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Sunday, October 29, 2023

### I Don't Know

*My mother hated this phrase. Absolutely hated it! Whenever my brother and I would do something we shouldn't have or get a bad grade in a class we should have done well in she would ask: Why? If we knew why we probably wouldn't have been in that position to begin with. Why did we play Army in the backyard with BB guns? I don't know. Why did we jump off the roof into the pool? I don't know. Why did we run over the water hose with the lawn mower? I don't know. Looking back as a parent I can understand why this was not and is not a sufficient response. But sometimes, it's just the right answer.*

*Paul writes about this in our upcoming message this week. He phrases it a little more eloquently to Timothy than my brother and I did with our parents. He called it a mystery. Mysteries are things that we don't absolutely know the answer to, can't explain in our own words as to why it happens, or how it happens. This past week's message is a great example. When we examine 1 Corinthians 14:34-36 we don't know if it was inserted by someone else or if those were Paul's exact words. We could find a scripture taken out of context in another book to justify our position. We could say find one or two sources outside of our context that would affirm our position. Then we could draw our conclusions and regard them as truth. The problem with that rationale is I could do the same thing with an opposing argument. The battle continues to rage, and truth is lost somewhere in the middle.*

*The truth is often found in my mother's and most parents' most hated phrase: I don't know. There are some things we just don't know, and we must take on faith. I don't fully know the answer to 1 Corinthians 14:34-36, but I have the faith to know that if I follow the rest of the chapter that begins with "pursue love and strive for spiritual gifts" then my own doubts or concerns will take a back seat to God's will and purpose. Saying I don't know to the Lord isn't a declaration of our incompetence but a surrender to His authority of our lives as well as the scriptures.*

*Paul would later write in Philippians 2:12-13 that we should work out our own salvation with fear and trembling; ultimately leaving the rest to God's good work. We have a phrase around our house the kids hate to hear as well. Whenever one complains about the other, I remind them; "you have enough to keep you busy". Essentially, worry about yourself and your own choices, the rest will work itself out if you do that. I can spend my whole life trying to figure out what Paul or someone else meant in what is known by a lot of people as one of his most controversial statements in the Bible. Or I can focus on my own salvation. I have enough to keep me busy on my own and as my mom can tell you; sometimes I just don't know.*

Keep The Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

### 5th Sunday Lunch

This Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday so we will be having lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. The church will be providing delicious fried chicken, so bring your favorite side to go along with it. All are welcome! Come, join us for food, fun and fellowship!

### World Thank Offering

United Women in Faith, be sure to bring your "Jesus boxes" this Sunday, deadline to give is November 19.

#### Scripture & Sermon:

1 Timothy 3:14-16

"Apostle Paul:  
The Next Generation"



#### New Concerns

Choir  
Quin  
Lee Love  
Jon Love

#### Continue Prayers for:

Travis Lowery  
Thomas Milner  
Teresa Hines  
Jesse Lowery  
Donna McAtee  
Michael & Jennie Walston

Christa Avret  
Michael & Jennie Walston  
Warren McDow  
Betty Byrd  
Leon Hudson  
Mary Prater  
Jim & Mary Leary  
Virginia Eadie  
Bill Reedy  
Sarah Mayer  
Cary Martin  
Mac McNeal  
James McNeal  
Our Country, Leaders, Military

#### Finance Report for

October 22

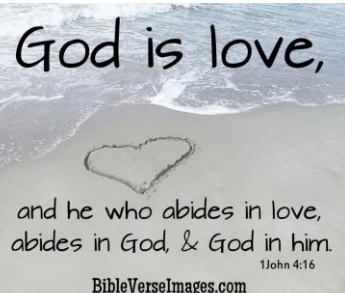
Operating Budget..... \$8,193.00  
Local Mission..... 151.00  
Total..... \$8,344.00

#### Worship Attendance:

140

#### Sunday School:

62



## Flowers on the Altar

🌸 Given to the Glory of God by Patrick & Mandy Cobb

My apologies, Patrick, Mandy and Betty I forgot to post about your flowers...

🌸 10-08-2023 In honor of Authur's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday by Patrick & Mandy Cobb

🌸 10-22-2023 In memory of Steve Byrd by Betty Byrd



All Saints Day

## All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 5... If you would like to display a memorial to your loved one on the All Saints table, please respond to the office with the name of your loved one by October 24 and have the items to be displayed on the table to the office by October 31.

## Church Website

Please contact Sabrina Williams at [sabrinamwilliams2@cox.net](mailto:sabrinamwilliams2@cox.net) for any requests to have something added or delted from our church website. Also contact Sabrina if you have any pictures taken at any church function that you would like posted.

## Reminder! Christmas Cards for the Troops!

'CARDS FOR THE TROOPS' must be placed in one of the collection boxes by this Sunday night! They will be taken Monday morning, the 30th! **NO EXTENSIONS GIVEN!** So please remember to turn all your cards in sometime Sunday! Thank you all for supporting our men and women at Robins AFB and those stationed overseas.

## Community Missions

- October total for the Food Pantry: Families served- 745; People served- 2914; Portions distributed- 1124; Weight of food distributed- 27,946 lbs... October 25 food pantry was an all time record with 467 families, 1651 people, 633 portions distributed. Way to be the hands and feet of Jesus!!
- The next Food Pantry November 8, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for October 31- Marilyn Outz, Cheri Cox
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday, 9a-noon.
- The Clothes Closet will be open 10a-2p on Food Pantry days, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Anyone willing to volunteer, please call Susan Howdeshell at 478-508-0709 or Sabrina Williams.
- Thank you for your generosity to the Open Door Clothes Closet. Each week we see more and more clothed and cared for because of your gifts of love. **Winter is Coming** and we will be in need of several items. If you're cleaning out your own closets or looking to donate items, please consider donating to the Clothes Closet. We also ask you to look for some of the specific items listed below as you are preparing for the change in season. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!  
Winter clothes/coats/jackets/sweaters/hoodies/pants/shoes/socks/scarves/hats/gloves;  
linens/sheets/blankets/throws/comforters; towels/washcloths; personal needs items; toys.
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

## Family Promise

Volunteers are needed for our next rotation coming up, we need meals for November 5, 6, and 7... please contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church...

check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

## Young at Heart

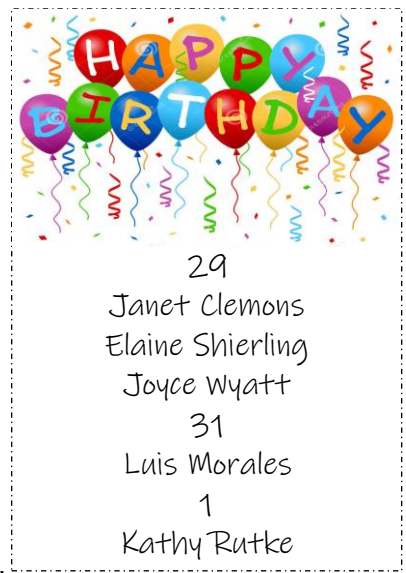
There will be Bingo in the Fellowship Hall this Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>... Lunch will be at 12noon and Bingo 1p-3p. Come on our for some fun!

## Hearing Aids

We had a wonderful member donate a pair of gently used hearing aids. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the office.

## Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are now available for ordering to be delivered and placed in the church December 1 and taken home after Chrristmast Eve Service. We will be ordering 24 poinsettias, so be sure to order yours! Cost is \$12.50. Call or email the church to place your order.



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Janet Clemons

Elaine Shierling

Joyce Wyatt

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Luis Morales

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Kathy Rutke

## Bible Reading Plan

### Week of October 29<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday..... Daniel 7

Monday..... John 1

Tuesday..... John 2

Wednesday..... John 3

Thursday..... John 4

Friday..... John 5

Saturday..... John 6



# Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

## This Week's Schedule:

### Sunday- October 29

#### Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

11:30a **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch**

#### Greeters

10:30a Linda Blanton, TBD

#### Communion Servers

Gary & Kathy Rutke  
Eric & Gloria Nelson

#### Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

#### Assisting with Children

### Sunday- October 29

Nursery- Sherrie Shell, Dawn Wilkins,  
Laura McKenzie

Children- Katie Odum

### Sunday- November 5

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Laura McKenzie

Children- Amber Gamble

### Monday- October 30

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday- October 31

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga

7:30 p Narcotics Anonymous

### Wednesday- November 1

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

**1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"**

6:30p Choir Practice

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday- November 2

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Yoga

5:30p Dulcimers

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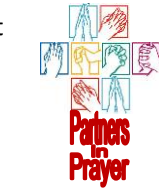
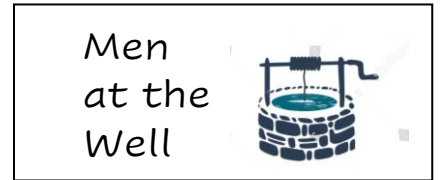
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## Sunday School

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

### Sunday School Class

Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship  
Youth  
Pilgrims

### Studies

Favorite Scripture  
Matthew  
Psalm 91  
1 Corinthians  
The Narrow Path  
Acts

### Teacher

Class Members  
Katie Odum  
Nancy Hudson  
Don Schall  
Eric & Gloria Nelson  
Kathy Blanchard

THE WELL AT CENTERVILLE

# CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

600 N. Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville 31028

Saturday December 2<sup>rd</sup>

9AM - 2PM



Take Pictures with Santa 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Bring your camera or phone**

Vendors and Christmas Items

Music

Fresh Baked Goods

School Choirs

Quilt Raffle

Arts and Crafts

Children's activities

Bouncy House

Food

**Vendor Spaces Available**

**Call, email or come by the office for a vendor application**