

The Spire Lite

October 2022



Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8

Service Sunday

On Sunday, October 30th, we will gather for worship at the normal time, *but in the Chapel*. Instead of staying inside the sanctuary, we will be participating in service projects.

There will be two groups. One group will stay in the Chapel and the other group will go out into the community for a project. We are still finalizing the details for the out project, but wear work clothes and bring gloves. We will share more details in worship closer to October 30th.

We will gather at 11 am in the Chapel for a snack and to share the joy of service.

Food Bank

The Food Bank is preparing for Thanksgiving. We are hoping to make bag with all the ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner. If you are able to help us with the green bean casserole, we need: **French Fried Onions and Cream of Mushroom Soup**



On Sunday, October 9th, at noon, we will be holding a Blessing of the Animals service. You are encouraged to bring your furry friends. All animals are welcome to join us for the service, though we ask for carriers or leashes to be used.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 16th will be Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will mark Pastor Brenda's 22nd Anniversary as Pastor of the Upland Baptist Church. Join us in the Chapel after the Worship Service for some social time. You will be able to personally thank Pastor Brenda for her caring, dedication, and ministry to the congregation of our Church. If you wish to bring a card, there will be baskets available as you walk into Church and also in the Chapel.

A Little Humor...

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit her parishioners. All went well until she came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after she had knocked several times. Finally, she took out her card and wrote on the back: Revelation 3:20 and stuck it in the door.

The next day, as she was counting the offering she found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was the notation Genesis 3:10.

Look up the verses to discover the joke!



Small Group

A small group is a gathering of individuals who want to grow as disciples. Through study, prayer and fellowship the group works together to learn more about God and how he wants us to live.

This fall we will be reading The Big Picture by Caldwell-Gross. Connect the dots of triumph and trauma in your life to discover God's presence by studying the story of Joseph in Genesis. Books are available at the church.

Small Groups will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning in October. The first meeting is October 4th. One group meets at the church at noon; bring a bag lunch. The second group meets at 7:00 pm at the Shaw's house.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for October and November

October Birthdays

2 Parker Ferguson
7 Joanne Long
9 Everett McGonigle
George McGonigle
Florence Osborne

October Anniversaries

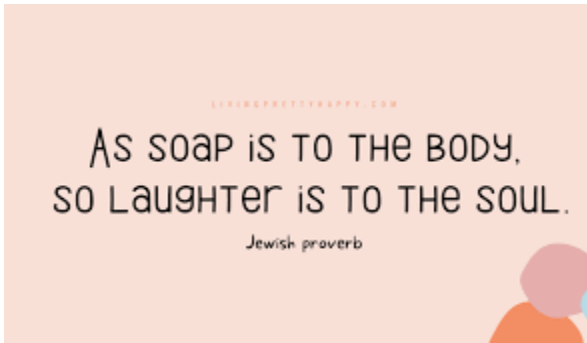
10 John & Jane Kofroth

November Birthdays

13 Dawn Rafalski
19 Doug Scott
20 Kim Buffington
22 Brian Klimek
23 Sara Mason
27 Helen Rhoads

November Anniversaries

None



What is a mathematician's favorite book of the Bible?

Answer: Numbers.

Why couldn't they play cards on the Ark?

Answer: Noah was always standing on the deck.

Bible Study

This fall we are studying Acts in Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Chapel. We are a community of learners, and everyone is welcome to come and be a part of Bible Study



Saturday, November 5 at 9 am we will be doing some clean up at the church. Come prepared to clean in the cemetery and do some yard work around the church. Gloves and yard tools are recommended.

Please pray with us...

October is budget month. Pray for the Board of Directors as they work through our operating budget for next year and prepare for Stewardship in November. It is never too early to begin asking God what your financial commitment should be. Join us in prayer as we seek God's direction.



Trunk-or-Treat

Upland Baptist will host our annual Trunk-or-Treat Event on October 31st from 6-7 pm in the church parking lot.

Please bring treats for the children in our community. We suggest that you have a treat for about 200 children. Feel free to bring a chair and invite your neighbors to join us.



Devotional Thought...

Contented No Matter What



Ephesians 4:12-13:

12 *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

13 *I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

The Great Apostle Paul!

In his ministry, he experienced constant physical pain, danger, rejection and loneliness. But his faith and trust in Jesus never wavered!

Even those of us who have been thoroughly blessed in this world--never been hungry or out of work, homeless or persecuted—read Paul's words and long to draw on the same kind of mental strength Jesus inspired in him.

But, during times when we are suddenly faced with life's disappointments, heartbreak, pain or aching loneliness, it's easy for us to become paralyzed with anxiety—sometimes even running away from Jesus—instead of into his open arms.

Paul knew, with his whole heart and mind, that he could “do all things through Christ who strengthened him...” Jesus gave him the strength to endure every hardship and feel as if he'd never wanted for anything!

Paul's faith in God was unshakable. I believe that God, in return loved Paul so much that he taught him “to be content in any and every situation.”

Contentment—knowing that God's will always prevails. Peace. Confidence in God's love for us. What a wonderful gift.

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