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Associate's Corner

At the beginning of the month, on October 1st, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Richard Eident's preaching career. Well done, good and faithful servant! At the end of this month, on October 31st, we will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, which ignited the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther and Richard Eident have a lot in common: they both believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and is the authoritative voice of the Church, not church officials. In the words of Peter, "We must obey God rather than men." They both also believe that salvation comes through the grace of God and the faith of the believer in Jesus, not by good works. You cannot work or pay your way into heaven. This biblical truth was at the core of the reformation of the church. So what is grace? We have all heard of Karma, what goes around, comes around; you get what you deserve. By God's grace we get what we don't deserve. Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice whether we believe in Him or not. Have you ever stood in a Wal-Mart line, and had to wait for a price check and then a handful of coupons from the customer in front of you? Can be pretty annoying. And then someone walks up behind you with one item, as you are ready to check out! What to do! If you have an ounce of grace, you let the person cut in front of you. That is grace, giving to someone who is not deserving.

1 Peter 4: 10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Who can you give grace to this week?

Steve Morgan

Anyone wanting to help make noodles for the Church Thanksgiving Dinner please come to the church on Saturday, November 11th at 9 am and bring a knife, cutting board, rolling pin and apron.

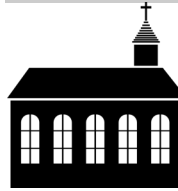
Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take time to let our pastors (Pastor Steve, Steve Morgan, Stephanie Anderson and Richard Eident) know how much their ministry means to you. There will be a basket in the narthex till October 29th to receive notes, cards and expression of your appreciation.

Phone Tree/Prayer

If you want to receive the Phone Tree messages for **prayer concerns** please let the office know by November 12th. You may sign-up in the narthex, call the office at 234-2928, send an email (fcchurch@consolidated.net) or mark on your bulletin and put in the offering plate if you are wanting to receive the prayer calls. We are wanting to only call people who want to receive prayer messages. We will continue to call everyone with all church announcements.

One Service on 10/29



We will have one service on Sunday, October 29th at 9:30 am. We hope that everyone will make plans to attend and enjoy the combined fellowship with Steve Morgan preaching.

SALT Luncheon

The SALT Group will have a lunch on Thursday, November 9th at noon. The ham and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and sign-up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

Thanksgiving Offering

The Local Outreach Committee has decided to collect a Thanksgiving Special Offering on November 5th and 12th instead of a Christmas Offering this year. The Thanksgiving Offering will be used to provide Thanksgiving Baskets which will be given away at the Mattoon Food Center. Each basket cost \$20 and our church goal is 50 baskets for a total of \$1,000. You may use your Christmas Offering envelope from your envelope box or clearly mark on your check for Thanksgiving Baskets.



The All Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 6 pm. The turkey, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. At this meeting all church members will be asked to vote on Elders, Trustees, Deacons and Deaconesses for a new 3 year term.

Thank You Note

Pastor Steve (while feeling terrible) and his 1st lady visited with Helen, as did Pastor Richard, Steve Morgan, & "Saint Paul The Divine" Weber. With that much God power going for her, she came home on the 11th. We thank you all for prayers and best wishes. A special appreciation to Jan Little and her delivery boy Jack, who have fed us for something other than my specialty of Pimento cheese spread on whole wheat, with chips and a coke. P.S. Also for the Buford's offer. Love comes out when the chips (not the bag chips) are down.

Ed Dowling



Church Life

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am One Worship Service
5-7 pm F/R Meeting

Monday, October 30

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 31

7 am Prayer Time

Wednesday, November 1

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Program
6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 2

6 pm Praise Team Practice
6:30 pm "Marriage on the Rock" Small Group

Saturday, November 4

7 am Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 11

9 am Make Noodles for the Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
5-7 pm F/R Meeting

Monday, November 13

10-11:30 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Trustees Meeting
7 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

7 am Prayer Time
6 pm All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 15

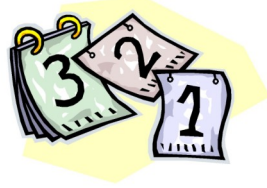
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5-7 pm F/R Meeting



Men's Breakfast



All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on Saturday, November 4th at 7 am.

- 1 Mark Scott
- 3 Madonna Moncel
- 6 Judy Smith
- 8 Mary Logan
- 9 Lily Maninfior
- 11 Jack James
- 14 Janice Morgan, Delmar Luckey
- 24 Lisa Hatfield, Madonna Johnson
- 26 Katie Landrus, Dakota Arthur, Kay White
- 30 John Greathouse



- 1 Steve and Kay White
- 6 Bud and Betty Miller
- 7 Delbert and Stelma Dunn
- 10 Blake and Cassie Maninfior



All Operation Christmas Child boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, October 29th.

Ladies Night

Join us for A Holiday Fun on Tues, November 28th at 5:30 pm. Take a moment for yourself during the busy holiday season and grab your girlfriends, your momma, your sister or your neighbor and spend the evening sharing conversation, laughter, delicious food and time celebrating our Savior.

The office will be closed on Fridays while Robin has Proton Treatment in St. Louis, thank you for your understanding.

Serving Communion

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Gene Swearingen

Sunday, November 5

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Don Inman, Tim Buford, Tim Cyr

10:30 am — Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker

Church Attendance

Oct. 15th — Traditional: 99, Contemporary: 70 = 169
Oct. 22nd — Traditional: 120, Contemporary: 79 = 199

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