



TIDINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COOKOUT – OCTOBER 24

Our Wednesday Night fellowship meal on October 24 will be a hot dog cookout in the Lorton’s backyard. Come at 5:15PM. Bring a lawn chair. All the fixin’s will be there waiting for you. Hot dogs, salads, chips, drinks, s’mores...

IT TAKES GRACE...

“The problem with using quotes from the internet is verifying the accuracy of the source.”
[Abraham Lincoln]

It’s one of those stories that just gets better with time... There was a French man name Charles Blondin, who made money walking a tightrope across Niagara Falls in the late 1850’s. It became the rage to watch Blondin and his antics. He crossed the Falls blindfolded; he crossed the Falls while cooking an omelet. He even pushed a wheelbarrow across the Falls one time. But this is where the “history” gets a little fuzzy... I would guess over the years I have paid attention to sermons (there was a period of many years that I didn’t), I’ve heard a lot of preachers tell about the day Blondin stood ready to cross Niagara Falls with a wheelbarrow. “Do you believe I can cross the Falls

pushing this wheelbarrow?” Everyone watching shouted, “Yes! We believe!” “Do you believe I can cross the Falls with a person in the wheelbarrow?” “Yes! We believe!” they all shouted. “All of you believe I can cross Niagara Falls pushing a person in a wheelbarrow – terrific!” Then Blondin quietly asked, “Who will go first?” No one responded...

Yes, this is one of those great stories that just keeps getting better. Too bad there’s actually no record of the event ever happening... But, you know what? This is such a great illustration of Biblical truth, to quote Garrison Keillor, “If it didn’t happen that way, it should have.” So, I’m going to go with it. (Just don’t quote me on it. Tell people you saw it on the internet; they’ll believe that for sure.)

Here’s the real deal: We say we believe. But, do we really? We’ve all experienced enough of life to know that God continually asks us to get into His wheelbarrow, risking our emotions, our reputations, our money – every bit of what we call our livelihoods and possessions. Do we believe? Really believe? Will we get in?

Lord, we believe...at least to a certain extent. Help our unbelief. We do believe that some great adventures are out there, if we are willing to put our trust in You. Jesus, You told us that the faith of a mustard seed can move a mountain. Give us an opportunity today to get in Your wheelbarrow. Let us prove that the little bit of faith we have in You is enough. Amen. Blessings, RevLon



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS DEVOTION BOOKLETS

We are asking everyone to submit a short devotion for the Christmas Season. You probably are familiar with Upper Room, Daily Bread, or other daily devotions. We are wanting to put together devotions for the season that you create. So, think of your very favorite traditions and memories over the years, write it down, attach your favor-

ite Scripture and a prayer. Bring it to church or send it to Dawn or Lon. We’ll make it part of our 2018 Christmas Devotion booklet. Please don’t hesitate. We’d like to get this all put together as soon as possible so everyone can enjoy our personalized daily dev-

otions through the Advent Season.

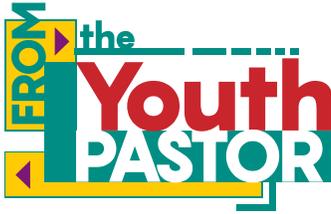
YOUTH NEWS

You may have noticed that we haven't scheduled a fundraiser yet for the youth groups this Fall. And that is because we have decided to ask those that would like to contribute to the youth programs here in the church to please do so in their offerings, as the Lord leads them. We will have our annual Angel Tree fundraiser for that shopping trip in November and our end of year

Senior Celebration/Grill Masters/Sweet Treats competition fundraiser. Thanks for your continued support and encouragement of the youth that attend our church.

Fall Retreat—November 9-11 is our Fall Retreat at Camp Loucon for the middle and high school youth of our west Kentucky Pres-

bytery. There will be flyers to come soon and details will be included. The cost of the weekend has increased due to Loucon's activities and meal prices. We hope to have another memorable retreat. Thanks for your prayers!



“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Harvest

As we near the much-anticipated cooler weather of fall it has reminded me of the time of year that farmers have worked toward since the end of harvest last fall. My Daddy's family were farmers and there is still a bit of farming that goes on at the homeplace of his birth. It's hard work and the work that is put forth is not always rewarded as you would hope or expect. Weather and pests and disease as well as current crop demands play huge impacts on the bottom line of all that effort. But if you talk to anyone that is passionate about farming they will tell you that there is nothing they would rather do than farm. It's in their blood you may say. For all of creation began in a garden and all of humanity play a role in how we care for what God has entrusted to us. I don't have a green thumb, though the plants in my office are still living, when it comes to gardening. Though I have tried it time and time again it seems that I'm always a bit late or a little early in putting the seeds or plants into the soil. You see there's a process that has to take place before we can benefit from the harvest. The seed has to germinate in the right soil conditions and then it must have the correct amount

of water and sun light to produce its fruit. Jesus told a parable about the seed and the soils in Matthew 13:3b-9, “Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” And then He explained it to His disciples here in the same chapter verses 18-23, “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or

persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” May the words that Jesus spoke be to us the wisdom we seek, the life we live and the blessings we give. For there is a harvest, “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38 Let us be the ones who hears His call to be His workers wherever He is calling us to be sowing His Good News. God is good, all the time and all the time, God is good! In Christ's Love, Rob Romans 12

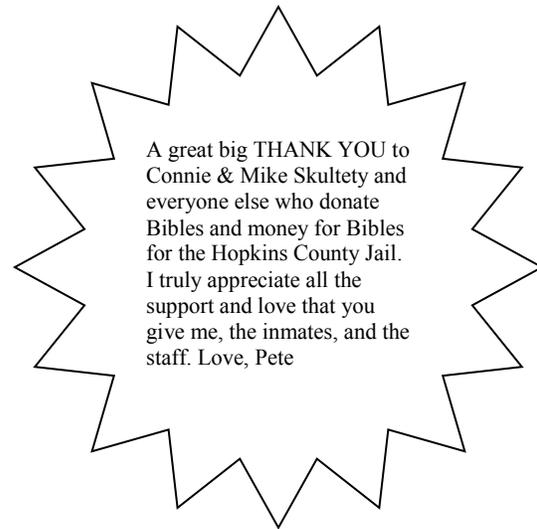




OUR MISSION TEAM IS PREPARING FOR OPICHEN!

Final preparations are being made for the 14 members of our team. Final preparations are also being made by our partners in Opichen, Mexico. We will be traveling to the Yucatan on October 6, working through the following week, and returning home on October 14. This is our third water purification installation. (We've installed plants in Xoy and San Diego Buena Vista in the previous trips, along

with the upgrade of another plant.) Please pray for good and timely travel, along with handling whatever surprises arise. One thing that comes with experience is realizing there will be surprises... Pray, too, for our friends there in Opichen. We will leave after a week; they will be the operators of the new system that brings health and clean water to their community.



HURRICANE FLORENCE ASSISTANCE

You may remember Aaron Arrowood from our Ice Storm a few years back. He headed up a large team of volunteers who stayed in our church as they helped with the cleanup after our storm. He continues to lead teams in disaster recovery. Your donations added to help them

deliver food, water, and generator fuel for Crystal Bluff Nursing Home in Moorehead City, North Carolina on the Monday after Florence hit the city. The picture shows Aaron and part of his team as they were greeted by employees and resident of Crystal Bluff.



August 2018 Finances

Income	\$50,182.55	YTD	
Expense	<u>-\$30,426.99</u>	YTD Income	\$226,470.04
Net	\$19,755.56	YTD Expense	<u>-\$215,738.83</u>
		YTD Net	\$10,731.21
Undesignated		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$42,878.55	Income	\$194,267.81
Expense	<u>-\$21,386.55</u>	Expense	<u>-\$168,418.05</u>
Net	\$21,492.00	Net	\$25,849.76
Designated		YTD Designated	
Income	\$7,304.00	Income	\$32,202.23
Expense	<u>-\$9,040.44</u>	Expense	<u>-\$47,320.78</u>



GREAT BANQUET SEASON ROLLS ON!
 Our Fall Season of Great Banquets has begun! In September a team went to West Kentucky Correctional Center for a women's weekend. We also gave space in the church for Boys' YES weekend in September. The October schedule includes Men's GB #184 and a women's weekend at Hopkins County Jail.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 st	Billie Ann Bevels	26 th	Matt Agin
3 rd	Mike Bassett	29 th	Elizabeth (Ellie) Lansden
	Joe Cates		Joel Lansden
	Ann Hewlett		Chelsey & Becca Wilson (A)
5 th	James McClain	31 st	Suzanne Wilson
11 th	Joe & Karla Cates (A)		
14 th	Kyle & Brianna Gregory (A)		
19 th	Mike & Yvonne Bourland (A)		
23 rd	Cindy Lansden		

October 2018



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 <i>6PM Great Banquet Team Mtgs</i>	2 <i>6PM Session Mtg</i>	3 <i>5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i>	4	5	6
7  World Communion Sunday	8 <i>6PM Great Banquet Team Mtgs</i>	9	10 <i>Fall Break No Activities</i>	11	12	13
	← Yucatan Missionary (LWW) Trip in Opichen MX →					
14	15 <i>6PM Great Banquet Potluck</i>	16	17 <i>5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i>	18	19	20 Men's Great Banquet #185
21 →	22 <i>6PM Great Banquet Team Mtgs</i>	23	24 <i>5:15 Cook out at the Lorton's</i>	25	26	27 HCDC Great Banquet #28
28	29 <i>6PM Great Banquet Team Mtgs</i>	30	31 <i>No Activities</i>			