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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



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## Notes From Tim

On Saturday morning, September 17, on my way to help at the church yard sale, I heard the breaking news like many of you, that a pipeline in Alabama had ruptured causing a 250,000-gallon gasoline spill necessitating a shutdown of the pipeline and that those of us living in the Southeast could be paying more for gasoline in the coming days, experience long lines at the gas station, and very possibly be unable to purchase any fuel until later the next week. Sure enough, on Sunday afternoon traveling on Robinhood and Country Club Roads, I witnessed station after station with gas pumps empty and abandoned. Thank goodness, I had a full tank of gas, but it gave me quite an uneasy feeling wondering how I would function in the days ahead if I had to curtail some of my travels. In the coming week, many folks not only paid more for gasoline, but also lined up for the privilege. For some, waiting in line and sacrificing their time became necessary. They knew they could not run on empty.

For me, the possibility of my weekly activities coming to a screeching halt suddenly triggered in my mind a reflective view about life. Our spiritual-self is analogous to our car in the sense that we, too, need fuel to keep us going. In fact, when we get low on spiritual fuel, we start worrying that we might not find a "fillin" station before we run out, and when we run out, we don't want to take the time to find the next stop. This produces a harried, on edge person, desperately searching for a quick fill of that precious commodity. We act as though there is no shortage, and that we will be able to refill at our convenience.

Jesus Christ has provided us with plenty of "spiritual fuel," but we must be prepared to wait in line and pay a price to receive it. While there is indeed no shortage, there is a "perceived shortage" when we get desperate and panic sets in. We want it, and we want it now! We somehow believe that we control the regulation of the Grace and Love. This is fuel line clogging which leads to engine failure.

What we need is regular fueling. We need to fill our tanks daily, weekly and monthly. We even need an occasional overhaul by retreating a day or two with the Holy Spirit. Prayer, Bible reading and study, worship, mutual support, giving, learning, caring, and other disciplines are necessary to keep us running. Once we do this, the cost comes down dramatically, and the fuel just seems to increase by itself!

God's Love and Grace to each of you,

Tim

## World Communion Sunday

There are few Sundays in our Christian year which are more meaningful than World Communion Sunday. On this day our church joins millions of other Christians of all denominations around the world in sharing this sacrament which symbolizes hope and new life in Jesus Christ.

Since 1940, Christians have united each year on the first Sunday in October to celebrate The Lord's Supper. In the service people of the Christian faith are affirming in word and deed the great love Christ bestows to all people. Our lives find meaning in His purpose; our hearts find peace in His forgiveness; our spirits find strength in His presence.

As we share in the Lord's Supper on Sunday October 5, we are affirming our bond of love and hope which exists between God and each one of us. I pray that you will join with Christians all over the world on this special Sunday in celebrating Holy Communion and in offering your life to the Living Christ.

God be with you, Tim

## CWF News

The CWF met at Betty Kiger's office for a "Meals-on-Wheels" Dinner on September 27. Following dinner, a program was presented by Patty Mead. We had 24 in attendance and collected \$1,295.00+ for the Meals-on-Wheels Program. Many thanks to Betty for her hospitality and for everyone's support of this vital ministry.



## CWF CALENDAR AND WORKSHOPS

**Turketti Workshop:** Wednesday, October 12, 9:00 am

**Wednesday Night Supper:** October 19, 6:00 pm

**Second Chicken Pie Workshop:** October 21 & 22 (8 am— 2pm)  
*(These pies will be sold at the church bazaar on November 12th).*

**Chess Tart Workshop:** Tuesday, October 25, 2 pm

**Sweet Potato Workshop:** Wednesday, October 26, 9:00am

**Twice Baked Potato Workshop:** Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2pm

**Chili Bean Workshop:** November 3, 9:00 am

**Vegetable Soup Workshop:** Friday, Nov. 11, 9:00 am

**Church Bazaar:** Saturday, November 12, 9am—1pm

**Wednesday Night Thanksgiving Supper:** November 16, 6:00 pm

**CWF Christmas Party:** Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 pm

## Halloween Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

October 29, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Something fun and spooky is in the near future.....so grab your best Halloween costume and come join us at the church on Saturday, October 29 for a Fall Festival. We had a outstanding turn-out from the community for last years event and we want to offer just as much fun and fellowship again this year.

We will again have the "inflatable giant Slide," Go Fishing, Ghost Bowling, Witch's Toss, Face Painting, Corn Hole, Ghostly Basketball, and many other games and carnival booths; along with hotdogs and chips, popcorn, cotton candy, etc. Decorated Trunks will also line the front parking lot. This will be a free "Spooktacular" event for all children including you "young-at-heart" kids, and our entire community is invited!

Both the Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops will be joining us and assisting with this year's event and we can guarantee a ghoulish old-time Halloween experience. Your presence will help make this a true "hallowed" event for the church and community as we celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe way.

Please mark your calendars now! Invite your family and friends to this very special event for the children of our church, Pfafftown, and surrounding communities. Please call Jill Robertson, Cheryl Johnson, Kitty Hunt or Tim Shoaf for more information, to volunteer, or to make a monetary donation for candy, supplies, etc. A sign-up sheet is also located in the Narthex. Thanks!

## Thank you from Old Richmond Elementary

Dear Pfafftown Christian Church,

Thank you for your blessings and generous donation of school supplies for our students and teachers. We are eagerly excited about the upcoming school year and the return of our students. I want to extend an invitation to your church to visit our school. Thank you for making a difference in our school and community.

Sincerely,  
Brian Brookshire and the entire Old Richmond Family

*(An additional card with "thank you" messages from the teachers and staff of the school is posted on the bulletin board just outside the church office.)*

## Remembering our Saints

Sunday, November 6, is All Saints Sunday. If you have loved ones or friends who passed away since October 31 of last year and would like to include their names in our memorial service for All Saints Sunday Worship, please call the church office or give the information to Jo Stanley or Lynda Bryant no later than Tuesday, October 25 so they may be remembered in the service. Thank you.

--The Worship Committee



## Hold in Your Prayers

### Church Family

Margie Sorrells (Kingsport, TN)  
Bud Barker, Doris Spaugh  
Martha Williamson

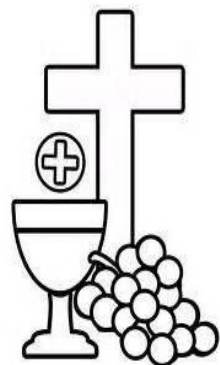
### Loved Ones in the Military

Sgt. Samantha Goliat, OH; PRAN  
Joshua Hughes, Norfolk, VA;  
Chase Lee, Guam; USS Key West;  
Captain Hope Poster, NG Commander,  
Winston-Salem, NC;  
Captain John G. Van Hoy, IV, Iraq.

### Others

Debbie Bowles, (friend of the Bryants and Groffs)  
Joy Beck (Jo Stanley's mother);  
Bob Chadbourne (Jill Robertson's cousin);  
Jane Hoover (recuperating from surgery)  
Dewey Robertson (Sarah Ingram's brother);  
Lacy Mabe (uncle of Scott, Jill, Emma Robertson);  
Sue Miles (friend of Jo Stanley);  
Dwayne Sloan;  
Darlene Stewart (sister of Ann Fletcher),  
Wade Tuttle (Jill Robertson's uncle)  
Judy West (cousin of Ann Fletcher)

## Serving for October 2016



### ***If you are unable to serve on a Sunday:***

*Please find someone to switch with you or call*

**Gerald or Ann Fletcher** Chairpersons of the Deacons.

*If you cannot reach them, call Lynda Bryant or Jo Stanley.*

**ELDERS:** Cheryl Johnson and Scott Robertson

**DEACONS:** Ann Fletcher, Erika Fletcher,  
Gene Saalweachter and Paul Shropshire

**COMMUNION:** Ruth and Gene Saalweachter

**OPEN & CLOSE:** Mike Lee

## New Mission Workshop

Sunday, October 9

3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

*(A light dinner provided)*

Members of PCC, meeting around the theme of "mission" at the end of last year, expressed a need to find a ministry focus for the near-term. We need to answer this question: What efforts by our church would bear the most fruit and bring the best revitalization to our congregation, given our current gifts and resources?

Board and Elders affirmed this task and a new team was formed to lead PCC in this effort. The team is Evelyn Nifong, Jill Robertson, Ann Fletcher and Jackie Romanello, all former members of the Transition Team.

The process for determining a short-term mission focus is dependent on the prayerful participation of PCC members. All of you are invited to participate in a 3-hour discernment process on Sunday, October 9, from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. A light meal will be provided.

The team chose this time because we need 3 hours to accomplish the task, and jumping into it right after Sunday worship and lunch didn't seem like the best option. We hope you will have some lunch that day, go home and rest a bit and then come back ready to make some significant decisions.

Church growth experts indicate that congregations should build on their strengths before trying to compensate for their weaknesses. This ministry focus process is designed to do just that. Be thinking about the gifts, strengths and assets of our church and be ready to share these.

If you will pray and participate, we will come to the conclusion of this gathering with a ministry priority designed to strengthen PCC in the short-term so that our new pastor will come on board a ship that is already sailing.

## Yard Sale Big Success!

A special thank you from the entire congregation to Tommy Timmons and all those who worked so hard to provide a very successful Church Yard Sale on September 16 and 17.

The proceeds amounted to over \$2,200 and we want to thank all who donated items to sell and to those who came out to buy. Start now collecting items to donate to our next Church yard sale in the spring!

## Thank You!

A great big thanks to my PCC church family, for all your prayers, meals and tasty treats, phone calls and a mailbox full of wonderful cards and notes of encouragement. I am doing well. I am walking with a cane now, but am still working on balance. I feel pretty good and my doctor assures me I am making great progress. Your positive thoughts and prayers are evident!

I'm looking forward to the middle of October, when I can get back to you all.

Blessings and love,  
Jane Hoover



**Scripture Verse  
for  
October**

*"My soul shall  
be joyful  
in the Lord."*

- Psalm 35:9  
(NIV)

**Church Library News**

Book for the Month of October:

**The Making of an Ordinary Saint**  
by Nathan Foster

Nathan Foster was just a child when his father's classic "Celebration of Discipline" brought the spiritual disciplines into the popular evangelical consciousness. More than thirty years later, Nathan made his own journey into the spiritual disciplines. As he sought day by day to develop habits that would enable him to live more like Jesus, he encountered problems both universal and unique. In this engaging narrative, he draws insights from saints of old to uncover fresh ways of living for today's Christian.

Through his successes, struggles, and failures, Foster invites readers on a journey of freedom, pain, frustration, and ultimately joy as he learns to rise above selfish desires, laugh at his own failures, and fall in love with God. You will find that developing a vital, interactive, conversational relationship with God is within your grasp. As a result, the holy habits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are truly possible for all.

The Church Library is open on Sunday mornings before and after worship.

**Rose Garden Tour**

Everyone is invited to join some of the Goodtimers on **Monday, October 10**, and travel to the home of Jim Richardson in King, NC to view his "Garden of Roses." For several years, Mr. Richardson has won Blue Ribbons at the Dixie Classic Fair and was featured in the Living section of the Winston-Salem Journal last spring. We will meet at the church at **9:30 am** and carpool to King, to see the roses followed by lunch at the Town and Country Restaurant.

Please contact Lynda Bryant if you would like to join us! Thanks!

**Goodtimers Fall Trip!**

**"Destination! Goodtimers!"**

The Town of Jonesville

We are resuming our series of mini-historical trips learning some facts and historical nuggets about some of Pfafftown's neighboring established towns as we travel and explore some of these interesting places right here in our own vicinity.

Our last recent trip was to Rockford, NC. Our next trip will be to the quaint little town of Jonesville, NC on **Tuesday October 18**. We will meet at the church at 11:15 am and travel to Jonesville and enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel. Following lunch we will go to the Jonesville Historical Center 415 W. Main St. for a program on Jonesville-- **"Its History and Story"** presented by one of the town's native historians Mr. Charles Mathis. I was truly mesmerized just conversing with him on the phone hearing some interesting history he briefly shared as I was planning our trip!

**Did you know:**

- From its origins in the mid-1700's, the town that is now Jonesville was one of the largest settlements west of Raleigh. The area was initially called Allen's Settlement, presumably for David Allen, who owned a bloomery forge (one method for processing iron ore) on the Big Elkin Creek.
- Iron ore mine shafts still exist throughout the region. In contemporary Jonesville, mines are located beneath streets and homes on West Main Street near the Yadkin River.
- The Settlement and historic Mineral Springs Park are identified as a mustering site for patriots who marched to defeat the British at Kings Mountain.
- What names like Hardy Jones, Francis Asbury, Fletcher McBride, General George Stoneman and Rev. W. Van Eaton have in common?
- The reason there were never any trains in Yadkin County?



Find out more answers and interesting facts by joining us for this us great day of history and please invite a friend! (If you would like to attend but need to be picked up at your home, please let me know or call the church office). Mark your calendars now to join us for our next "Destination Goodtimers."

- Tim