

Shore Lines

October 2024



Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church and friends,

Matthew 6:25-33 says,

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

I wish that I could say I was never anxious about anything. But I worry. Worry reveals a crack in our trust in God. He clothes the lilies. He feeds the birds. He will care for us.

We know he will, but it is hard to resist dwelling on concerning matters.

Jesus provides a tactic to replace our anxieties. Instead of following the worry, he suggests seeking the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God is ushered in by Jesus. Jesus evokes the Old Testament kingdom but it in a new, heavenly way. It cannot be thwarted or stalled. The kingdom of God survives persecution, exile, and earthly opposition. To date, the kingdom of God is undefeated.

The kingdom recognizes a king. Jesus is that king. Pontius Pilate discerned the kingship of Jesus. Pilate represented the preeminent world force of his day: Rome. Rome was the quintessential earthly kingdom. Pilate tried to give Jesus an out, but Jesus remained quiet and true. The Jewish leaders insisted Jesus be executed. The earthly kingdoms seemed to have won out with Jesus on the cross, yet it was by the cross that Christ saved us.

The kingdom of God is undefeated to date, and the triumph of the cross proves that it will always remain so. For that reason, I will endeavor to seek the kingdom, not feed my worry. I hope the words of Jesus encourage you to do the same.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Dane

VERY IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER 12-21, 2024

Once again, we welcome Pastor Robson and our brothers and sisters from our sister church in Brazil!

PRAYING FOR THE ELECTIONS

In every election cycle, American Christians face both amazing opportunities and grave dangers. We are privileged to be a part of those who can choose their own leaders. In Paul's great teaching on prayer in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, one of his major thrusts is praying for those in authority. According to Paul's reasoning, we want good government that allows us to live lives that ultimately free us to evangelize to those who are lost. Praying for the electoral process is the first step in seeing the fulfillment of what Paul wrote in 1 Timothy. We should not wait for a leader to be selected before we move into obedient prayer for those in authority. In prayer, we invite the Lord into the process of electing those leaders who will ultimately allow us to "lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:2, NIV).

So why pray for the elections? There are a number of compelling reasons:

1. The Bible commands us to pray for those who are in leadership. This should certainly include those who are vying to become leaders.
2. Godly leaders can help slow the erosion of religious liberties in our land. This can provide an increased window of opportunity for the Church to pray and evangelize.
3. According to Scripture, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Prov. 14:34, NASB). The selection of leaders who understand and lead according to God's righteous standards can bring great blessing to a nation.
4. Scripture also says, "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors" (Proverbs 11:14, NIV). The determination of who leads our nation will also determine who advises that leader and how we are guided. *

Pray! And vote!
The Prayer Ministry Team
*adapted from public materials

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Romans 8: 26-27

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We don't know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our

hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

Do you ever wonder what you should be praying for? Many of us do. Certainly, God is concerned for our needs and those of our loved ones, but He also tells us to imitate Jesus. Philippians 2:4 tells us we should "not look to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others".

*Selfless prayer doesn't come naturally to some of us, but thankfully, God has given us a helper, The Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us. As we bring prayers and petitions inspired by the Spirit, we'll also find new words for praying to the Father. More importantly, we'll develop a deeper understanding of God's greatness. **

Please join us for small group prayer gatherings:

- First Saturday prayer gathering: **Oct 5th at 10 AM.** (topic is upcoming elections)
- CCPC Prayer List: **Thursday Oct. 17th at 10:30 AM.**
- Drive Thru Prayer at **CCPC is Friday Oct 18th, 10:30-Noon.**

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please call the church office at 910 579-7356 or email prayer@calabash.church.

Grace and peace,
Prayer Ministry Team

* adapted from article by Intouch.org



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the good news of Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child is not intended as a solution for meeting physical needs, but rather a strategy for the local church to meet spiritual needs of children in their communities. The unexpected gift delights and sparks hope in the life of a child as they hear of Jesus' love for them. CCPC will be distributing preprinted shoeboxes on October 27, and November 3. Please include a check for \$10.00 made out to Samaritan's Purse to cover postage and handling. You can also pay the \$10.00 online and choose to follow your box and find out the country your box will be delivered with the message of Christ's love. If you are unable to fill a shoebox but still want to participate in this mission project, you may write a check to CCPC with Operation Christmas Child on the subject line and someone will do the shopping for you. Filled shoeboxes will be collected on November 3, 10 and 17, 2024. Thank you for your support.

Your Fellowship Ministry Team is busy in the month of October.

First off, we're hosting a **potluck dinner for Pastor Robson Gomes** and his friends from Brazil! The dinner will be on **Saturday, October 19th at 4:30 pm**. You will be hearing more about how you can participate in this in the near future.

Monday, October 7th, 3:00 pm, is a meeting of those interested in sharing ideas and participating in the Calabash Christmas Parade.

***Friday, October 18th is Trunk or Treat at Calabash Park.** Set-up by 4:30, kids from 5:00-7:00 pm. We need individually wrapped candy donations, a couple decorated cars and people dressed up to pass out candy.

***Saturday, October 19th at 4:30** is a dinner with Pastor Robson Gomes in Fellowship Hall. More information to come.

***Wednesday, October 23rd is Trunk or Treat at Sunset Beach Park.** Set-up by 4:30, kids from 5:00-6:30 pm. We need to set up a Canopy or table that's decorated along the "trail" (sidewalk) in the Park. We need the candy donations and people dressed up to pass it out.

Another Community Event is the **Calabash Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade!** We will have a meeting on **Monday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m.** The time is flexible, so if you think we should meet in the afternoon, say 3:00 or 4:00 p.m., please call me. I want to encourage people to come out and not worry about driving in the dark. I looked on the internet for ideas for Christian parade floats. I found quite a few. Please bring your ideas and be ready to volunteer in some capacity. We need this time to plan, organize and make our ideas come to life. We know we need a speaker to play Christmas Carols during the parade. One suggestion is to have a trailer pulled by a pick-up truck and something set up on the trailer. We also need people to walk (half a mile) and hand out candy canes and church business cards. You won't regret helping with this event. This is a fun event for all! Have you seen how many people come out to the Parade?

Please email Beth at dbdecima@gmail.com to volunteer for Trunk or Treat

Long Term Prayer Requests

Julie Adams, Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Sandy Brinegar, Rick Ellwanger, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsmann, Diane Hahn, George Habel, Al Hertzog, Inge Hickson, Pat Huie, Maryann Krieger, Rosemarie Lacroix, Chris Lewis, Peggy Little, Frank Mayberry, Gene McKelvey, Betty Schillinger, Gary Sessi, Dan Stinnett, Barbara Weber, Wendy Weber

Please check out our Sunday School courses!

Shallotte/S. Brunswick Crop Hunger Walk November 3, 2024

No one in this world should be hungry! That's why the Shallotte/S. Brunswick CROP Hunger Walk is so important. As food insecurity increases in our community, and throughout the world, our support becomes increasingly important. You can help by joining our team and walking on November 3rd, or by sponsoring one of our walkers. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. If you would like more information sooner, contact Team Captain, Cyndi Shaw at cyndishaw2021@gmail.com. Together we can make a difference, one step at a time!



WHY DO I PRAY???

Because as a child I was taught to pray. I probably did not understand why or the real purpose of prayer, but I did know it was an important thing to do. Growing older I learned to pray for different reasons; to praise God through Jesus Christ for His blessings and endless love; To ask for forgiveness; to ask for His guidance and help as I go through times of trouble and uncertainties; when I need comfort and healing, I pray for the needs of others and troubles of this negative world. Sometimes I feel inadequate to pray and unworthy of God listening to my prayers. But I feel God uses those times to draw me back to him. For I know that when I pray in earnest, I can experience the divine power of God through the Holy Spirit. It is not always on my timeline but his. Sometimes when I feel inadequate, I just pray the prayer he taught us to pray.

So why do I pray???

I want to have a personal relationship with God and to communicate with Him. My best time to communicate with God is when I first get up, walk out on my patio and pray my morning prayer:

“Good morning God, you have rushed in a new day all fresh and new and I’m here to ask you to refresh me to. Forgive the mistakes I made yesterday, that I might have another chance to walk closer to you. But Lord, you know I can't do it on my own. So, take my hands Lord, hold them tight for I cannot walk alone. Lord, I just thank you for your blessings and your love. In Christ name I pray. Amen”

Betty Hall-Robinson



LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Hope Harbor Home

Hope Harbor Home, Inc., one of CCPC's local mission partners, helps victims of domestic violence in Brunswick County. In 2022-23 Hope Harbor provided more than 1,400 nights of shelter to more than 115 women and children in addition to 4,858 documented services provided. Their shelter has 15 adult beds and 5 cribs. They provide advocacy services to more than 1,000 victims and prevention/education to more than 6,800. These are the victims of domestic violence for whom Hope Harbor Home has been a beacon of hope for more than 30 years. Please pray for the victims of domestic violence who receive safe harbor, and for the dedicated individuals who compassionately dedicate their time and professional care to those in desperate need.

GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Lea & Yigit Esen

Lea Esen and her husband Yigit, missionaries with CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ), are beginning their 4th year of ministry in Chicago at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). With the addition of their new official student organization status, they have been able to engage with students in many new ways. In the past few weeks, they have met and engaged with over 900 new students and have been able to have spiritual conversations with many of them and have invited them to their community (Bible study) Groups across the city. Nearly 40 students attended their first Bible study group this fall. They see that God is moving on campuses in Chicago and is preparing these students to respond to Him. Please pray for our mission partners as they seek to engage in the spiritual lives of these college students.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October

Betty Olson	2
Barbara Weber	8
Betty Priscu	8
Doug Campbell	19
Ray Beadnell	11
Steve Chen	11
Jean Kelley	11
Patti Grohsman	13
Karen Grohsman	15
Jane Meyer	16
Myong Jensen	16
Sharon Mozingo	16
Ginny Bollman	18
Ken McCallum	19
Dorothy Dietle	19
Joani Hertzog	21
Annette McCallum	22
Illene Nicholson	22
Cheryl Campbell	22
Cyndi Shaw	22
Lynne Wiggins	23
Glenda Gardner	26

October

Rich & Ilene Nicholson	6
Abe & Cindy Glover	10
Frank & Lois Franco	11
John & Kay Cox	11
Peyton & Connie Becton	16
Don & Sharon Mozingo	27
Al & Joanie Hertzog	31



“OCTOBER”

31 Days of Praying for Your Pastor and Ministry Leaders

Your Pastor and ministry leaders need and desire your prayers for encouragement, resisting the lies of Satan and growing deeper in their spiritual walk with God.

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| Day 1: Proverbs 4:6-7 | Day 17: Isaiah 26:3 |
| Day 2: Nehemiah 8:30 | Day 18: 1 Peter 2:9 |
| Day 3: Deuteronomy 7:9 | Day 19: Mark 10:43-45 |
| Day 4: Isaiah 38:19 | Day 20: Romans 12:1-2 |
| Day 5: Psalm 90:17 | Day 21: Proverbs 27:17 |
| Day 6: Philippians 1:7 | Day 22: Ecclesiastes 4:9 |
| Day 7: Deuteronomy 6:5 | Day 23: Ephesians 3:20-21 |
| Day 8: Ephesians 6:10 | Day 24: John 17:15 |
| Day 9: Psalm 23:1-3 | Day 25: Romans 1:16 |
| Day 10: Isaiah 54:13 | Day 26: 2 Peter 3:18 |
| Day 11: Proverbs 14:29 | Day 27: 1 Peter 5:2 |
| Day 12: 1 John 5:14 | Day 28: Proverbs 29:18 |
| Day 13: 1 Timothy 6:17 | Day 29: Psalm 111:10 |
| Day 14: 1 Timothy 1:5 | Day 30: Ephesians 6:10-11 |
| Day 15: Colossians 1:28 | Day 31: 1 Corinthians 15:58 |
| Day 16: Psalm 4:8 | |
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October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study	30 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	1 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 10:00 am – Worship meeting 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	2 12:00 pm – Assimilation 6:00 pm – Bible Study	3 10:00 am – Art in Motion 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	4	5 10:00 am - prayer
6 World Communion 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study 6:00 pm – The Chosen	7 9:30 am – Fellowship meeting 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	8 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 1:00 pm - Discipleship 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	9 1:00 pm – Deacon 2:15 pm – Tech 4:00 pm – Mission	10 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	11 10:30 am – Prayer Ministry	12
13 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible study 5:00 pm – The Chosen/Dinner	14	15 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	16 6:00 pm – Bible Study	17 10:00 am – Art & Worship 10:30 am – prayer 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	18 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	19 4:30 pm – Pot luck dinner
20 Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study 6:00 pm – The Chosen	21 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study 12:00 pm - Chatters	22 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	23 6:00 pm – Bible Study	24 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	25 10:00 am – Random readers	26
27 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study 6:00 pm – The Chosen	28 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	29 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	30 6:00 pm – Bible Study	31 10:00 AM – Card ministry 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practice 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice		

Session

Beth Decima, Don Mazingo, Pat Robison, Karen Toutant
Sue Brandon, Barbara Dresser, Darlene Hummer, Brian Johnson
George Brandon, Sue Brown, Tom Pressel, Dan Stinnett

The Diaconate

Barbara Poe, Mark Ryan, Barbara Volinic
Judy Buschmeier, Don Decima, Donna Lee,
Ray Beadnell, Jerry Coffey, Bonnie Lee

CLP-1s

Karen Scheboth
Peg Stinnett
Gloria Wimmer

CLP-2

Annelle Waldron (Leader, Whiteville Community)

Group Leaders Presbyterian Women – Debbie Ryan
Presbyterian Men – Mark Ryan, Dan Stinnett

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