



## Here comes fall!

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## True Authority Over Sin

*"But so that you know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home." And he got up and went home. Matthew 9: 6-7*

It's not unheard of for people to trap themselves by their own theology and logic. That's what happened with the scribes and Pharisees during this episode. They believed that disease and physical suffering were results of sin, and that removing the disease would equate with removing the sin that caused it. By that reasoning, all healing would have to include at least some forgiveness of sin- which only God can give. Jesus used this logic to prove a crucial point.

The point: "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." Essentially the Lord says, "I will again demonstrate My power to heal disease. There may be no tangible results of my forgiveness, but there are tangible, visible results when I heal." If, in the minds of the Jews, disease and sin are always connected, then it follows that healing and forgiveness are always connected. Therefore, so they might know He could forgive sin in the heart, which is unseen, Christ would do what they could see - heal the physical side-effects of sin, as represented by the paralytic.

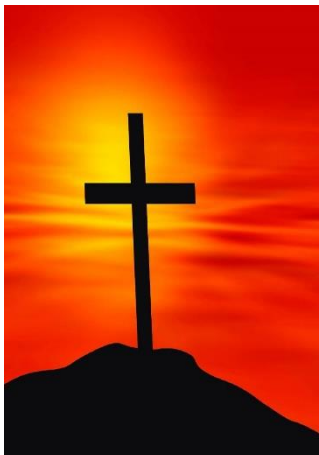
Causing the man to walk would be proof to everyone present of Jesus's complete authority over sin and its effects - less spectacular but just as convincing as seeing demon-filled swine run off the cliff and into the sea at our Lord's behest.

At Christ's command the man "got up and went home," an action that was a living proof of the Son's authority over infirmities and sin.

### *Ask Yourself*

*How does Jesus continually prove to you that His forgiveness of your sins is authentic and complete? What Scriptures give you assurance when your feelings tell you otherwise?*

Daily Readings from the life of Christ; John Macarthur



# A Different Perspective on Leadership



Leadership is a subject that is popular in the American culture these days. There are plenty of books out there offering ideas of what a “successful” leader looks like and how it can be accomplished. This interest has even found its way into the twenty-first century church in America. Christian authors have spent considerable time figuring out ways of marketing the church to run like an effective business model, promising (in not so many words) how your church too can be more “successful” by following their principles. Joe Stowell, president of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, has given some thought-provoking insights on the leadership frenzy. All too often, we think of leadership from the perspective of...well, leading! How about a different perspective?

Let’s face it, if you are a follower in a world that celebrates leaders, you don’t feel all that good about yourself all that often. Walk into any bookstore, and you will note that many of the bestsellers are about how to be a great leader or how to make something of your life. Bestsellers are written by people who became successful by doing their own thing. Entrepreneurs are lauded for their independence and “out of the box” thinking. But nobody seems to notice *followers*, which makes being an authentic Christian an interesting challenge.

When Jesus called His inner circle to join His cause, He didn’t lure them by offering them great positions of leadership and notoriety. In fact, quite the opposite: He recruited them to be followers. And it needs to be noted that in spite of the bad press that following gets, He had no trouble building His team. He was so compelling that rugged fishermen, a greedy tax collector, a tough member of the resistance force, capable women, and many others left everything to become His followers. When He called them, He offered no conditions. No negotiations. No particulars. No contractual exceptions or arrangements. All He asked was that they follow. Those who responded to the call never saw it as a demotion. For them it was an honor!

But would it be an honor for you? After all, it sounds more like losing than winning. It feels like losing control, like losing the potential of managing your own life the way you want to manage it.

That’s exactly what following Jesus is all about! When He called the disciples, He framed it like this: *“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”* (Matthew 4:19) In essence He is saying, “Follow Me, and let Me make something of your life.” Most of us want to make something of our lives on our own terms and are happy to fit Jesus into the picture now and then. But that’s not the way it works, and thankfully so. Left to ourselves, we tend to mess things up. Or, if we succeed, we become proud and consume time and energy reaching for the next golden ring, only to find that ultimately “the good life” is either illusive or unfulfilling.

It makes a lot of sense to give Jesus His well-deserved chance at being in charge. After all, He is smarter than we are, and since He has already proven how much He loves us, we know we can trust Him implicitly. He has our best in mind.

So what does following Jesus look like? It’s like the old “follow the leader” game we used to play as kids — with the Leader out in front, and His followers walking behind Him, doing whatever He does and going wherever He leads. We are to be following His example of forgiveness, truth, righteous attitudes and actions, honesty with ourselves and others, integrity, serving even at risk and loss to ourselves, loving our enemies, caring for the needy and the poor, loving the losers, and generously extending grace and mercy to the undeserving.

Letting Jesus make something of our lives is a plan worth implementing. The outcomes are so rewarding that it makes following a worthy pursuit. Your relationships, family, career, and even your leisure will all be more successful if you approach every situation as an opportunity to be a follower of Jesus. And, by the way, those who are called to lead are not exempt. Leadership that begins by following Christ is far more effective. When He looks over His shoulder, be there!

## In this issue: Covenants

## Proper Etiquette with BOB



In the beginning, God used the word COVENANT in many verses of the Old & New Testament (Examples: Genesis 9:9, Genesis 15:18, Genesis 17:13, 2 Samuel 23:5, Isaiah 55:3, Jeremiah 31:31, Matthew 26:28, 1 Corinthians 11:25, 2 Corinthians 3:14, Hebrews 8:13, Hebrews 12:24, Revelation 11:19).

COVENANT, put simply, is an agreement between two (2) or more persons. A few synonyms used to CATALYST an agreement are contract, compact, constitution, treaty, pact, accord, deal, bargain, settlement, concordat, protocol, entente, agreement, arrangement, understanding, pledge, indenture, guarantee, warranty, promise, handshake, vow.

If ever covenant or synonym is used in a trust arrangement and the trust is broken, each party will suffer the CONSEQUENCES.

**A thought to ponder:**

**"Once Broken, a Heart Will Never Break Again"**



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

*Please consider helping bring good news and great joy to children around the world as Woodville Community Church once again participates in Operation Christmas Child.*

***\*\*Kickoff Date: Sunday, October 13, 2019\*\****

***\*\*Final Drop-off Date: Sunday, November 24, 2019 \*\****

### 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).
- Please include **\$9 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse** in your shoe box for shipping costs.
- As an alternative (and to find out where your shoebox was sent), you can donate and print out your label on line at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) and click on Pack a Shoebox logo.
- Please see Shelly Werner or contact the church office at 231-689-2164 with any questions.

*Please note. Due to new custom regulations, toothpaste and candy can no longer be included in the shoeboxes.*

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

# October 2019



## Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:45 a.m.

## Monday

LADIES AID

BIBLE STUDY

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon

10:00 a.m.

## Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00 a.m.

## Wednesday

AWANA

6:00 p.m.

NIGHT SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Greeters for October:</b> Don & Susan Foust		1 Men's AM Bible Study	2 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	3 Praise Team practice	4 Women's Bible study AM	5 Elders' Prayer Time
6 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>  Sunday School	7 <i>Ladies Aid</i>  Women's PM Bible Study	8 Men's AM Bible Study	9 Christian Women's Club  AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	10  Praise Team practice	11  Women's Bible study AM	12  Elders' Prayer Time
13 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Sunday School  <b>Shoebox kickoff!</b>	14  Women's PM Bible Study	15 Men's AM Bible Study	16 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	17  Praise Team practice	18 Women's Bible study AM  <b>Board Meeting</b>	19
20 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>  COMMUNION Sunday School	21 <i>Ladies Aid</i>  Women's PM Bible Study	22 Men's AM Bible Study	23 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	24  Praise Team practice	25  Women's Bible study AM	26 Elders' Prayer Time
27 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Sunday School	28  Women's PM Bible Study	29 Men's AM Bible Study	30 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	31  Praise Team practice		

## October Birthdays

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bryan Bell	16 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Franklin
6 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Kellogg	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nina Bell
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Cook	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pauline Brinks
	Bob Cook		Teri Hook
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Edwards	27 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Garrod
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jayden Frens	29 <sup>th</sup>	Stan Bushre



## October Anniversaries

9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Carol Doornbos
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dave & Nancy Rottier
21 <sup>st</sup>	Roger & Suzanne Frens

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<p>3 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>  <i>Sunday School</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Ladies Aid</i></p>	<p>5 Men's AM Bible Study</p>	<p>6 AWANA  WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE</p>	<p>7  Praise Team practice</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9  Elders' Prayer Time</p>
<p>10 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>  <i>Sunday School</i></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Men's AM Bible Study</p>	<p>13 AWANA  WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE</p>	<p>14  Praise Team practice</p>	<p>15  <b>Board Meeting</b></p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>  <i>Sunday School</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Ladies Aid</i></p>	<p>19 Men's AM Bible Study</p>	<p>20 AWANA  WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE</p>	<p>21  Praise Team practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23  Elders' Prayer Time</p>
<p>24 <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>  <i>Sunday School</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Men's AM Bible Study</p>	<p>27 <b>NO</b> WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS</p>	<p>28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30  Elders' Prayer Time</p>

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Last day for  
shoeboxes!

## November Birthdays

### November Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Ormand & Teri Hook

18<sup>th</sup> Gene & Deb Fisher

1<sup>st</sup> Kyle Knuver

2<sup>nd</sup> Karen White

2<sup>nd</sup> Clint Cook

4<sup>th</sup> Al White

6<sup>th</sup> Sue Warsen

8<sup>th</sup> Shayne Fifer

16<sup>th</sup> Madelyn Cook

17<sup>th</sup> Sue Meyers

25<sup>th</sup> Jackie Teja

25<sup>th</sup> Sharen Franklin

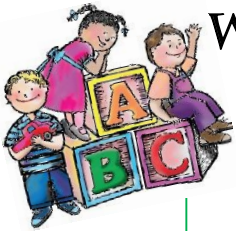
25<sup>th</sup> Pastor Brett

26<sup>th</sup> David Meyers

26<sup>th</sup> Rob Doornbos

29: Barb Miller





# WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

## October

6<sup>th</sup> Norita Cooley & Susan Foust  
 13<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Rockey & Sue Walta  
 20<sup>th</sup> Adriana Beckwith & Sue Frens  
 27<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Edwards & Susan Foust

## November

3<sup>rd</sup> Pam Morgan & Norita Cooley  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jackie Teja & Teri Hook  
 17<sup>th</sup> Brittany Hurlbert & Stephanie Rockey  
 24<sup>th</sup> Susan Foust & Lynda Kolehhouse

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

*If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Susan Foust at 231-652-1237 as soon as possible.*

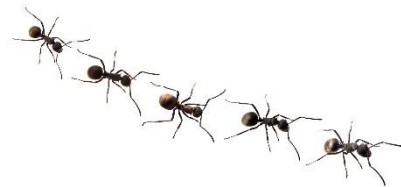


## Signs of Winter

Before there were weather apps for your smartphone or the National Weather Service, people looked to the signs of nature to prepare for what's to come.

*Here are 20 signs of a hard winter:*

1. Thicker than normal cornstalks
2. Woodpeckers sharing a tree
3. Early arrival of the snowy owl
4. Early departure of geese and ducks
5. Early migration of the monarch butterfly
6. Thick hair on the nap of a cow's neck
7. Heavy and numerous fogs during August
8. Racoons with thick tails and bright bands
9. Mice eating ravenously into the home
10. Early arrival of crickets on the hearth
11. Spiders spinning larger-than-usual webs and entering the house in great numbers
12. Pigs gathering sticks
13. Insects marching in a line rather than meandering
14. Early seclusion of bees within the hive
15. Unusual abundance of acorns
16. Muskrats burrowing holes high on the riverbank
17. "See how high the hornet's nest, 'twill tell how high the snow will rest"
18. Narrow orange band in the middle of the woolly bear caterpillar warns of heavy snow; fat and fuzzy caterpillars presage bitter cold
19. The squirrel gathers nuts early to fortify against a hard winter
20. Frequent halos or rings around the sun or moon forecast numerous snow falls



# Food For Thought...

## Creamy Turkey Tetrazzini

*What a great way to use up leftover turkey!*

*This casserole bakes up delicious and bubbly for a wonderful main course.*

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 25 min. Bake: 50 min. **YIELD:** 8 servings.

### Ingredients

1 package (1 pound) linguine  
6 tablespoons butter  
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
3 cups chicken broth  
1 cup heavy whipping cream  
4 cups cubed cooked turkey  
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms  
1 jar (4 ounces) diced pimientos, drained  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley  
4 to 5 drops hot pepper sauce  
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese



### Directions

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour, salt, pepper and cayenne until smooth. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in cream.
2. Drain linguine; add 2 cups sauce and toss to coat. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Make a well in center of pasta, making a space about 6x4 in.
3. To the remaining sauce, add the turkey, mushrooms, pimientos, parsley and pepper sauce; mix well. Pour into center of dish. Sprinkle with cheese.
4. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake until bubbly and heated through, 20-30 minutes longer.

## Pumpkin Bisque with Smoked Gouda

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 20 min. Cook: 35 min. **YIELD:** 9 servings (2-1/4 quarts).

### Ingredients

4 bacon strips, chopped  
1 medium onion, chopped  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
6 cups chicken broth  
1 can (29 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1 cup heavy whipping cream  
1 cup shredded Gouda cheese  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
Additional shredded Gouda cheese, optional

### Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove to paper towels with a slotted spoon; drain, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings. Sauté onion in drippings until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.
2. Stir in the broth, pumpkin, salt, nutmeg and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Cool slightly.
3. In a blender, process soup in batches until smooth. Return all to pan. Stir in cream; heat through. Add cheese; stir until melted. Sprinkle each serving with parsley, bacon and, if desired, additional cheese.



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



**A TRUCK LOADED WITH  
VICKS VAPOR RUB  
OVERTURNED ON THE  
HIGHWAY.**

**AMAZINGLY, THERE  
WAS NO CONGESTION  
FOR EIGHT HOURS.**

*DR*



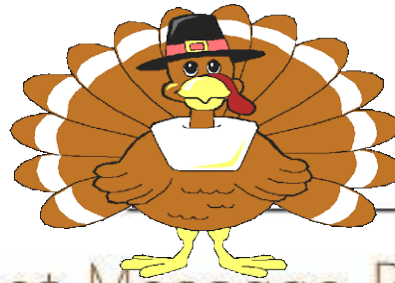
### Puzzle of the month

This word is both an adjective and the name of a flower.  
What is it?

Answer is on the last page



# ACTIVITY PAGE



## Thanksgiving Secret Message Puzzle

Decode and solve the secret Thanksgiving message. Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches each picture from the box at the bottom of the page.

