rose Hamilton
- October 29 Jonathan and Jennifer Schwehm



Baptisms at First Church

Evvy Earwood August 26, 2018

Ruby Earwood August 26, 2018

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make it personal paying attention to detail because he is the Master Builder.

*When all is finished he will uncover the original furniture and set this too as he has the foundation, the walls, the roof and all the rooms. Each one individual and unique in its existence and appearance to the outsider so that the furniture of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control will embrace those who will enjoy their comfort and enjoy the comfort of those who embrace them and stand forever. Because the Master Builder knows what is necessary for the ongoing up keep of something made worthy of his unfailing love and sacrifice. **We are this building***

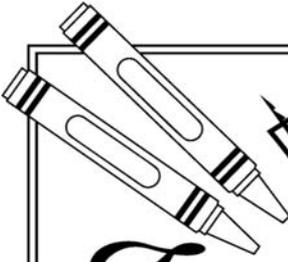
that the Lord is restoring. We are the temple of the living God, the furniture are the gifts of the Holy Spirits' occupancy, the chandelier is His light and the meticulous detail is the way in which we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Therefore encourage
**ONE ANOTHER AND
build one another up ...**

1 Thessalonians 5:11, ESV



In His love and Grace,
Pastor Sam



PUZZLE

From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun
"gratitude gift"
for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.

Bible QUIZ

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia



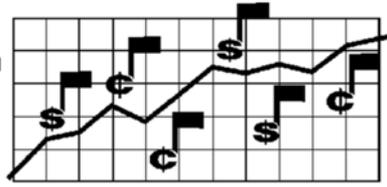
MAKE IT COUNT!

This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count. We're on. Direct us, Lord, and get us on our feet.

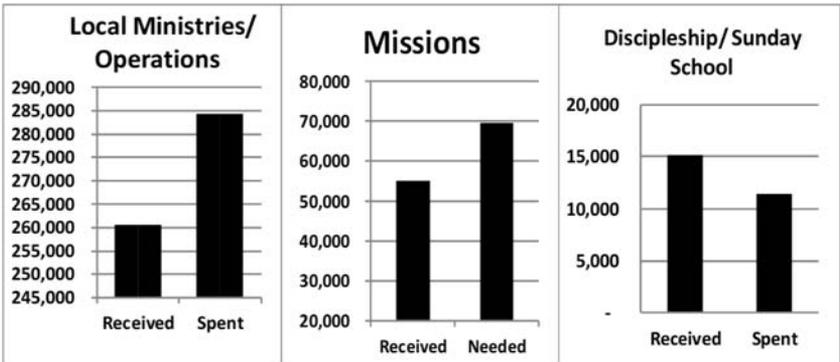
—Beth Moore

Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)

Financial Notes



August 2018 FIRST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT - We appreciate your consistent, generous giving as we build the kingdom together. Finances through August were as follows:



Local ministries/operations Account - This account supports our church's personnel, property, program and administrative expenses and the Greater NJ Annual Conference shared ministries. The 2018 local ministries/operations budget is \$464,763. It is funded by 90% of the 90%/10% local ministries/operation-missions offerings, 100% of the local ministries/operations offerings, 90% of loose plate offerings, conference apportionment-world service offerings and miscellaneous income.

Missions Account - This account supports First Church-related missionaries, First Church-related ministries and other missionaries and ministries. The 2018 missions budget is \$104,288 or \$8,691/month. It is funded by a 10% tithe of the 90%/10% local ministries-operations/missions offerings, missions offerings, 10% of loose plate offerings and the Easter and Christmas missions offerings.

Discipleship / Sunday School Account - This account supports the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and certain youth expenses. The 2018 Sunday School/Discipleship budget is \$17,000. It is funded by offerings given in Sunday School classes and by offerings to the church designated for Sunday School/Discipleship, Vacation Bible School and youth.

Designated Funds - In addition to their support of the local ministries/operations, mission and Sunday school/discipleship budgets, members and friends of First Church gave \$1,755 as follows to designated funds during August:

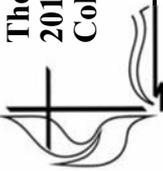
- \$1,265 in memorial gifts
- \$333 for the Sunday school, VBS and youth programs. These funds have been transferred to the Sunday school treasurer and are in addition to offerings taken in Sunday School classes. They will be reflected in the Sunday school/discipleship portion of the September 2018 First Church Financial Report.
- \$137 for the Local Benevolence fund. These funds have been transferred to the Benevolence treasurer.
- \$20 for the Grace Café.

Consistent support of our local ministries/operations, missions and Sunday School / Discipleship ministries by members and friends of First Church enables us to do all we do. Thank you. We report finances to the congregation each month.

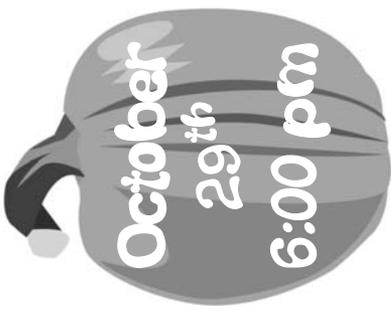
Contact local ministries-operations account treasurer, Ted Robb [856-858-4523] for questions on the local ministries-operations account report, missions account treasurer, Jean Robb [856-858-4523] for questions on the missions account report and Sunday School treasurer, Charles Hill [856-854-4010] for questions on the Discipleship/Sunday School report.



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*To see all people **WORSHIP** God, **CONNECT** with His people,
and join His **MISSION** in this world.*