



Tidings

“IT TAKES GRACE...”

SPECIAL DATES OF IN- TEREST:

- **World Com-
munion Sunday,
October 4**
- **Columbus Day
Observance,
October 12**
- **Reformation
Sunday, October
25**
- **Reformation
Day, October 31**

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“For, dear brethren, you have been given freedom: not freedom to do wrong, but freedom to love and serve each other.” [Galatians 5:13]

I can easily behave like a political junkie, especially as we hear more and more about the folks who are running for public office. God bless them all, but make them wise, too! There are so many issues in our city, state, country, and world today! I listen to what they all say, but I have to admit I’m listening, also, to hear if they are listening to God (and to know what that might mean to each of them). I have to admit I get more than a little skittish when I hear politicians tell me how smart they are. Seems like we ought to be able to figure that out without being told.

With all the difficult issues at every turn, I certainly want to hear statesmen (and women) tell

me how they rely on God for their wisdom and strength. History shows that nearly every one of our country’s earliest leaders intentionally relied heavily on God’s will – seeking it, recognizing it, and following it.

Somehow, our founding fathers’ instructions, reminders, and lessons on prayer for our nation have become in the minds of many intolerant and even illegal acts. In our culture, many people have bought into the misinformation that our nation was designed for folks seeking freedom *from* religion in government. The architects of the Constitution had no intention of establishing a secular nation, but rather one not dominated by one denomination (as it was back in England). Only since the 1960’s has there been serious and successful

attempts at removing God from our government. (As Dr. Phil says, “How’s that been workin’ for ya?”)

As our political process continues down the path toward selecting leaders for terms of office, keep in mind that God has a path, too, which is eternal and abundant for those who follow. So, pray for every politician you can think of – and pray more for those you find it hardest to pray for.

*“And now, Almighty Father, if it is Thy holy will that we shall obtain a place and name among the nations of the earth, grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by our endeavors to fear and obey Thee... Endow also our enemies with enlightened minds...
George Washington*

See you in church, or Fancy Farm, or somewhere...
RevLon

SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 18TH

The Congregational Care Committee is having a luncheon immediately following worship. Meal will be catered by the L.O.V.E. reunion group. In addition to plenty of LOVE being served the menu is homemade lasagna, salad, garlic toast made from homemade bread

and yummy desserts. We very much desire your presence even if it has been awhile since you have been in touch, we want to let you know how much you mean to this family. So please save the date and come join us!

“Filled With Joy”

“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4: 4-9

Obviously the book of Philippians is still very fresh on my mind. As I have been reading through and gleaning wisdom and life application for us today just as much as it was for those early believers in that Roman colony. It is a letter that we

have, I’m sure, quoted from on many occasions. Space doesn’t allow referencing them all but as you read through this letter you’ll be reminded of all the nuggets of wisdom that can be mined for your life. So for this article I’m referring to just one of many that could be used. Paul was giving them a reminder of what he had already given them in person. He encourages these new believers to hold onto what is most important.

Our thought process can quickly head towards things that will cause worry and anxiety if we’re not careful to know that we can control our thoughts with God’s help. The process begins with our focusing on God as we continually pray. Pray without ceasing, never stop. Adore and honor God in your prayers! Give Him all the compliments that you can ever imagine and then realize that it still pales in comparison to what He deserves. The very fact that you’re alive is His gift to you. That you can read and discern the words in front of you is a gift from God. The electricity that gives you light to read this is a gift God gave to mankind for good. Etc., Etc. Etc.! You can’t get away from the glory of God if you really think about it. So don’t

give into negative distractions. Fight the inclination to join in when gossip begins. Believe that everything that has breath was created to praise God so don’t curse or slander those that God has created to bear His image.

So fix your thoughts on the One who brings truth, life abundant and the way to have peace that the world can’t give. Be an encourager and always see the opportunities to have joy and peace. God is so good, all the time and all the time God is so good!

“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him.” Philippians 3:8-9a

In Christ’s Love,
Rob
Romans 12

YOUTH NEWS

November 6-8 is our annual W. KY Presbytery Fall Retreat at Camp Loucon. Cost is \$30 and signups and forms will be emailed to parents or sent home with the students in October. Please make sure you keep all those involved in your prayers.

THANK YOU! For everyone that helped out and supported our Soup &

Sandwich fundraiser on September 30th it was very much appreciated!

November 18th is our Angel Tree shopping fundraiser meal. That will be spaghetti, bread and salad and homemade desserts. All donations will go towards our local Angel Tree kids Christmas gifts that our youth

will purchase.



**YOUTH
NEWS**





October Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd	Mike Bassett	22nd	Frankie Spain
	Joe Cates		Tim Ricks
	Ann Hewlett	23rd	Shirley Hoskins
5th	James McClain		Cindy Lansden
9th	Amanda Millard	25th	Bev Engelhardt
10th	Steve & Tammy Walker (A)	26th	Matt Agin
11th	J.D. Lester	29th	Ellie Lansden
	Joe & Karla Cates		Joel Lansden
14th	Amanda Daigle		Chesley & Becca Wilson (A)
16th	Frances Cole	31st	Suzanne Wilson
19th	Mike & Yvonne Bourland (A)		

Grateful Threads will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 9-11AM. Our mission is to make prayer blankets, hats, scarves, and mittens (and other items we think of) for those in need. If you knit, crochet, quilt or sew, please join us in the fellowship hall beginning Thursday, October 15th. Bring something to work on!

One of our missions is to provide prayer and support for Grapevine School. For the month of October, we will be taking them snacks. If you would like to help, please bring to the church "little kitchen" on October 11th or 12th. Snacks may be homemade or bought—brownies, cookies, candy, trail mix, fruit. Thank you for your help!



October 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5 9:30 Norma Siria Circle 7:00 GB Team Meetings	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 7:00 GB Team Meetings	13 7PM Session	14 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 Luncheon after service	19 7:00 GB Team Meetings	20	21 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22	23 Men's Great Banquet #169	24
25	26 7:00 GB Team Meetings	27	28 5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29	30 H.C.D.C. Great Banquet #22	31

Fall Break - No School

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