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Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus
Christ as we love, learn and live the
word of God.

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FBC Food Collection:

October—Soup

November—Canned Ravioli

December—Fruit

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Bi—Annual Budget Meeting and Potluck Lunch

Mark your calendars...bi- annual budget meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th immediately following Sunday sermon. The upcoming year's budget will be proposed and the slate of officers council members will be elected. If you have a desire to chair a committee, let Pastor Paul or Melissa know your intentions.

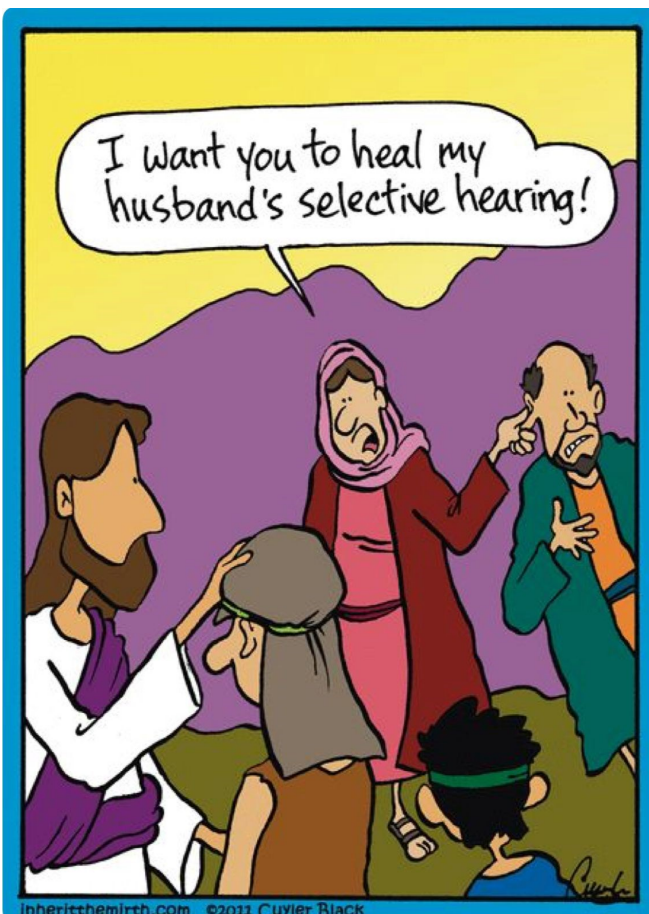
Prior to the meeting, you will enjoy a delicious repast of a pot luck meal. So, check your recipe book for your favorite dish to pass. Hope to see you there!

OFF TO THE RACES

Free up your schedule in early October to see our very own Pastor Paul compete in a race.

On Saturday, October 5, racing starts at 2pm, general admissions opens 12pm at Wyoming County International Speedway, 35 Adrian Rd. Perry NY.

Coordinate with your family and friends for a fun-filled day of racing.



Helping Hands for Haiti

Here is much more than sewing sessions happening with the Haiti Mission Foundation! A group of 20 ladies met at First Baptist on September 12 to assemble dresses, 166 of them!, skirts and shorts for the residents of Haiti. Now Sue Allen and others will be embarking on a mission trip to Haiti to deliver the clothes and other much needed items.

They will fly into Cap Haitian in northern Haiti on October 5 after a stop in The HMF headquarters in Virginia. Fifteen people from the U.S will be joined on this mission trip by Haitian volunteers. While there, they will assist at the clinic, distribute vitamins, baby formula, bandages, ointment, and “happy meals” – coupons for kids to go into the market for a meal. The dresses will be distributed at two schools supported by the Foundation.

The Mission committee sent a check for \$500.00 to the Haiti Mission Foundation and gave Sue money to enable her to purchase items while in Haiti (including happy meals.)

We will continue to support the Haiti initiative with another birthing bag sewing and assembling event on November 9, 9AM-2PM, and tentatively on March 8, 2025, at our church. All invited. Watch for details.

In the meantime, you ask, what can I do? Purchase and donate chewable vitamins(no gummies) for both children and adults. We will collect as many as possible and forward them to our friends in Haiti. There will be a container at the back of the church. Thank you in advance.



St. Pauly Update

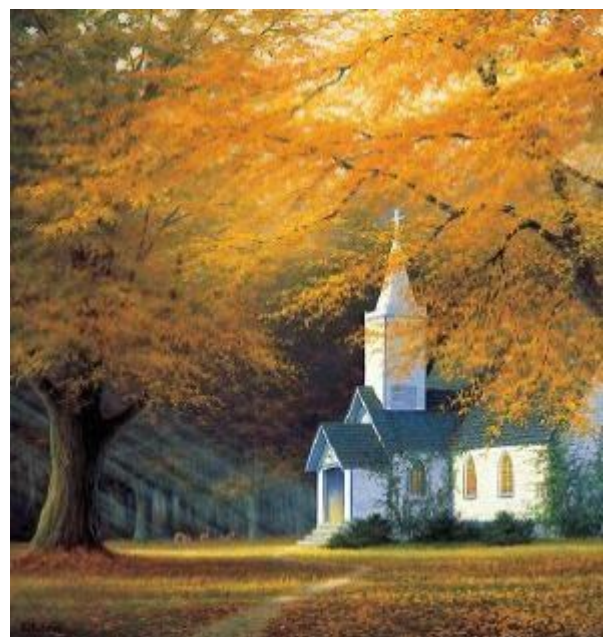
Last year 23,341 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 4,300 people all over the world.



Autumn Grace

Leaves turn to gold in gentle light,
A reminder of grace in the fading night.
Crisp air whispers of harvest and home,
In each warm gathering, love's freely sown.

In quiet moments, we pause and pray,
Thankful for blessings that guide our way.
As seasons change, His love stands tall,
In every leaf, we see His call.



Pastor's Thoughts

Autumn is my favorite season of the year, which makes October my favorite month. The crisp air, the changing leaves remind us of the beauty in every season of life. October in particular, fall in general, is really a transition season, from summer to what we know is coming after autumn...there is beauty there as well.

Just as nature transitions, our lives go through many different phases, different seasons. But remember, God's love remains constant and unchanging whatever season or time of transition we find ourselves in. Looking at Psalm 100:4, we are called to **"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."**

October, with its harvest and gathering in, is a time to reflect on the abundant blessings God has provided. Even in seasons of challenge or uncertainty, God is faithfully working behind the scenes, preparing a harvest in our lives. Like the trees shedding their leaves, we too can let go of worries and burdens, trusting that God's timing is perfect. Sometimes, even as Christians, we can feel that God is far from us. Maybe we feel that what we are doing doesn't matter, that, perhaps, we don't matter to God. Perhaps some of us, as we face the change of season also feel that we are facing changes in life that are difficult to bear.

God does have a purpose, even when we can't see it. This month, take time to rest in God's peace, and be reminded that every season has a purpose. Even when we don't see immediate results, God is planting seeds of growth, ready to bloom in due time. I'm reminded of a song made popular by Bette Midler:

"Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed that with the sun's love
In the spring becomes the rose"

As the world prepares for winter, let your heart stay warm with the assurance that God is with you, guiding your steps and holding you close.

As many of you know my brother, David Stolzenberg, was diagnosed about a year ago with pancreatic cancer. It has been determined to be inoperable, and very likely terminal. He has been receiving weekly doses of chemo therapy since the diagnosis.

Each chemo therapy session has a high co-pay, in the hundreds of dollars. And of course there are other costs associated with treatment that are not covered by insurance. With the help of a group called Rainbows of Hope, the family is putting together a fundraiser, with basket raffle, to help offset the medical bills that continue to accrue. That event will be held on October 26th from 1-7 PM at the Olcott Fire Company, located at 1691 Lockport-Olcott Road, Burt NY 14028. Lockport-Olcott Road is Route 78, by the way.

Many of you have offered to contribute to the fundraiser, and I thank you for that. If you would like to contribute there are a few ways to do that. Direct donations can be made electronically by visiting the web page:

www.davesracetorecovery.com

I have tickets for the event that include a pulled-pork dinner; they are \$10.00 each. Let me know if you would like one.

If unable to attend but would still like to contribute, baskets for the basket raffle would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute a basket please bring it to the church by October 20th. I will deliver the baskets once completed.

If you would like to bake a pie, either for dessert or to be sold separately, that would also be appreciated. Please bake it in a non-returnable pie tin, and leave it uncut.

Of course prayer is greatly appreciated. Please pray for healing, for strength for both Davis and his wife, Lori, and for wisdom for those involved in his care.

The response to this from my friends has been incredible, and very humbling. I thank you all for your concern, and thank you in advance for your contributions.

A Fundraising Event

For **David Stolzenberg**
Attend or donate to this event to help offset medical costs

October 26th, 1-7 pm
Olcott firehall
1691 Lockport-Olcott rd
Olcott NY

Pulled Pork Dinner - served 2:30-6 pm
Tickets available, presale or at door

Adults - \$10
Ages 6-12 - \$5
Under 5 eat free!

Basket Raffle - 4pm

Live Auction

50/50

For more information, tickets or to donate, contact:
Jane Trombley: 716-471-6396
or
Cindy Horner: 716-417-2656

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591 Porterville Rd/ East Aurora NY 14052

Please Pray For...

Rose Gassman*
Elaine Rickettson*
Melissa Schneck*
Tim Lowrey*
Christie Carson*
Ken Furnier
Elna Houqland
Preston Smith*
Tom Heineman*
Darlene Murphy*
Ed Hausauer
Tony Consentino
Allison Nowak
Robert Heineman
Heidi Teton*
Matt Roberts
Eric Miller*
Zachary Gallson
Sheldon Webster

Carol Wirth
Joshua Maston
Taylor Bauman*
Donte King
Bev Able
Stephanie T
Harvey Underhill
John Kenny*
Randy Smith*
Steve Miller*
Brenda Nickerson*
Dave Stolzenberg*
Kendall Johnson Smith*
Karl Baue
Titus Weaver
David Erb
Joshua Moston
Jon Feilds
Ward Brunning
Robrert Novick
Carl Bae

Bev Able
Stephanie
Don Fields*
Adam Kampf
Maryann McFadyen
Brett Begley
Pastor Gary
Rev Gary Palmer*
Carm Bauser
Patrick Hoagan
Bev Crosno

*Indicates illness

Happy Birthday to:

10/2 Jared Majewski
10/12 Marge Lowrey

Happy Anniversary to:

10/9 Bill & Lendra Kress
10/9 Liz & Aaron Bove

