



Fall is Here!

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Arm Around Your Shoulder

*He will give you another Helper, that He may abide
with you forever. John 14:16*

Before Jesus left His disciples and returned to heaven, He promised that He would send them a Helper, the Holy Spirit. The word *helper* in today's text means, "one called alongside." He stands beside us to help us. That's why we who are believers in Christ fight no battles and face no issues alone.

This story in *Leadership* magazine illustrates the point: "Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play major league baseball. Breaking baseball's color barrier, he faced jeering crowds in every stadium. While playing one day in his home stadium in Brooklyn, he committed an error. The fans began to ridicule him. He stood at second base, humiliated, while the fans jeered. Then, shortstop Pee Wee Reese came over and stood next to him. He put his arm around Jackie Robinson and faced the crowd. The fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career."

How many times has our Helper, the Holy Spirit, done just that for us? We felt alone, discouraged, a failure, ready to quit, but then we sensed His comforting presence. Or perhaps He gave us the support we needed through a Christian friend.

We can be sure that the Holy Spirit is always standing alongside, ready and able to help. — D.C.E. ; Our Daily Bread



*Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Bid my many woes depart,
Heal my wounded, bleeding heart. - Reed*

**If you have the Holy Spirit on the inside,
You can stand any battle on the outside.**

How Should We Then Worship?



In the mid '70s, Francis A. Schaeffer asked the question, "How should we then live?" His book of the same name answered the questions raised by the radical shift in our culture from modernity to post-modernity. The question that we face in our generation is closely related to it: "How should we then worship?" The "how?" of worship is a hotly disputed matter in our day. The issue has been described as the war of worship. If there has been a worship war in the church in America in the last thirty years, then surely by now its outcome has been decided. Far and away, the victorious mode of worship in our day is that form roughly described as contemporary worship. "Contemporary" in this context is contrasted with "traditional," which is seen as being outmoded, passé, and irrelevant to contemporary individuals. Those who deem the contemporary shift in worship as a deterioration are in the minority, so it behooves us to explore the "how" question that Schaeffer first raised. Dr. R.C. Sproul took on this issue in a recent article posted in *Tabletalk* magazine. The following are his thoughts...

Answering the "how" question of worship is to begin with the "who" question. Manifestly the most important question we should ask is, "Who is it that we are called upon to worship with our hearts, our minds, and our souls?" The answer to that question at first glance is exceedingly easy. From a Christian perspective, the obvious reply is that we are called upon to worship the triune God. As easy as this answer is on the surface, when we see the concern given to this question throughout the Old and New Testaments, we realize that as fallen creatures it is one of our most basic and fundamental inclinations to worship something, or someone, other than the true God. It's not by accident that the first four commandments of the Ten Commandments focus attention on the true God whom we are to worship according to His Being. The New Testament likewise calls us to honor God with true worship. Paul reminds us that at the heart of our fallenness is a refusal to honor God as God or to show proper gratitude to Him with praise and thanksgiving. So it is imperative that the Christian, at the beginning of his pursuit to understand what true worship is, gets it clear that the object of our worship is to be God and God alone.

When we move to the "where" question, it doesn't appear to matter that much. We recall Jesus' discussion with the woman at the well when He said that the New Testament church has no appointed central sanctuary where all true worship must take place.

The "when" is also a question that is given attention biblically. Obviously, it is the obligation of the believer to worship God every day, at all times. But God appoints special times and seasons for the gathering of His people in corporate worship. In the Old Testament, that special time was established early on to be the Sabbath. After the resurrection and the split of the Christian community from Judaism, it was changed from the seventh day of the week to the first day of the week. But the "where" and the "when" questions pale to insignificance when we return our attention to the "how" question. And the "how" question is ultimately determined by the "who" question.

We are to worship God how God wants us to worship Him. This is the apparent crisis in the revolution of worship in our day. The driving force behind the radical shift in how we worship God today is not because of a new discovery of the character of God but rather through pragmatic studies on what works to attract people to corporate worship. Thus, we devise new ways of worship that will accommodate the worship of the people of God to those who are outside the covenant community. We are told that churches ought to be seeker-sensitive, that is, they ought to design worship to be appealing to people who are unbelievers. That may be

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a wonderful strategy for evangelism, but we must remember that the purpose of Sabbath worship is not primarily evangelism. Worship and evangelism are not the same thing. The solemn assembly is to be the assembling together of believers, of the body of Christ, to ascribe worship and honor and praise to their God and to their Redeemer. And the worship must not be designed to please the unbeliever or the believer. Worship should be designed to please God.

I believe that the one attribute of God that should inform our thinking about worship more than any other is His holiness. This is what defines His character and should be manifested in how we respond to Him. To be sure, God is both transcendent and immanent. He is not merely remote and aloof and apart from us. He also comes to join us. He abides with us. He enters into fellowship. He brings us into His family. We invoke His presence. But when we are encouraged to draw near to Him in New Testament worship, we are encouraged to draw near to a God who, even in His immanence, is altogether holy.

The modern movement of worship is designed to break down barriers between man and God, to remove the veil, as it were, from the fearsome holiness of God, which might cause us to tremble. It is designed to make us feel comfortable. The music we import into the church is music that we draw from the world of entertainment in the secular arena. I heard one theologian say recently that he was not only pleased with this innovative style of worship and music but thought that what the church needs today is music that is even more "funky." When we hear clergy and theologians encourage the church to be more funky in worship, I fear that the church has lost its identity. Rather, let us return to Augustine who agreed that we can use a variety of music in our worship, but all that is done should be done with a certain gravitas, a certain solemnity, always containing the attributes of reverence and awe before the living God. The "what?" of worship, the "where?" of worship, the "when?" of worship, and especially the "how?" of worship, must always be determined by the character of the One who is the living God.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

***Congratulations, Pastor Brett, on your 10-year anniversary
of ministering to the congregation at Woodville Community Church!***

.....it was the summer of 2007, and Pastor Doug Warners retired from Woodville. Vic Berkompas was in charge of getting pulpit supply. Meanwhile, Pastor Brett & Shelly were serving in their ministry in Grand Rapids, Michigan, bringing God's Word to the elderly in retirement and assisted living homes. It was there that they met Mrs. Dorothy Berkompas, Vic's mother. Pastor Brett also worked at the same denominational building as Linda, Vic's wife. These connections led to Pastor Brett being asked to preach on Sunday, July 15, 2007, and then he was asked to return week after week, becoming the permanent pastor of Woodville Community Church in November 2007. Pastor and Shelly handed off their ministry in Grand Rapids to shepherd the Woodville congregation. Pastor Brett continued working a full-time job at the denominational building, and for 5 years they drove to Woodville twice a week to serve this growing church. Then, in the summer of 2012, they took a leap of faith that the church could support a full-time pastor, and they moved to Woodville full time.... Fast forward to today - we are indeed blessed to have you both pastoring and caring for this flock!

***Thank you Pastor Brett for your love, dedication and faithfulness
to Woodville Church and to our Lord.***

THANK YOU PASTOR BRETT!

"...As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

10 YEARS!

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Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection

Woodville Community Church is again participating in Operation Christmas Child.



Kickoff Date: **Sunday, October 15, 2017**
Final Drop-off Date: **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

Please note: Due to new custom regulations, toothpaste and candy can no longer be included in the shoe boxes.

What to Do:

- Gather items for a boy or girl and place in the shoe boxes provided or in your own shoe box (or plastic shoe box). A list of suggested items is on the back table with the Operation Christmas Child display.
- Attach the appropriate label (see display). As an alternative and to later find out where your box was sent, you can donate and print out your label on line.
- Please include \$9 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse in your shoe box for shipping costs.
- Please see Shelly Werner or contact the church office at 231-689-2164 with any questions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share gifts and Christ's love with a needy child across the globe.



UPDATE...

The 2017-2018 AWANA program opening night was Tuesday, September 12, when 11 children and their families met under the pavilion for a picnic made by Mary Cook. An information/registration meeting following our meal.

We are so thankful for these dedicated volunteers who give selflessly of their time to serve on Tuesday nights. The evening consists of a Bible lesson, scripture memorization/workbook time, and games.

Facilitator: **Shelly Werner**

Large Group Leader and Game Leader: **Tim Maxson**

Small Group Helpers: **Bob Cook, Dustin Cross, Susan Miedema, Stefanie Mortensen, & Kim Schaefer**

Meal Preparation: **Mary Cook**

EACH OF YOU IS A BLESSING!



October 2017

Pastor Appreciation Month

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Sundays

Worship Services
10:00 a.m.
Sunday school
9:00 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

Monday

1st & 3rd
Ladies Aid
10 a.m.

Monday

Men's Bible Study & Prayer
7 p.m.

Tuesday

Supper
5:30 p.m.



Youth Night
6 p.m.

Wednesday

Night Service
7 p.m.

3rd Friday

Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday school Worship Service (Ministry Shares Offering) Sunday school	2 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Men's Bible Study	3 Youth Night & supper	4 Wednesday Night Service	5 Praise Team practice	6	7 Elders' Prayer Time
8 Sunday school Worship Service Sunday school	9 Men's Bible Study	10 Youth Night & supper	11 Christian Women's Club Wednesday Night Service	12 Praise Team practice	13	14 Elders' Prayer Time
15 Sunday school Worship Service Sunday school Operation Christmas Child	16 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Men's Bible Study	17 Youth Night & supper	18 Wednesday Night Service	19 Praise Team practice	20 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus	21 Elders' Prayer Time Biblical Counseling meeting
22 Sunday school Worship Service Church Potluck	23 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Men's Bible Study	24 Youth Night & supper	25 Wednesday Night Service	26 Praise Team practice	27 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Board Meeting	28 Elders' Prayer Time Biblical Counseling meeting
29 Sunday school Worship Service Sunday school	30 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Men's Bible Study	31 Alternative Night for the Youth				Greeters for October: Larry & June Frontjes

October Birthdays

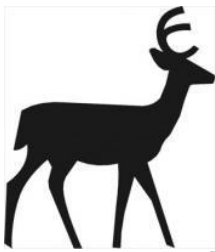
2nd Bryan Bell
6th Brad Kellogg
7th Ethan Cook
Bob Cook
9th Sylvia Edwards
12th Theola Jones
16th Roger Franklin
17th Nina Bell
23rd Pauline Brinks
Teri Hook
29th Jeff Ouder Kirk
Stan Bushre

October Anniversaries

10th Dave & Nancy Rottier
22nd Roger & Suzanne Frens



Items on this calendar are subject to change



November 2017



Sundays

Worship Services
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Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Greeters for November: <i>Luke & Alicia Beckwith</i>		1 Wednesday Night Service	2	3 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus	4 Elders' Prayer Time <i>Biblical Counseling meeting</i>
5  Sunday school Worship service Sunday school (Building Fund Offering)	6 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Men's Bible Study	7 Youth Night & supper	8 Christian Women's Club Wednesday Night Service	9 Praise Team practice	10 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus	11 Elders' Prayer Time <i>Biblical Counseling meeting</i>
12 Sunday school Worship service Sunday School	13 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Men's Bible Study	14 Youth Night & supper	15 Opening Day of Deer Season Wednesday Night Service	16 Praise Team practice	17 Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Board Meeting	18 Elders' Prayer Time <i>Biblical Counseling meeting</i>
19 Sunday school Worship service Communion Service Potluck	20 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Women's Bible Study/ Exodus Men's Bible Study	21 No Youth Tuesday	22 No Wednesday Night Service	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24	25 Elders' Prayer Time <i>Biblical Counseling meeting</i>
25 Sunday school Worship service Sunday school	26 Men's Bible Study	27 Youth Night & supper	28 Wednesday Night Service	29 Praise Team practice	30	<i>Final Day to bring Shoe Boxes in</i> Sunday Nov. 19

November Birthdays

1 st Kyle Knuver	12 th Gary Bennet
2 nd Karen White	16 th Madelyn Cook
Ben Harnden	17 th Deserae Schultz
Clint Cook	Susan Meyers
4 th Teresa Carter	20 th Tim Maxson
Al White	23 rd Eli Maxson
6 th Megan Mortensen	25 th Jackie Teja
Sue Warsen	Sharen Franklin
8 th Nancy Cook	Pastor Brett Werner
Shayne Fifer	26 th David Meyers
9 th Nancy Stone	30 th Michael Mortensen



November Anniversaries

4th Ormand & Teri Hook
7th John & Susan Miedema
18th Gene & Deb Fisher
23rd Vince & Teresa Carter

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are subject to change*

What does the Bible say about **OMG?**



I was sitting at a sporting event, when the lovely, Christian lady beside me shouted, “Oh, my God!” as her child made a mistake. I cringed inside. And then I wondered, “Does she know?” Does she know that the Bible tells us not to use God’s name in vain? And honestly, this is not unusual.

I hear Christians do this all of the time. Many are wonderful people who obviously love the Lord. Is it because we just don’t hear this called sin anymore? Are we so hardened to the use of His name due to the company we keep and the entertainment that we fill our minds with, that we just didn’t notice when we started doing it, too?

Exodus 20 is where we find the Ten Commandments. The third commandment is *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”*

We are not to use God’s name as a curse word. We are not to use His name lightly. If we study who God is, we understand a bit more why this is such a grave sin. God is holy, sovereign, unchangeable, omnipotent, omniscient, faithful, patient, and merciful. This is just a short list of the adjectives that could be used to describe God, the One who made a way for us to be reconciled to Him through His son, Jesus Christ. If He is so awesome and so wonderful (and He is!), then we can understand why it is so important for us not to use His name when we are angry or surprised.

I am not writing this to point a finger or to make you feel guilty. Quite honestly, I have personally believed for a long time, that I probably shouldn’t even say, “Oh, my gosh!” It is obviously a sadly disguised copy of the original. And yet, I still struggle with it. You will still hear that come out of my mouth on occasion. Language is a hard thing to change. When we grow angry or are surprised, we tend to forget our speech in the heat of the moment.

My desire in writing, as always, is to make us think. We need to think about the words that come out of our mouths. If we are a redeemed soul saved by grace, then all of life should be lived intentionally to please our heavenly Father. May we recognize that taking God’s name in vain in any form is offensive to the Holy God who saved us. And let’s start today anew using our tongues to glorify God’s name instead of curse it!

Growing 4 Life



Food For Thought...

Autumn Beef Stew

Makes: 8 servings

Hands On 45 min.

Total Time 2 hr.

Ingredients

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
2 pounds boneless beef chuck,
trimmed of excess fat and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
2 strips bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch strips
Canola oil
2 medium onions, cut into 1/2-inch wedges
4 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
2 tablespoons tomato paste
5 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 cups less-sodium beef broth
1 1/2 cups dry red wine
3 bay leaves
1 tablespoon snipped fresh thyme or
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 pound potatoes, cut into 2-inch chunks
1 pound butternut squash; peeled,
seeded and cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
4 carrots, cut into 1-inch chunks
2 stalks celery, sliced into 1/2-inch thick
1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley



Directions

In a large plastic bag, combine flour, salt and pepper. Add beef; shake to coat evenly. In a Dutch oven or large heavy pot, cook and stir bacon over medium-high heat until crisp. Transfer to paper towels with a slotted spoon. Add enough oil to bacon drippings to equal 2 tablespoons. Add half the beef to pot, shaking off any excess flour. Cook, stirring occasionally, until browned. Remove beef with a slotted spoon. Repeat with remaining beef. If pot is dry, add 1 tablespoon of oil. Add onions; cook and stir for about 4 minutes or until starting to brown. Stir in garlic; cook for 1 minute. Stir in tomato paste. Return beef, bacon and any remaining flour to pot. Stir to combine. Add chicken and beef broth, wine, bay leaves, thyme and paprika. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 1 1/2 hours or until meat is tender, stirring occasionally. Add potatoes, squash, carrots and celery. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 15 minutes. Remove lid and simmer about 15 minutes more or until vegetables are tender and liquid is desired consistency. Remove bay leaves. Stir in parsley.

Streusel Apple Bread



Makes: 12 servings

Prep 30 mins

Cool 10 mins

Bake 55 mins

Stand overnight

Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped cored apple
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup sour milk* or orange juice
1/3 cup chopped cranberries
2/3 cup chopped walnuts
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
1 tablespoon butter, melted

Directions

Grease bottom and 1/2 inch up sides of a 9x5x3-inch loaf pan; set aside. In a small bowl toss 2 tablespoons of the 2 cups flour with the apple; set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat 1/2 cup butter with an electric mixer on medium speed for 30 seconds; gradually beat in granulated sugar until combined. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine remaining flour with baking soda and salt; add to beaten mixture alternately with milk or orange juice. Stir in apple mixture, cranberries and 1/3 cup of the walnuts. Spoon into prepared pan, spreading evenly.

In a medium bowl combine brown sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, lemon peel, 1 tablespoon melted butter and remaining nuts; sprinkle evenly over batter in pan. Bake, uncovered, in a 350 degree F oven for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.

Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack. Wrap and store overnight at room temperature before slicing.

Makes 12 servings.

Note

*For sour milk: Place 1 teaspoon lemon juice or vinegar in a 1 cup glass measure; add milk to equal 1/3 cup. Let stand 5 minutes.

“...A merry heart doeth good like medicine...”



RIDICULOUS STATE LAWS

ALASKA–

Moose may not be viewed from an airplane

ARIZONA–

Hunting camel is prohibited

ARKANSAS–

It is against the law to mispronounce “Arkansas”

COLORADO–

It is illegal to ride a horse under the influence

FLORIDA–

It is illegal to sing in a public place while wearing a swimsuit

GEORGIA–

It is against the law to carry an ice cream cone in your pocket on a Sunday

INDIANA–

Check forgery is still punishable with a flogging of up to 100 stripes

IOWA–

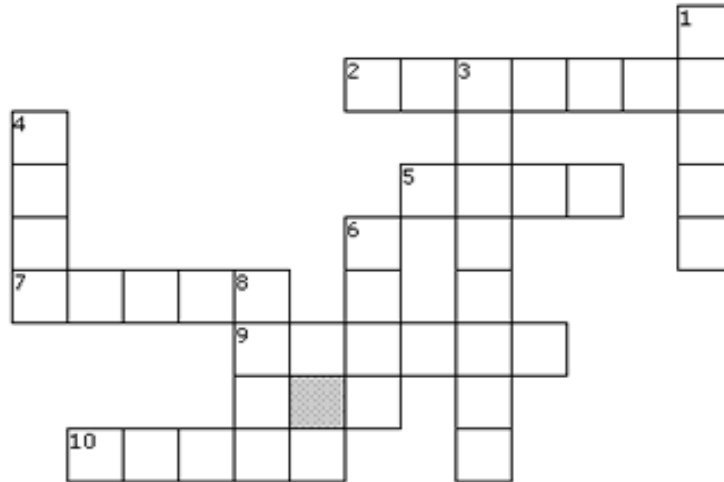
Kisses may last no longer than five minutes!



ACTIVITY PAGE

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1



ACROSS

2. An area with grass or other vegetation for sheep or cattle to graze on
5. To be frightened of something
7. A building or dwelling place for a family
9. An area of low land between mountains or hills
10. An article of furniture upon which we eat our meals

DOWN

1. To show kindness, compassion, and forgiveness
3. One who herds, guards, and tends sheep
4. The route along which something travels
6. To go or travel on foot
8. The quality of being morally bad or wrong; wicked

Riddle Me...

Three men fell off a boat. One of them didn't get his hair wet. Why?

Because he was bald!!!

Five girls walked to school with one umbrella. How many got wet?

None. It wasn't raining!!!