

Shore Lines

September 2024



Dear Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church and Friends,

Hebrews 10:24-25 says,

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Enduring faith is a primary theme in the book of Hebrews.

Verses 24-25 of Hebrews 10 give practical advice about our enduring faith in Jesus Christ. Do not neglect meeting together with fellow Christians. Meet regularly.

When we meet regularly, we are to encourage each other. In our “Secular Age” with so many discouragements and false hopes, substantial encouragement is valuable. Verse 24 elaborates on encouragement. It is to “stir up one another to love and good works.”

Encouraging each other involves inspiring one another to love. Love in the NT is used in several ways. It can be used of loving fellow Christians, loving the world, loving God, and most importantly, God loving us.

During regular church meetings, we remember and experience our love for God, and hopefully that love motivates us to good works. Through the love of God, we are compelled to bless others around us, church and community, Christians and the world.

We meet regularly to encourage and be encouraged about the work of Jesus Christ in us and in his present and coming Kingdom.

I hope the enduring faith imagined in Hebrews is reason to come to church for encouragement with one another.

For my brothers and sisters who are homebound or restricted from coming to regular church gatherings, I have good news. The church has a building, but it isn't a building. The Church is God's people, and his people are on the move. When a fellow Christian visits you, calls you, or sends a card, the encouragement is there too. The Holy Spirit orchestrates planned gatherings and improvised ones, and God will encourage you in fellowship in myriad ways.

Keep staying together, CCPC, so that we can endure in faith.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Dane

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to all of our Beach Service volunteers for another successful summer! Your hard work and dedication to our church makes it all possible. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks again and I look forward to many more great summers to come.

Peyton Becton

CHOIR NEWS

The power of music is an invaluable tool in worship, and we sincerely thank all who participated in "special" music throughout the summer in our sanctuary services!



Our beach services have ended for 2024, and the choir members will be back in worship on September 8, Rally Day. We look forward to our practices and to once again participating in worship. Consider joining our joyful and friendly choir family.

On Thursday, September 5, our Bell Choir will rehearse from 5:30 – 6:15 and the Jubilation Choir will follow from 6:30 – 7:30.

Call us! We would love to talk with you!

Any questions call

Jubilation Choir: Peg (854-233-0167) or
Kathryn (910-890-4864)

Bell Choir: Janette (910-880-9573)

COMPANY'S ALMOST HERE

IT'S OFFICIAL... a team of 10 of our Brazilian brothers and sisters are going to be here to visit with us in October. They will arrive **on Saturday, October 12th and depart Monday, October 21st**. That gives us 8 full days of worshipping, fellowshiping, and serving together! What a blessing to be able to live out a life for Jesus with our friends from another continent.

But none of that can happen without help from you, our covenant partners, and friends. At our upcoming Rally Day on September 8th, the mission committee table will include some additional information on the planning and preparation for the visit. In the meantime, I want to share a preview of some of the ways in which you can help.

1. Pray that God will allow this visit to glorify Him and mature our spirits.
2. Consider opening your home to serve as a host home for 1-2 of our visitors.
3. Volunteer to host a small group bible study, a lunch, or a dinner in your home.
4. Donate some items for our guest welcome baskets.
5. Offer to provide transportation to move our guests to and from activities.

Please join us at Rally Day to sign-up or contact Laura Graff (lgraff@atmc.net / 910-279-6176) or Sue Brandon (susanhbrandon25@gmail.com / 910-228-1286) to sign-up early. The Brazilian team is extremely excited to have the chance to connect with us in person! I pray that we too will approach this visit with enthusiasm and encouragement as we are instructed in **Romans 12:11-12 "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."**

Blessings,
Laura Graff (on behalf of the mission team)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Developing a Passion for Prayer

The most important measure of prayer is not its length or its depth; not its beautiful words—but its intensity!

Learn to pray with passion:

- 1. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you His love, passion, and zeal.*
- 2. Recognize and welcome any drawing of the Spirit to pray.*
- 3. Read and reread scripture accounts or accounts of deeply spiritual books of how God called His people to prayer and answered their prayers.*
- 4. Keep deepening your prayer life by faithfulness in your prayer habits.*
- 5. Keep a listening ear for any special assignments that God might give you: a particular family member, a neighbor, persecuted Christians, evangelism in a particular country, your church, etc.*
- 6. Whether short or long, let your prayers be fervent. **

Please join us for small group prayer gatherings:

- CCPC Prayer List: **Sept. 19th and Oct. 16th at 10:30 AM.**
First Saturday prayer gatherings: **Sept 7th and Oct 5th at 10 AM.** (Sept. topic is Rally Day on 9-8 and the start of the new church year; Oct. topic is upcoming elections).
- Drive Thru Prayer at CCPC is **Friday Sept 20th and 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 Wesley Duewel

ART IN WORSHIP

Some have expressed their faith through art. First century Christian art depicted boats on the water. The boats represented the church. Birds became prominent in Christian art during the Medieval and Renaissance eras. The lark came to symbolize the humility of the priesthood because it flies high and sings only when flying upward.

Would you like to express your faith through painting? Our first Art in Worship meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.** What we do: this group listens to hymns, scriptures and pray as we paint (we use acrylics).



Contact the church office if you wish to sign up. -Karen Scheboth

Prayer Changes Things

You have probably heard the phrase “prayer changes things” and it does. We were made to be in a relationship with our Creator. All creation sings of our Creators’ glory and sings with us too. Prayer is the common denominator across all religions. And if the greatest commandment is to love one another then who are we to judge any of those prayers? There are many ways to pray, and the Judeo-Christian traditions have provided many avenues to do so.

Have you heard of the prayer labyrinth? It is an ancient tradition said to originate with King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. It provides a way to approach prayer in a meditative way. The closest one that I know of to our church is at the Methodist church just up the street from ours. There are even websites to find one wherever your travels may take you. And templates to make your own or printed ones to fold up to take with you. Even handheld versions too!

More recent traditions utilize the Lord’s Prayer as a guide to the creation of some of these prayer labyrinths. The six petal rose version divides this prayer into six categories: faith, surrender, service, abundance, forgiveness and overcoming obstacles. The center of the rose represents love. What better way to gain wisdom than through prayer. What better way to seek out and find love? The love of our Creator that we may share with others. Love one another - even with political and prayer differences! This is what we were taught and the way we should go. God gave us his Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. Let us reach out and find ways to learn through prayer, in whatever form works for you!

Alma Upicksoun

Long Term Prayer Requests

Julie Adams, Linda Batts, Betty Bond, Sally Bond, Sandy Brinegar, Rick Ellwanger, Phyllis Foley, Sue Greiner, Karen Grohsman, 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



GLOBAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Christian Recovery Centers, Inc

Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (CRCI) is a non-profit organization offering comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment services to individuals struggling with addiction. CRCI offers a broad range of recovery resources, including a 12-step program and professional therapeutic services, as part of their treatment curriculum. Their approach also incorporates traditional educational and social reform methods to support residents in their recovery journey at no cost to them or their families except personal needs such as certain medical, dental, etc. CRCI's program has been shown to be effective for anyone who is willing to engage in the recovery process. Their primary objective is to equip each resident with the spiritual and educational tools necessary for a sustained recovery from addiction and a successful future. Please pray for the residents of CRCI, that God *provides the spiritual and educational tools necessary for a long-term recovery from the illness of addiction and for the beginning of a successful life.* (CRCI Mission Statement).

Silas & Zoe Palmer

Silas and Zoe Palmer, our mission partners affiliated with The Antioch Partners, serving in Tajikistan, have completed a two-month intensive worktrip giving them the opportunity to work face to face with four full-time Eaglet translators 45-50 hours per week. The Eaglet language is an oral only language, with no written component. They are working to orally translate the Bible into the Eaglet language and make it available to the native people via mobile phone App. The translators, professing Christians, are eager to expand their worship experiences, which is difficult for them because they have no Christian songs in their language, and they have not learned songs in other languages. Silas and Zoe have been teaching them more about the Christian faith so they can share with their Christian friends and family members. Please continue to pray for Silas and Zoe, their children, and their newfound Christian friends as they serve the Lord in these outer regions of Asia.



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

September

Debi Rosdahl	1
Connie Becton	4
Henry Huie	6
Leda Muka	6
Bonita LeGoullon	10
Joyce Beland	13
Cindy Glover	13
Alma McClellan	15
Dave Stanton	16
Joe Canik	21
Steve Grubb	24
Ruth Daniel	25
Nick Priscu	25
Ralph Kennedy	27

September

Marti & Ralph Kennedy	7
Bob & Barbara Volinic	9
Don & Beth Decima	23
Dave & Wendy Stanton	24
Tom & Kathy Smith	26
Ken & Annette McCallum	27



“September SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply read these texts from your Bible

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| Day 1: 1 Corinthians 3:9;16-17 | Day 17: Galatians 3:13-14 |
| Day 2: 1 Corinthians 6:17,19-20 | Day 18: Hebrews 2:11; 4:16 |
| Day 3: 1 Corinthians 12: 27-31 | Day 19: James 4:7 |
| Day 4: 1 John 4:4;16 | Day 20: John 1:12-13 |
| Day 5: 1 John 5:4; 11-12,18 | Day 21: John 15:1-5, 15-16 |
| Day 6: 1 Peter 1:3-5 | Day 22: Matthew 5:13-16 |
| Day 7: 2 Timothy 1:7, 9-10 | Day 23: Philippians 3:20-21 |
| Day 8: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 | Day 24: Philippians 4:6, 13,19 |
| Day 9: 2 Corinthians 5:17.20-21 | Day 25: Revelation 1:5-6 |
| Day 10: Colossians 1: 13-14; 1:22 | Day 26: Romans 5:1-5;11 |
| Day 11: Colossians 2: 7-10; 3:3 | Day 27: Romans 8:1-4 |
| Day 12: Ephesians 1:1-4 | Day 28: Romans 8:11-14 |
| Day 13: Ephesians 1:5-10 | Day 29: Romans 8:15-17 |
| Day 14: Ephesians 2:8-10,18 | Day 30: Romans 8:28-32 |
| Day 15: Ephesians 4:4-7;32 | |
| Day 16: Ephesians 5:17-20 | |
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am – Beach Service 9:30 am – Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 9:30 am – Fellowship meeting 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	4 12:00 pm - Assimilation	5 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practices 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	6	7 10:00 am - prayer
8 Rally Day 8:00 am – Rally Day 9:30 am – Worship 3:00 pm – Lydia Circle	9 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study 4:00 pm – Personnel 7:00 pm – Mary Martha Circle	10 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 10:00 am – Worship 1:00 pm - Discipleship 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	11 1:00 pm – Deacon 2:15 pm – Tech 4:00 pm – Mission	12 9:30 am – Dorcas Circle 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practices 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	13 10:30 am – Prayer Ministry	14
15 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study	16 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study 12:00 pm - Chatters	17 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 10:00 am – Worship 1:00 pm - Discipleship 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	18	19 10:00 am – At & Worship 10:30 am – prayer 5:30 pm – Handbell Choir practices 6:30 pm – Jubilation Choir practice	20 10:30 am – Drive Through Prayer	21
22 Food Pantry Collection 9:30 am – Worship 10:30 am – Bible Study	23 11:00 am – Woman’s Bible Study	24 7:30 am – Men’s breakfast 9:00 am – Men’s Bible Study 3:00 pm - Session 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	25	26 10:00 AM – Card ministry	27	28
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 7:00 pm – Men’s WebX	2	3	4	5 10:00 am - Prayer

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

Staff

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Music Department – Kathryn Parker, Janette Schroeder, Peg Stinnett

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