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The Beacon

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Message from the Pastor

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

- Colossians 3:23

Serving in ministry can be incredibly rewarding. There are moments when we see God moving, people growing, and prayers being answered. But ministry isn't always like that. Sometimes plans don't work. People disappoint us. Our efforts seem to go unnoticed, and we find ourselves wondering, "*Am I really making a difference?*"

Those are the moments when Colossians 3:23 becomes especially important: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

Paul reminds us of something every Christian servant eventually needs to remember: we are ultimately serving Christ. Yes, ministry is about people. We love people, care for people, teach people, and reach people with the Gospel. But people cannot be the ultimate reason we serve, because people will sometimes disappoint us. Jesus must be our reason.

Faithfulness is easy when things are going well. It is tested when serving becomes difficult. Certainly, God leads us into new seasons or calls us to serve differently. But we should be careful not to mistake discouragement for God's direction. Something being difficult doesn't necessarily mean God is finished with it. In other words, don't confuse difficult with finished.

James tells us that "the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (James 1:3). We often focus on what God is accomplishing *through* our ministry, but perhaps we should also consider what He is accomplishing *in us*. Serving develops patience. Leadership requires humility. Difficult relationships teach grace. Disappointment teaches dependence upon God. Perseverance develops character.

So instead of immediately asking, "*Lord, how do I get out of this?*" perhaps we should sometimes ask, "Lord, what are You trying to develop in me through this?"

This is especially important for those who lead. Whether you serve on a committee, teach, lead a ministry, sing in the choir, work with children, or serve quietly behind the scenes, there will be seasons when the work feels heavier than the reward. In those moments, remember *Who* called you to serve. Our faithfulness isn't dependent upon recognition, appreciation, or everything going according to plan.

At the same time, serving Christ doesn't mean carrying everything alone. Even strong leaders get tired. Sometimes we need enough humility to say, "*I'm struggling. Would you pray for me?*" That's part of what it means to be the Body of Christ—we share the work, the burdens, and the joys of ministry together.

Perhaps you've been serving for years, and you're tired. Maybe something has frustrated or disappointed you. Or perhaps you've been standing on the sidelines wondering where you fit. Wherever you are, ask a simple question: "Lord, what does faithfulness look like for me today?"

The answer may be to continue where you are. It may be to have a needed conversation, ask for help, encourage someone else, or step into a place of service for the first time. The important thing is that our response comes from listening to Christ, not reacting to circumstances.

Church, circumstances change. People change. Ministries change. Seasons change. But Jesus Christ is still Lord.

So when ministry becomes difficult, don't automatically assume the work is finished. Remember who called you, seek His direction, and leave the results in His hands.

After all, we are serving Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob



Music Minute

The summer's heat begins to slowly fade. Cold beverages are replaced with warm pumpkin spice lattes and sweet apple cider. Tank tops and shorts are traded in for jackets and jeans. Thick green leaves dress themselves in vibrant hues in preparation for their graceful descent. In October, as the days grow shorter and a gentle crispness fills the air, we find ourselves once again in the embrace of autumn, the season of change.

The change in season may also mean a change in the pace of life as well. You might be eating breakfast on the run, rushing your kids or grandkids to the bus stop, sitting in long carpool lines, or packing up your college student for the start of the school year. And maybe, just as you're catching your breath, your mind starts to wander to the family holidays lurking around the corner. If we aren't careful, in the busyness of all the activities, we may miss some of the wonders and lessons God has for us. God's wisdom can teach us a few lessons in this season!

- **Slow Down** ~ Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know I am God!" Just as God created the natural seasons of spring, summer, fall, and winter, He also takes us through different seasons of life. The fall season invites us to pause, consider the state of our hearts, and align our lives with God's will. It's a time to evaluate our priorities that may have shifted, the distractions that have crept in, and the areas where we need to surrender to God's transforming power. Just as the trees clear their branches, we must strip away anything that hinders our walk with Jesus.
- **Let go** ~ 1 Peter 1:7 says, "Give all your worries to God, for He cares about you." The falling leaves serve as a visual representation of releasing our cares to God. Autumn's lesson of letting go encourages us to release our worries, fears, and pains from the past. It's also a time to consider what we can let go of when we feel overwhelmed. Simplify your life by reviewing your calendar and minimize your commitments; learn to say "no", and learn the value of being less busy. The act of letting go is a powerful way to experience God's freedom and move forward with a lighter heart.
- **Embrace Change** ~ Isaiah 43:9 says "For I am about to do something new." Autumn vividly demonstrates to us that change is not just inevitable, but also beautiful. We might ask ourselves what changes God is calling us to make in this season. Do we need to read Scripture or pray more? Do we need to adjust our schedules to make more time for Him, or for our families and friends? The beauty of autumn lies in the subtle reminder that change is an ongoing part of God's design. Let's embrace the change!

On Sunday, October 11th, Music Ministry will host its annual Baked Potato and Salad Bar fund raiser luncheon to offset some of the costs of the Community Choir presentation and other music and A/V ministry costs incurred throughout the year. Please make plans to join us for a time of delicious food and great fellowship. We ask that you please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or by calling the church office no later than Thursday, October 8th so we know how many spuds we'll need. As always, we greatly appreciate your continued support!

Hand Bell Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Community Choir are all hard at work preparing great music for the fall and Christmas seasons that we pray will be a blessing to all who hear it. We look forward to sharing with you and joining you as we worship together through music. Music and A/V Ministries wish you a happy autumn, and pray that you will embrace all that this season of change brings to us. We are excited to see what God will continue to do in and through us.

JOYfully Serving,

Ellen Stephenson

Director of Music Ministries



Intentional Faith Development: Growing Together in Christ

This probably is not the first time that you have heard this from me, but one of the five fruitful practices of successful congregations is intentional faith development. An important component of that is Christian education, which includes things like Sunday School, Bible studies, and our own personal devotions at home. Taking the time to dive deeper into God's Word and to learn more about it is one of those things that John Wesley referred to as a "work of piety." It is part of the process of sanctification that helps draw us closer to God. And, it is an important evangelism tool through which Provident Grace works.

I have to confess that I am a little bit biased in that regard, as I work part-time as an educator and have a special affinity for activities designed to help folks grow intellectually and spiritually. As has been discussed many times, part of what our pastor does is what he terms "equipping the saints." That means an important component of his role and calling as our pastor is to help us and to provide the tools for us to grow and develop in our relationship with God. Of course, that responsibility extends well beyond the pastor, the lay leader, and the Sunday School superintendent—it really is one of our shared responsibilities as members of the church.

Introducing RightNow Media

In order that we might have more opportunities for intentional faith development, the church is providing every member with access to online materials through RightNow Media. By this point, everyone should have received an email from Pastor Bob that outlines the program and, more importantly, contains a link for you to set up an account and access the material. In setting it up, Pastor Bob has ensured that all of the material accessible through it is beneficial and aligned with our mission.

In fact, I am personally using RightNow Media for our upcoming Young Adult class. We will be working through the study *Framing Your View: Engaging the World through a Biblical Lens* by Chris Brooks and Dom Ruso. It is a wonderful example of how these digital tools can enrich our small groups and help us wrestle with how our faith speaks to the world around us.

I would encourage everyone to take a few minutes to log in and explore some of the different resources available. The content can be searched and filtered in any number of ways based on age, subject matter, and many other variables. One reason we encourage you to take a look is that it might help you find resources to suggest for your own Sunday School classes, as that always works best when we share good materials with one another.

Just as importantly—if not more so—you can access content on subjects that interest you personally. That means you can set up your own personal Bible study or find materials to enrich your daily devotions. For parents and grandparents, it also offers wonderful material to share with children and grandchildren.

Get Started Today

To help you get the most out of this resource, here are a few practical ways to begin exploring:

Search & Filter: Browse videos by topic, age group, or ministry focus to find relevant content for your personal devotional time or group study.

Save to Your Queue: Bookmark series and studies to your custom watchlist so you can easily pick up where you left off.

Leader & Discussion Guides: Access downloadable study guides and discussion questions designed to facilitate deeper reflection and small group sharing.

Watch Anywhere: Stream content conveniently using the RightNow Media mobile app or directly on your Smart TV.

So, if you have not done so already, please take time to look at what is available. If you have any trouble accessing the material or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Bob or myself, and we will be more than happy to help you in any way we can.

In Christ,

Tyler



30 Days of Prayer for Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and this year our congregation is joining churches across the Congregational Methodist Church (CMC) for a powerful prayer initiative centered on Thom Rainer's book, *When the People Pray*.

Designed as a 30-day journey, each short daily reading features a specific prayer for our pastor. Starting October 1 and wrapping up on October 30, churches throughout the CMC will be praying simultaneously. In keeping with our Methodist value of connectionalism, we believe our churches are stronger together—and that aligning our prayers across the denomination amplifies the impact of our intercession.



It's That Time of Year

It's beginning to look like Christmas. Well, maybe not quite yet, but we have been making plans to celebrate the birth of our Savior and our annual Christmas Luncheon. This year, we wanted to make it a special event for everyone at the church by hosting it at King's Korner at Chesterfield Airport. Over the years, many of our faithful members have worked hard to make this event happen, and our appreciation for their dedication and service is immeasurable. However, they are often busy working before, during, and after the event, which keeps them from fully enjoying time with their church family. Therefore, the Administrative Council discussed Pastor Bob's proposal to hold the event off-site so everyone can enjoy this special time together. More information is coming, but please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 13. The luncheon will follow the service. In addition, we will return to the church for our sixth annual Community Choir Christmas Cantata at 3 pm making this an amazing day of worship and celebration.



Brunswick Stew Sale

Hopewell Church is excited to announce that we will be making Brunswick Stew again this fall! Our last sale in February was a tremendous success, and we sold out during our first sale in many years. We are pleased to have Stew Master Matt Thore return to lead the effort and prepare the stew for us once again. The Stew sale will be from 11am to 1 pm on Saturday, October 24th. Come grab yours and enjoy a warm, hearty meal!

This sale will support our Children's and Youth Ministries as we raise funds for their activities, including plans for attending Youth Camp next year and launching a Good News Club at Jacobs Road Elementary. To make this event successful, we will need volunteers to help with preparation on Friday evening, as well as packaging and distribution on Saturday morning. Remember, many hands make light work!

The stew will be priced the same as before: \$12 per quart, or 3 quarts for \$33. You can pre-order your stew by using the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by scanning the QR code below.





**CHESTERFIELD
FOOD BANK
OUTREACH CENTER**

It's That Time of Year

Our Annual Church Conference will take place on Sunday, October 25, at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary.

In the Wesleyan tradition, gathering together for holy conferencing has always been more than conducting the church's business. John Wesley understood Christian conference as one of the ways God forms His people as we pray, listen, discern, encourage one another, and seek together to be faithful to Christ and His mission.

During our conference, we will worship, celebrate what God has been doing through Hopewell, and prayerfully consider the important ministry and work before us in the coming year.

Every member is encouraged to attend and participate as we seek God's direction together and continue the work He has entrusted to us.

"For we are God's fellow workers."

1 Corinthians 3:9

This October, we have an incredible opportunity to make a difference in our community by collecting food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

CFBOC provides a suggested list of food items to fill each bag, but remember, every donation counts! If you can't fill a complete bag, please consider giving any items from the list. Please ensure that all items are in their original packaging and have not passed their "use by" date.

To contribute, please place your donations in double paper bags with handles or in reusable canvas grocery bags. Your generosity can truly bring hope and nourishment to those in need! Thank you for your support!

The items for a complete bag are:

- 2 - 15 oz. cans of yams or sweet potatoes
- 2 - boxes of stuffing (no bags)
- 1 - 13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
- 1 - box of hot chocolate
- 1 - 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
- 1 - box of regular-flavored teabags
- 2 - 15 oz. cans of corn
- 2 - cans or packages of gravy (no glass jars)
- 2 - 15 oz. cans of green vegetables
- 1 - large box or bag of cookies

You can bring these bags to church any Sunday through November 1st.

The food will be delivered to the drop-off center in November.

The deadline for submissions is **Monday, October 19th**. If you have an article, valuable information, or exciting ideas to share, we want to hear from you. Send your contributions to Carolyn Bohannon at secretary@hopewellcmc.org by the deadline, and help us make this newsletter a great resource for everyone!



What's with the Red Doors?

Since we ran this article in June, we've painted all the exterior doors except those to the sanctuary. So far, we have received positive feedback on the fresh new look and are ready to complete it. Over the next few weeks, your deacon will solicit your feedback on the church's fresh appearance and the painting of the sanctuary doors. Therefore, I thought it would be a good time to remind you of the "Why" for painting the doors. The "Why" wasn't simply personal preference; it's rooted in the church's rich theological and historical context. Red doors on churches symbolize sanctuary (a place of safety), the sacrificial blood of Christ, and a welcoming sign for all who enter.

Throughout church history, red doors have symbolized:

Sanctuary and Safety: Signifying a place of refuge and safety, they convey that those entering through the red doors are safe from persecution or danger.

Sacrificial Blood of Christ: Representing Christ's blood and the sacrifices made for faith, they remind us of Christ's atoning sacrifice and God's love.

Connection to Passover: Linked to the biblical Passover, they symbolize protection from the Angel of Death, adding to the symbolism of salvation through the blood.

Connection to the Reformation: It is believed the doors Luther nailed his 95 Theses to were red, serving as a general symbol of commitment to the principles of the Reformation.

Therefore, the red doors of churches are rich in symbolism, representing safety, sacrifice, and spiritual refuge. They serve as a powerful reminder of the church's role as a sanctuary for all who seek solace and connection with the divine. Whether through historical context or theological significance, red doors remain a meaningful feature in many church communities today. I pray that you love the new look and the meaning that it represents.

We invite you to explore scripture with us and help strengthen our faith community.
Together, we can engage meaningfully and enrich our spiritual lives.

October Bible Reading Challenge

1 Luke 1; John 1	11 Matt 9; Luke 7	21 Matt 17; Mark 9
2 Matt 1; Luke 2	12 Matt 11	22 Matt 18
3 Matt 2	13 Luke 11	23 John 7-8
4 Matt 3; Mark 1; Luke 3	14 Matt 13; Luke 8	24 John 9-10
5 Matt 4; Luke 4-5	15 Mark 4-5	25 Luke 10
6 John 2-4	16 Matt 10	26 Luke 12-13
7 Matt 8; Mark 2	17 Matt 14; Mark 6; Luke 9	27 Luke 14-15
8 John 5	18 John 6	28 Luke 16-17
9 Matt 12; Mark 3; Luke 6	19 Matt 15; Mark 7	29 John 11
10 Matt 5-7	20 Matt 16; Mark 8	30 Luke 18
		31 Matt 19; Mark 10

October Birthdays

1 - Cody Dedmon	11 - Roger Williams
3 - Jerry Holmes	17 - Frankie Morris
5 - Lynwood Thompson	20 - Judy Crostic
6 - Lee Livingston	25 - Mary Frances
7 - Rose Hudson	Richeson
10 - Elizabeth Melancon	28 - Peggy Camp

October Anniversary

6 - John & Ellen Stephenson
13 - Paul & Gayle Smith
20 - Howard Johnston & Robin Reed
20 - Roger Williams and Mary Frances Richeson
27 - Michael & Janet Rapalee
28 - Chris & Marion Smith



Women's Bible Study

Join us on Mondays at 6:30 PM as we study the Bible through its stories. Discover how God weaves His narrative, why He created us, and His plan to restore us to Him. You may see the Bible as God's love letter to us for the first time.

A silhouette of a group of women standing in a circle, holding hands. They are positioned against a bright, glowing background that looks like a sunrise or sunset over a body of water.

Gospel Music Night

Join us Every Third Friday for Great Gospel Music Night

Admission is Free

A close-up of an acoustic guitar, showing the body and neck. The guitar is light-colored wood with a dark pickguard.

PRAYER

*Let us approach the throne of grace
with confidence...*

HEBREWS 4:16

Alitzer Family	Sue Davey	Kerns Family	Jen Ridout	Eric White
Wayne Anderson	Elizabeth Davis	Markey Family	Ricky Robertson	Sarah White
Ashman Family	Jack Dodge	Rebecca McClelland	Jessica Schmidt	Garry Williams
Rebecca Bane	Denise Dubrule	Matthew McClurin	Linda Sexton	Karan Wilson
Troy Barnette	Tom Dunkum	Elizabeth Melancon	Mary Sharpe	Chris Yacoviella
Katie Beattie	Carol Sue Durfee	Mark Melancon	Mike Sharpe	Brenda Young
Maury Beck	Jarad Earley	Kathryn Meyer	Shepperson Family	Columbia
Kim Brown	Sara Frattone	Billy Miller	Kristen Smith	Napal
Gillian Buehler	Kathleen Frick	Anne Moseley	Marion Smith	Youth Ministry
Karen Burke	Kevin Frick	Gary Moseley	Andi Taylor	Empty Pew
Anna Buttenbusch	Sharon Harris	Kate Mulreny	Helen Taylor	
Donald Buttenbusch	John Heckendorn	David Nebenzhi	Preston Taylor	
Wanda Caisse	Rachel Heckendorn	Pamela Panaccio	John Terry	
Brandon Carter	Hance Hofler	Ed & Diane Patton	Dee Thomas	
Alec Conarro	Ashley Holt	Erin Pierce	John Traylor	
Betty Cox	Rose Hudson	Bill Reynolds	Kelli Traylor	
Randal Cox	Inge Family	Mary Frances	David Tyree	
Custalow Family	Ricky Jackson	Richeson	Ukrops Family	
Tim Davey	Howard Johnston	Stacey Rideout	Watkins Family	



Congregational Care Members

Marie Barnett	Carlton Hudson
Phyllis Boyd	Rose Hudson
Jennie Burks	Christine Price
Doris Dean	John Reynolds
Peggy Dinelli	Debbie Reynolds
Jeannette Gross	Jean Sharpe
Roger Gross	Buz Walters

Our Military

Daniel Brown
Jason Helhm
Ryan Helhm
C.J. Kovas
Devin Lewerenz
Sam Power
Tyler Smith

Always be in Prayer For

Teachers
Our Children
All 1st Responders
All Government Leaders
Our President, Our Country,
Our Military
Virginia
Israel

**Do you have a prayer request?
Let us pray for you!**

We've created two ways for you to submit your request at any time. First, if you download the app, you'll have an opportunity to submit a prayer request and to commit to praying for the request located on the "Prayer Wall." In addition, we've created a QR Code that you can scan and enter your prayer request. Upon receipt, the person's name will be added to our list in the bulletin. All names on our prayer list will remain for four weeks. If someone needs to remain on the prayer list, please let us know. To submit that request, scan the QR Code.



Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :

HMC Income Statement 08/31/2026

August Income \$ 27,607.82

August Expenses \$ 38,609.34

Over / (short) \$ (11,001.52)

Income YTD 08/31/2026 \$ 230,920.95

Expenses YTD 08/31/2026 \$ 242,128.23

Over/ (Short) \$ (11,207.28)

Mortgage Loan Balance 08/31/2026 \$ 100,292.02

Additional Principle Applied YTD 2026 \$ 8,050.00

Last 4 Weeks Worship

Attendance Average

Wednesday Night Prayer: 9

11:00 Worship: 71

Online: 239

WORSHIP ONLINE

Watch the live stream on our website!

<https://hopewellcmc.org>

Let us know you're with us by saying "Hi!" in the comments.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Visit <https://hopewellcmc.org>

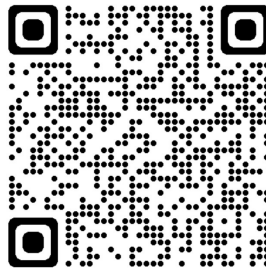
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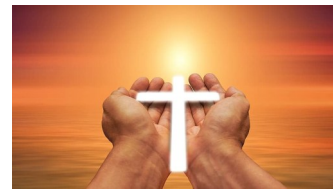
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Text "GIVE" to: (804)485-1593



Wednesday Night Prayer Service

Join us weekly on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm for an evening of praise, prayer, and communion.



Joyfully Serving for October 2026

Roles	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25
Lay Reader	Craddock, Tyler	Schmidt, Wyatt	Jacobs, Carolyn	Earley, Nikki
Ushers	Morris, Frankie	Smith, Lewis	Rapalee, Janet	McNinch, Owens
	Morris, Linda	Lutz, Jeannie	Hatfield, Ricky	McNinch, Ann
	Koertge, Tom	Hague, Steve	Hatfield, Laura	Lancaster, Alma
	Koertge, Linda	Frick, Kevin	Elliott, Dana	Lancaster, Albert
Greeters	Hatfield, Ricky	Koertge, Tom	Craddock, Tyler	Robinson, Phyllis
	Hatfield, Laura	Koertge, Linda	Craddock, Tracy	Elliott, Dana
Children's Church	Schmidt, Jennifer	Craddock, Tracy	Smith, Marion	Sharpe, Mike
	Scheivert, Mike	Carlson, Mary Ann	Jacobs, Carolyn	Hamby, Beth
AV Sound	Hague, Steve	Dedmon, Cody	Stephenson, Lizzy	Dedmon, Cody
AV Camera	Kweeder, Jim	Sharpe, Mike	Kweeder, Jim	Scheivert, Mike
AV Computer	Purdy, Irene	Smith, Gayle	Purdy, Irene	TBD

Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

A Definition of Stewardship

"Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." (W. H. Greever)

Testing your Knowledge of Scripture

Can you identify who the following person may represent in Scripture?



If you said the Prodigal Son, you were right. In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus told the parable of a wealthy farmer who had two sons. The younger of the two sons was not happy living at home so he left home with his share of the estate which was given to him by his father. While he was gone, he *"squandered his wealth in wild living"* (verse 13).

When the son finally came to his senses, he was ready to go home. He confessed his sin to God and to his father. He said, *"I have sinned against heaven and against you,*

I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (verses 18-19).

The parable ends with his loving father embracing him and celebrating his return. In this parable, Jesus illustrated the love of the father for his son in order to make it abundantly clear that God's love is infinite. God's love toward us sinners is unconditional and eternal.

The love of the Father shown in this parable is our motivation for Christian stewardship. In spite of who we are and what we do, God doesn't stop loving us. We respond out of gratitude in honoring him with the faithful use of our time, talents, and treasures.

On the Lighter Side

A pastor was talking to the church organist. "When I finish my sermon," he said, "I'll ask for all those in the congregation who want to contribute \$500 toward the church's debt to stand up. In the meantime, you can provide appropriate music."

"Any suggestions?" the organist asked.

"You might try the Star Spangled Banner," the pastor replied.

A Stewardship Thought

While opportunities to use our gifts seem almost limitless, we must be willing to make ourselves available. Often our tendency is to look at our shortcomings rather than to focus on Philippians 4:13: *"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."* As stewards we are to use our gifts gladly and wholeheartedly in service to God alone.

***God must work in us ...
If he is to work through us.***

Expressing Your Thanks to God

How are you saying THANKS to God for all that he has entrusted to you? When you think of Christian stewardship, you probably think of what you place in the offering plate. I hope that you are showing your gratitude through generous giving, but what about using your talents for God through the church?

All of us, to one degree or another, have the ability to do things that can be of benefit to our church. In other words ... after you have heard the sermon and participated in Holy Communion ... now it's time to show your thanks by doing some work for the Lord.

You may ask: "Why should I?" Think for a moment about our situation. Many do not realize that sin is a big problem and obstacle in this world. We do. Thanks to the Word of God, we have been brought to the realization that forgiveness is needed every day. Scripture also tells us that salvation is a free gift that we can't earn. That fact should make us more eager to say thanks to God who has saved and freed us from eternal prison and gives us a fresh start every day.

As stewards, we realize that our talents and abilities are gifts from God that are to be used in his service. When we use our gifts for God's glory, we are acknowledging that he is the provider, and we express our thanks for what he gives to us. Some of the tasks that we can do around the church are fairly obvious, such as being kind and courteous to fellow worshippers and visitors, giving words of encouragement, singing in the choir, ushering, teaching Sunday school, serving on committees or boards, washing the windows, etc. Check with us in the church office to see how you can use your gifts.

There are many ways of expressing thanks to the Lord. We hope that one of the ways that you will say thanks is through using your talents at our church.

Closing Thought

We can live one of two ways ... with or without Christ. We can live without Christ, living just for ourselves, exalting worldly pleasures and success, or we can live with Christ, exalting him as the risen Lord.

We can squander our talents, waste our time, and spend our money foolishly, or we can use these God-given gifts to his glory as they benefit others. *"Each of us will give an account of himself to God,"* we read in Romans 14:12. Let us be among those who hear the words, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:21).



Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!



October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monthly Recurring Meeting _Outside Events AA - Wednesday 12:00 pm & 5:45 pm; Friday 5:45 pm; & Saturday 10:00 am & 8:00 pm Knitting Gals – Second Thursday and Fourth Wednesday @ 11 am Richmond Emmas Board Meeting – RM 2 – Second Saturday @ 4:00 pm Trail Life and AHG – Every Monday @ 6:30 pm				1 6:00 pm - Hand-Bell Rehearsal 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Cantata Rehearsal (Community)	2	3 7am - Men's Alliance 9 am - Women's Craft Show
4 9:00 am - Prayer Time 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Sunday Worship 5 pm - Men's Bible Study	5 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study - Library	6 9:45 am - Worship Committee Meeting 11:30 am - CPR Training	7 10 am - Village Sandwich Crew 11am - Kingdon Seekers 6:30pm - Prayer Service 7:30 pm - Praise Team Rehearsal	8 11 am - Knitting Gals 6:00 pm - Hand-Bell Rehearsal 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Cantata Rehearsal (Community)	9	10 7am - Men's Alliance 9am - Women's Craft Show Rain Date
11 9:00 am - Prayer Time 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Sunday Worship 12 pm - Potato and Bar Fund Raiser 5 pm - Men's Bible	12	13 12 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 pm - Deacon's Meeting	14 11am - Kingdom Seekers - Rm.2 6:30pm - Prayer Service 7:30 pm - Backpack packing	15 6:00 pm - Hand-Bell Rehearsal 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Cantata Rehearsal (Community)	16 7pm - Gospel Music Night - True Spirit	17 7am - Men's Alliance 10am - Women's Ministry Lunch 5pm - Children's Ministry - Movie Night
18 9:00 am - Prayer Time 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Sunday Worship 12:00 - Youth Group 5 pm - Men's Bible Study Kairos	19 "Newsletter Deadline" 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study - Library	20 7 pm Administrative Council Meeting	21 11am - Kingdom Seekers - Rm.2 6:30pm - Prayer Service 7:30 pm - Backpack Packing	22 9 am - CPR Training - RM 2 6:00 pm - Hand-Bell Rehearsal 6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Cantata Rehearsal (Community)	23 4pm - Brunswick Stew Prep	24 7am - Men's Alliance Brunswick Stew Sale
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Kairos -

