

# THE MESSENGER

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## This is Stewardship?

Oftentimes in church we talk about stewardship as though it were only about what we do with our money, or perhaps we expand it a little to the familiar “time, talent, treasure” formula. But if stewardship is about care for and proper use of all God has given us, then there’s more to it even than time, talent, and treasure.

Our bodies are given to us by God, and God means for us to care for them. Have you ever thought about taking care of your body as a kind of stewardship? It is! That has a great many implications for how we treat our bodies, including what we eat, how much we move around, and how we manage our health issues. But at this time of year we have some important steps we all need to consider taking in order to keep healthy through the fall and winter months.

First and perhaps most important is to keep our hands clean. Wash them frequently and well. A preschool teacher I knew years ago encouraged her children to sing “Jesus Loves Me” as they washed their hands; this ensured they washed long enough. (Plus it reinforces one of the most important concepts in Christian theology.) Wash after using the restroom, before handling food, after any contact with someone who’s sick, and so on. Use the common sense God gave you to decide when you should wash.

Second, unless you are unable to do so for a good reason, get a flu shot. No, the flu shot can’t protect us 100% from catching anything—all of us who caught the influenza B last March can attest to that—but it protects against what the experts think will be the major strains of flu that will go around this season. Plus, folks who can’t have a flu shot for some reason depend on the rest of us to get ours so we don’t pass along an illness they might have a harder time fighting.

I could say lots more about this subject, and may in future newsletters; but for now I want to emphasize one final point. If, in spite of all our precautions, we do get sick, we need to *stay home and rest*. We do nobody, including ourselves, any favors by “toughing it out.” It doesn’t prove anything about our intestinal fortitude or commitment to our jobs or other activities. It just keeps us from getting the rest we need to get well, and increases our risk of passing our bugs on to someone else.

God gave us our bodies and means for us to take care of them—that’s stewardship in a nutshell, taking care of what God has entrusted to us. We only get one body each, and it has to last a lifetime. During cold and flu season, stewardship of our bodies means doing our best to avoid bugs, taking proper care of ourselves if we do catch one, and then doing our best to keep from giving that bug to someone else.

*The Pastor's*

**TRAIN**



**OF THOUGHT**

*Sharla*

# October Serving Schedule

<p>October 7</p> <p>Elder: Shawn Quick Scripture: Kathy Bunch</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Deacons: Everett McBrayer, Judy Daniel, Mike Studards, Judy Colburn Greeter: Kathy Wood</p>
<p>October 14</p> <p>Elder: Justin Quick Scripture: Shawn Quick</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Deacons: Derek Lile, Don Malan, Carol Roberts, Gary Coffman Greeters: Bob &amp; Peggy Thomas</p>
<p>October 21</p> <p>Elder: Dolly Studards Scripture: Peggy Fuller</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Deacons: Carol Lewis, Peggy Fuller, Chuck Lewis, Dorothy Carter Greeter: Kathy Bunch</p>
<p>October 28</p> <p>Elder: John Daniel Scripture: Carol Hedrick</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Deacons: Everett McBrayer, Judy Daniel, Mike Studards, Judy Colburn Greeter: Paula Shaffer</p>

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — Accompanist: Mary Coffman  
 Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick,  
 Communion Preparers: Carol Hedrick | Nursery Attendants: Jessika Blaser, Jakaila Rolph

# Birthdays

- 02 Knox Silvers
- 03 Candi Agnew
- 04 Lynda Perkins
- 07 Tanner McGuire
- 08 Shirley Berry
- 09 Darrell Wilson
- 10 Jared Fuller
- 15 Jeri Lynn Fowler
- 16 Misty Foster
- 18 Hannah Wilson
- 19 Nathan Agnew
- 20 Kathy Wood
- 21 Marcella Dines
- 27 Michael Boonstra
- 27 Nora Carver
- 28 Clayton Stark
- 30 Harlan Boonstra

# Anniversaries

- 02 Larry & Carol Ann Winburn
- 13 Dawin & Karen Russell
- 20 Allan & Billie Bopp

# Attendance

Date	Sunday School		Worship
August 26	Life Group—4 Elementary—0	Officers—0 Total—4	57
September 2	Life Group—7 Elementary—2	Officers—0 Total—9	43
September 9	Life Group—7 Elementary—7	Officers—0 Total—14	57
September 16	Life Group—9 Elementary—5	Officers—0 Total—14	51
September 23	Life Group—12 Elementary—8	Officers—0 Total—20	45

# Budget

August Income	\$8,847.85
August Expenses	\$8,605.64
Year-to-date Income	\$130,186.42
Year-to-date Expenses	\$115,318.60

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.

# October 21, 2018—Important Announcement

Sunday, October 21, 2018 we will be celebrating with two events. The first event is "Honor Our Pastor Day". We will be honoring Sharla for being our pastor and for all that she does for our church. Second, it is "Bring A Grandchild or Any Child to Church Day". There will be special activities for the children. We will also have a meal after church!

# Important Dates

- 10/16—Community Cafe
- 10/20—Clean Up Day
- 10/29—Photo Directory
- 10/30—Photo Directory

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Special Board Meeting	2	3 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	4	5	6
7 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	8	9	10 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	11	12	13
4 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	15	16 5:30-6:00 p.m. Community Café	17 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	18	19	20 Clean Up Day
21 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 5 p.m. Elders Meeting 6 p.m. Board Meeting	22	23	24 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	29	30	31 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice			

# Upcoming Sermons

October 7

Message: "Then God spoke all the words..."

Scripture: Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-21

*What I was thinking:* Even we who believe Jesus freed us from the requirement to obey all the commandments found in the Old Testament still revere the Ten Commandments. Why?

October 14

Message: "Choose."

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-15

*What I was thinking:* The people were finally in the promised land and Joshua's life was nearly over. He gathers all of Israel to hear their story, and then asks them to make a commitment. Today, we will again turn our focus on the matter of Christian stewardship.

October 21

Message: "Not A BFG"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1, 4-12, 17-23, 26, 31-49

*What I was thinking:* David eventually grew up to be the greatest king Israel ever knew, but long before that, it became clear that he was very special to God.

October 28

To be determined

## Church Clean-Up Day

On October 20th, we will be having a Church Clean-Up Day. There will be a list in the foyer of items that will be marked for recycle, sell, or remove. If you would like to come by the church and take home any of the items prior to Clean-Up Day, you are free to do so. There will be a first come, first serve basis for the items. A bucket will be in the office for a free-will donation for the items that are marked to sell.

## Attention!!

On November 11, 2018, we will be honoring our Veterans. If you have a picture that you would like included in the video, please take them to the church office or give to Phyllis McBrayer by October 30, 2018

## Thoughts & Prayers

Arleta Daniel, Angie Jones, Aimee Daniel Breiner, Bob Brownback, Carl Shubert, Dennis Shannon, Galen Robertson, Jack Bearce, Jerry Hertzog, Jill Tiona, June Combs, Kay Haile, Keith McBrayer, Kelly Phillips, Katie Boyd, Lona Grosshart, MaDean Hodgson, Pat Arnold, Paul Miller, Rachel Bittencourt, Rhonda Yarick, Verna Kooker, Virginia Sieleman,

## Church Security Meeting

After worship on September 30, 2018, a police officer will be at the Church to go over security procedures.

## Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to do children's church during worship service. This will be two times a month. No Experience necessary. Must be able to pass a background check. If you love children and would be interested, please contact Phyllis McBrayer.

# Board Minutes

## September 16, 2018

### Pending Board Approval

Board members present: Deacons- Everett McBrayer, Chuck Lewis, Don Malan, Judy Colburn, Carol Lewis, and Carol Roberts. Elders- Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer, Shawn Quick, Dolly Studards, and John Daniel. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulsey.

Chuck Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Rev. Sharla Hulsey opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with additions on motion of Don Malan and second by Justin Quick.

The minutes of the 08-19-18 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

**Financial Reports:** The August financial reports (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss)s were reviewed through August 31, 2018. John Daniel reviewed the reports. There was some discussion about several line items. The August financial report was approved by motion of Shawn Quick and second by Judy Colburn. Full reports are available in the church office.

On motion of Carol Roberts and second by Phyllis McBrayer, it was approved to consolidate five lines of youth type funds on the "Restricted Funds" list into one line item of "Fund-Youth Activities, Camp, Missions". And, all money received and spent on these activities will be reflected in this line.

**Minister Report:** Rev. Hulsey presented her monthly report. A full report is available in the church office. She noted she will be attending a conference October 25-27 and will not be in the pulpit on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Old Business

**Church Security:** This presentation will be scheduled September 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately following church.

**FCC Insurance Expense:** Don Malan reported he has received bids from two local agencies. The board requested he contact both agencies asking them to make a 30 minute presentation and answer any questions. There was some discussion about the possibility of our current policy holder being invited at some time. It was suggested this be scheduled on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

**Enhance current hearing devices: (Hancock Memorial):** It was noted the company representative came to Butler and inspected the building and current equipment. Justin Quick presented a proposal from Hearing Access Solutions to install the hearing loop, wires, cables, loop drivers, 2 loop listeners, staff training, and signage for \$3,184.00. It was also stated; the church will need to get new rheostats. This was all approved on motion of Carol Roberts with second by Judy Colburn. Everett McBrayer will contact electrician to get the new rheostats and the contract will be signed by board chairman, Chuck Lewis, and mailed back with check for half the amount.

**Clean-up Day:** The date had been set for Saturday, September 22, 2018 but with a preliminary walk through on September 8<sup>th</sup> and noting the magnitude of items not being used it was suggested this be moved to October 20<sup>th</sup>. Carol Lewis presented a list of items noted on September 8<sup>th</sup>. There were numerous revisions made to this list. A new list will be prepared and made available to the congregation soon.

**Department Planning:** Departments planning was held 08-13-18. Everyone was reminded that plans for

## Board Minutes—Continued

program activity for the next fiscal year along with proposed budget to the board at the September board meeting and given to the Stewardship committee. (Page 8 of the FCC Bylaws).

**Nominating Committee:** This committee will have a full report at the October board meeting.

**Members are:** Don Malan, Judy Colburn, Diana Rich, Kathy Wood, and Dolly Studards.

**Budget for 2019:** Shawn Quick reported he has started this process and will continue until all departments have given him their proposed budget for 2019. This is to be presented to the board at the October board meeting. He may request assistance from Jamie at DSWA, (page 8 of the FCC Bylaws)

**Weddings:** Property Use policy and contracts are being revised. These should be available at the October board meeting.

**Church Directory:** Dates have been set for pictures at FCC to be taken October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available and passed around next Sunday. On-line sign-up will soon be available also.

**Bequests:** Shawn Quick, Outreach Chair, requested the bequest of \$1,000 to Week of Compassion be earmarked to "Hurricane Florence Relief". After discussion, this was approved on motion of Shawn Quick and second by John Daniel.

**Debit card vs. credit card:** Nothing reported tonight.

### New Business:

**Levelized Billing:** This was approved at the August board meeting, but Judy Colburn reported that the gas company monthly bill will be approximately \$297, not \$678 as reported last month.

**Publish Minutes on FCC website:** After discussion about this suggestion, it was agreed this should occur with a disclaimer noting "These minutes have not been approved by the Board yet."

### Committee Reports

**Worship:** Phyllis McBrayer reported the Community Café is here September 18th. She will need some additional help. Worship committee will meet Wednesday evening.

**Closing Prayer:** Justin Quick closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjournment:** With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

Church Website—<https://fccbutler.org>

Please bookmark the new website for the church.

The Calendar will be updated and you can even add the events to your Google or Apple calendar!

You are able to give donations and memorial donations online too! We use PayPal for the service but you do not need a PayPal account to give.

Did you miss a Sunday? The following Monday, we will have the sermon available for you to listen to or read.

# Membership Information Update

Please take the time to fill out the information below so we can update our records. You may return by mail or fold it and place it in the offering plate during Worship. Thank you!

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Married: Yes / No Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Children? Yes / No

Names of Children, Birthdates, and Address (if different than your address)

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If you do not receive the newsletter, would you like a one sent to you? Yes / No

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