

## Members Directory Update

The online church directory is up for you to use. If your email address is in the system you should have received a welcome email from "Lightpost" asking you to "Create a New Password". If you did not receive this email let the church office know so we can get it corrected. This system is email access only for your security.

## Communion Preparation

Available on the table in the foyer

### Nursery

5 Jenny Gwinn  
12 Melody Johnson  
19 Crystin Gullede  
26 Katherine Hopkins

### Visitors' Center

#### November

5 Allene Scoma/Theresa Green  
12 Toni Stinson/Janis Libby  
19 Carla Sorrell/Linda Johnson

### Care of Building

Nov 1-15 Stan Mitchell/  
Dennis Graham  
16-30 Eric Hagin/  
David Poskevich

### Media Center

#### Nov 5th

Sound Board — DJ Phillips  
Streaming — Steve Esler  
Projector — Eric Hagin

#### 12th

Sound Board — Jon Buckner  
Streaming — Dennis Graham  
Projector — Holden Cella

### Wednesday Devotionals

November 8 — Ethan Boelsterli  
November 15 — Greg Nash

## Birthdays November

4

Jon Buckner  
Regan Esler

10

Grayson Dalman

11

Linda Armstrong  
Amelia Pakiz

12

Jennifer Pakiz  
Isaiah Phillips

14

David Hopkins

21

Oakleigh Findley

22

Fairyon Cella  
Debbie Walding

24

Barbara Edmonds

28

Jim Garner

## Worship

## Assignments

Call to Worship - David Gullede

Scriptures - Ethan Boelsterli

Song Leader - Coney Johnson

Prayer - Paul Lyons

Lord's Supper - Stan Mitchell

Usher - Keith Killingsworth

Sermon - Dave Rogers

Closing Prayer - Cliff Nash

## Evening

Announce - David Gullede

Song Leader - Coney Johnson

Prayer - JD Branch

Sermon - Dave Rogers

Lord's Supper - Stan Mitchell

Prayer - Ethan Boelsterli

## WATCH! The Fountain of Life

With Larry Acuff

Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

## In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

With Phil Sanders

Sunday at 7:30am, Stations 69 or 45

## Records You Made – October 29, 2023

Bible Classes	90-7 Units Online
10 am Worship	150-15 Units Online
5 pm Worship	83-9 Units Online
Offering	\$5,549.96
Wednesday Bible Study	60

Attendance  
QR Code  
Use your phone  
and add your  
family  
information



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# She Thought I Was Jesus!

by Dave Rogers

At the front door of the church building, Valerie ran to hug my neck and greeted me with this astonishing revelation: "You're Jesus!" (Valerie was four years old). As I tried to explain that my name is Dave, she insisted that I was "Jesus." She finally showed me the picture she had colored in bible class that morning, that depicted Jesus with some of His disciples. Pointing to "Jesus," she emphatically declared, "That's YOU!" (I think her misunderstanding lay in the fact that Jesus in her picture had a beard, while His disciples were clean-shaven.) Still, her insistence that I was Jesus took me aback, and made me pause to think about who and what others see in me!

In Colossians 1:27 Paul says that the "mystery" God has revealed in His saints is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Paul is emphasizing the fact that Gentiles and Jews are saved in exactly the same way – through the blood of Jesus. The idea that we are "paid for" with His blood (Mark 10:45; Acts 20:28) reminds us that we no longer belong to ourselves, but to HIM (1 Corinthians 6:20). According to 2 Corinthians 2:15, Christians are "...the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved," and in the next verse Paul says the "smell" of Christianity is the scent of (everlasting) death to the spiritually dead, but the aroma of eternal life for those who are spiritually alive! In this sense, Christians "represent" Christ in the world: Our lives remind others that it is **not** necessary to die both physically *and* spiritually (Hebrews 9:27, cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Our changed lives (Romans 12:1-2) show others that it IS possible to "start over," by becoming new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). By being "salt and light" in the present world (Matthew 5:13-16), we Christians become – in effect – the presence of the Savior among those who are lost; His hands, feet, and voice (1 Corinthians 12:14-27; 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4; & 1 Peter 4:11)! In 1919, lyricist Annie J. Flint expressed this idea beautifully in the words of the hymn we now know as "The World's Bible" –

**"Christ has no hands but our hands, To do His work today, He has no fee but our feet, To lead men in His way; He has no tongue but our tongues, To tell men how He died, He has no help but our help, To bring them to His side."**

In the letter to the Romans, Paul asks a series of questions every Christian should consider: If we are commissioned by our Lord to spread the gospel to every creature so that every person has the opportunity to "call upon the Lord" for salvation (Romans 10:13 – and we **are**, Mark 16:15), what kind of people should **WE** be (2 Peter 3:11)? "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-15a, NKJ). Like the proselytes who asked of Philip, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21), our neighbors next door, the cashier at a grocery store, my child's teacher, the waiter who serves my meal, and the stranger on the street all deserve to "see" Jesus in each of us. Just as He said in Matthew 25:34-40 that He counts a kindness done for another as being offered to Him, so we also need to understand that His presence in our lives should be visible in every word and action! That way, others will see **Him** in us, and in Him, **their** hope of eternal glory!

## Bible Bowl & Snacks

### November

5 – Allene Scoma  
12 – Susan Pelfrey  
26 – Sandy Garner