



September 2010

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Sunday School Starts
Blessing of Backpacks



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The Leaflet

Notes from the Pastor

SERVGROSHARESHIP

Okay, okay. . . I just made up a new word. It actually is a portmanteau, which is the blending of two or more words together to make one. In this case it is Serve, Grow, and Share. . . Three of the most important marks of our call to discipleship.

- SERVE - Our call to love one another, and care for the least among us.
- GROW - Our call to deepen our faith and to reach out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- SHARE - Our call to lovingly respond to God's grace by living a life of generosity.

The truth is, that although we may think of these marks of discipleship as separate and distinct, they blend together more than we realize.

Consider the verse from the Gospel of John 13:35, "If you have love for one another, then all will know that you are my disciples." You see that Jesus has given a clear mandate to his followers about how to live a life of *servgroshareship*. . . If we love our neighbor, in response to God's call and love for us by serving one another, we begin to see our service ministry and a life of stewardship shaping up together. And, if you follow this call of Christ and listen to the second part of the verse, Jesus helps us to recognize that M.O.T. and the world will begin to identify this loving community with Christ, "then all will know you are my disciples. . ." And in this we can extend an invitation for others to join this life of discipleship.

In this month of September, you will find opportunities to serve our neighbor, strengthen our lives of sharing

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“Faithful Living ... Joyful Giving”

I sometimes wonder where slogans or themes come from. After all, with all the financial demands made on us on a daily basis, how can giving be “JOYFUL”? It’s hard enough making ends meet, obtaining the essentials, without actually giving our hard earned money away. What if I don’t have enough?

Even as I work on and pray about our stewardship campaign for 2010, these issues interrupt my thought process. And this was the case several weeks ago when, in church Pastor read the gospel lesson (Luke 12:13-21) regarding the man who built bigger barns in which to store his possessions. Ironically, having made this decision, the man died and benefited not one bit from his plan to store up worldly treasures. As Jesus says in verse 34, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

OK, so I think I understand the part about sharing God’s gifts with others and I’ve always been told (and actually believe) that God loves a cheerful giver, but what does that have to do with, “Faithful Living”?

In his letter to the Hebrews the author in chapter 11:1-3 defines faith as, “the assurance of things hoped

for, the conviction of things not seen.” Therefore, how we live our lives is a reflection of our firm belief that God loves us and requires that we love one another. By faith we are saved, through God’s grace.

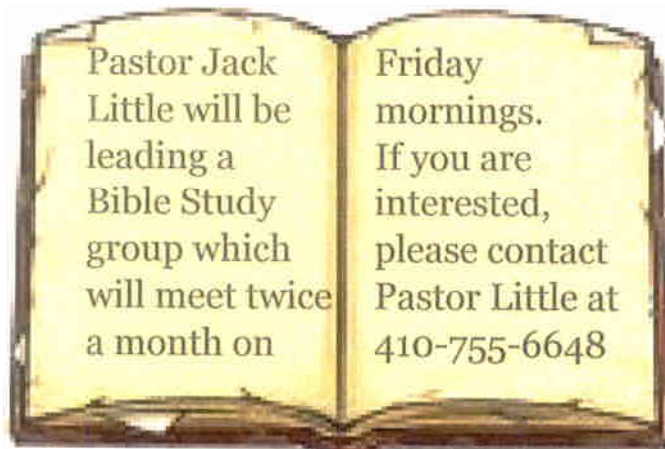
When I looked at it this way, it became clear to me that joyful giving is a direct result of faithful living.

On October 24, 2010, Consecration Sunday you will have the opportunity to cheerfully demonstrate your faith by returning to God a small portion of what He has freely given us. Following our service we will come together for a meal to enjoy fellowship and celebrate being God’s people.

Please mark October 24th on your calendar as Consecration Sunday and plan to attend. Your formal invitation will be in the mail soon.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

*Faithfully,
Gene Zaiser*



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(stewardship), while we witness to the world around us by the love we show. .

Hear the call to discipleship and link with others as we take the opportunity to serve, grow, and share together. Maybe it's an afternoon helping with the Grocery Club, or picking up trash along a road or street, and/or participating in the LCS Annual Hunger Walk at Rockford Park on Saturday, September 18, or . . .

When we commit to love others as Christ has loved us, we are joining the movement of transformation, both in and around our community.

Have fun serving, growing, sharing. Make sure that whatever we are doing, we do joyfully.

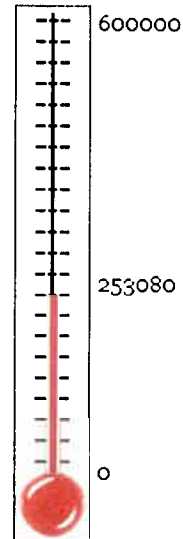
Pray for the church and our mission.

*Serving, Growing, Sharing With You,
Pastor Wes Hamlin*

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January to August 22: 63

Our Goal is: 77



**TOL 3:16 Campaign
\$253,080 pledged over 3 years**



Outreach

The next Outreach meeting will be on Monday, September 13, beginning at 8:15 p.m. at the Salemk home.

GROCERY CLUB

The next Grocery Club distribution is on Thursday September 16, 4-6 PM.



September is Cereal month. Please bring your donations on Sunday morning or leave them in the kitchen area in Odessa.

Thanks for your support .



Save the date— The Blessing of the Animals will be held on October 3 (rain date October 10) at 2 PM at our Osbourne Street property in Odessa .



Sunday School starts on September 12, 2010

Help us light the fire!!!

Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

This verse is from the great commission. It is the most important job that Jesus left for us to do, before he ascended into Heaven.

Luckily for us, he did leave us a very potent helper in the form of the Holy Spirit.

It cannot be coincidence that, in Acts 2:3, the Holy Spirit is described like "tongues of fire." Once the Holy Spirit acts, it takes control of people; just like a wild fire, it will spread out of [our] control and cannot be put out.

But a fire needs to be started and then nurtured, like a young child being taught by an adult it trusts, until it is big enough to sustain itself and then set fire to its environment.

Maybe you remember when you first heard of the Good News and when the good news became Good News to you. For me it was in Sunday School where I was taught by one of my friend's dad. It did not feel like school, it felt more like being at my friend's home and I sucked the Good News up like a sponge.

This is why I'm very excited to be able to write that Sunday School will start up again.

We will start the fire on Sunday, September 12.

This will be a special year. The season will start in Brick Mill with 2 groups. Group 1 (5-6 year olds) and Group 2 (7 – 11 year olds) and, of course, there will be Nursery (0 – 4 year olds).

Our teachers are: Donna Lintz, Johanna Salemink and Maty Young for Group 1 and Nancy Nadel and Nicky Zaiser for Group 2 and, last but not least, Elizabeth Zaiser for the Nursery,

But this season **we are short of at least 3 matches to start the fire**. We need one extra teacher for Group 1 and 2 extras for Group 2. Please prayerfully consider if you want to join the team. You'll be surprised what this ministry will do for you.

During this year we will move into our own facility at 505 Osbourne Street in Odessa. At that time we will hold all Sunday School classes between the services. There, we will also start up a Sunday School class for confirmands (12 – 14 year olds) and an Adult Sunday School class for over 14 years old. Judy Nolte and Gerrit Salemink will start out the Adult class, and other members of the Bible Study Group that meets on Monday evenings at the Salemink's, have pledged their support where needed. We are still looking for teachers for the confirmands class though.

NURTURE

AN INVITATION TO THE CONGREGATION

Save this date . . . **Sunday, Sunday, October 3rd.**
Sylvia and Hanno Schill are hosting a covered dish dinner at their house beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please bring one of your favorite dishes to share along with the recipe. More details and sign up sheets will be forthcoming.



OWLS SEPTEMBER OUTING

The OWLS are planning on touring the Mineralogical Museum at the University of Delaware on September 23, 2010. Lunch will precede the tour at the Stone Balloon Winehouse at 115 E Main Street, Newark.

Details will follow in the Burning Bush. See George Matz or Janet Parks if you are planning on attending.

OWLS OCTOBER GET TOGETHER

Nicky and Gene Zaiser are hosting a Halloween/Weiner Roast at their home on October 28, 2010. "Dogs" will be provided by the Zaisers. Owls/guests are to bring a dish to share. Details to follow in the Burning Bush. See George Matz or Janet Parks if you are planning on attending and what dish you will share.



SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

Acolyte



Sept. 5 Elian Salemink
 Sept. 12 Mackensie Blair
 Sept. 19 Cristina Young
 Sept. 26 Brittany Robison

Readers



Sept. 5 Jim Pileggi
 Sept. 12 Scot Kessler
 Sept. 19 Edwin Kruah
 Sept. 26 Dallas Dean

Ushers

Sept. 5 Bruce Blair / George Matz
 Sept. 12 Bill Glass / Bob Baker
 Sept. 19 Mark Cilento / Gerrit Salemink
 Sept. 26 Maxine Campbell/ Werner Schiedt



Counters



Sept. 5 Schiedt
 Sept. 12 Lintz
 Sept. 19 Campbell
 Sept. 26 Salemink

Fellowship



Sept. 5 Mark Cilento
 Sept. 12 Janet Parks
 Sept. 19 Mary Jane Schiedt
 Sept. 26 Karen Janus



Keyboard/Sound Equipment










Sept.—Karen McCord and Gerrit Salemink

Altar Guild

Sept. — Johanna Salemink



September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 10:30 Worship	6 	7 6:30 Council Mtg 	8	9	10	11
12 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Backpacks, Students, Teachers Blessing	13 8:15 pm Outreach Mtg. 	14 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg. 	15	16 4pm Grocery club 	17	18 LCS Walk Run @ Rockford Park
19 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	20 7pm Bible Study @ Saleminks	21	22	23 11:30 OWLS gem tour 	24	25
26 10:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Can Collection 	27 7 pm Bible Study @ Saleminks	28	29	30		

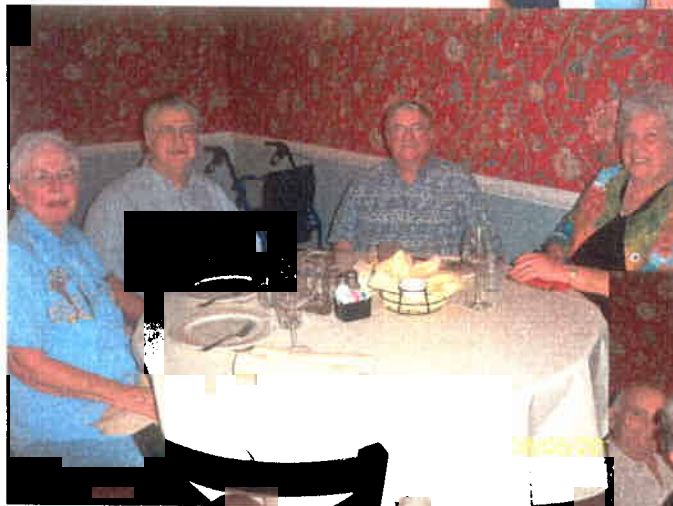
**OWLS August outing
Dinner at Kitty Knight House**
Pictured (L-R) Jack Little, John De-
Vechio, Janet Parks, Jerry and
Maxine Campbell



Clockwise right: Bob & Karen McCord, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Kramer, Delores and George Matz.



Left is Mary Jane and Werner Schiedt, Arnold Toller and Dallas Dean



Clockwise, Dot & Charles Schreppler, Peg & Fred Jahn, Cynthia & Wes Hamlin.





Ready for the Hunger Walk Run

September is Hunger Action Month and our annual Hunger Walk Run on **September 18** in Rockford Park is one way you can get involved. LCS food programs helped over 55,000 people in 2009 and the demand for help is even stronger this year. The Hunger Walk Run is the single largest piece of funding for our emergency food programs and, therefore, critically important to keeping our pantries open. Here are some exciting things about this year's event:

18 & Under Competitive Run – Anyone age 18 or less can enter the competitive 5k race portion of the Hunger Walk Run. They'll get a free t-shirt (for the \$15 registration fee), special prizes, and medals for the top finishers.

1 Mile Walk and Talk – For anyone not up to the full 5K event. Eligible for all prizes.

Food Drive – Remember the Walk Run is a food drive too! Bring cans and boxes.

Registration forms are on the Communications table at church or you can download one at www.lcsde.org. Also, if you don't want to walk but would like to be a sponsor, green

sponsor forms are also on the communications table.



****FYI--In the past 6 years TOL has won the trophy 3 times for highest percentage of participation. With your help we can bring it home again. Help us fight hunger with food for low income families.*

Bank of America and Gilliam Grants

To help meet the expenses for the food and all the other help for low income families that we provide, two local foundations have provided us with generous grants. Bank of America Foundation awarded us \$15,000 for operating expenses. The Gilliam Foundation awarded us \$5,000 to help with food distributions at Shiloh Baptist and New Cavalry Baptist. Thank you!

St. Marks and Good Shepherd Contest

For the second year in a row, Good Shepherd and St. Marks have challenged each other and teamed up to attain a joint goal of a total of 150 run/walkers! They are also recruiting a Green Team – people who are willing to have their hair/heads green if they reach their goal of 150. Other churches might want to consider similar challenges. If the St. Mark's-Good Shepherd experience is a fair indicator, competition works to increase participation.

All the curriculums this year are synchronized and follow roughly the same schedule as the readings for our regular Worship service. This means that if you join the Adult Class, you will be hearing and talking about the same lesson as your kids and during the service you may hear Pastor's take on it. This will hopefully help you to further discuss the Good News with your children at home.

So let us all start the fire and pray that it will grow out of [our] control.

Matthew 28:19-20:

... Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Gerrit Salemink
Chair Christian Education Committee

Worship & Music

Special Blessings

On Sunday, September 12, during the worship service, we will have a blessing of Backpacks, Students and Teachers. Sept. 12th is also Grandparents Day. Make the day more special by inviting/bringing your grandchildren to church with you. And don't forget to tell them to bring their backpacks for a blessing.



Worship and Music Committee

The Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We are currently discussing ideas for our sanctuary at 505 Osbourne Street, including seating arrangements, placement of altar, liturgy, and details of adding a second service. If you have any ideas you would like to share or would like to join the Committee, please feel free come to our meetings. We welcome new ideas and new members .

Sylvia Schill
Committee Chair

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