

First Light

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We are recruiting individuals or groups to help unload the pumpkins this **Saturday, October 5th at 9 a.m.** We will need volunteers to work in the patch as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer each Sunday. Please be a part of this fun fellowship as we reach out to our community with this ministry.

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A WALK THROUGH WHEAT

Several of you have expressed an interest in going on a ranger-led hike through the former "Wheat" community that was here before Oak Ridge was established. The hike is on Saturday, October 5, at 11 a.m. and lasts one and a half hours. Joy Reedy and Bill and Johelen Stephenson plan to go. There is no cost and no preregistration.

If you are interested, here is the link:

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=5731B640-97D0-DB39-C203A7FBA5E2B6B5>

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REFLECTIONS

"Calling them like I see them"

Perhaps like me, you were struck by the amount of prayer needs we had this past Sunday. They ranged from all over the spectrum. Someone with an illness, someone with some bruising, someone undergoing a procedure, someone beloved passing beyond the veil, and some communities deeply affected by the hurricane. There's a lot going on all at once. A lot of people hurting.

It's natural to want to do something. We remember the reactions to previous storms and disasters and the ways people sort of rush to want to give aid, right? Puerto Rico, Haiti, New Orleans. Something happens, and people, moved by the tragedy they see and hear, want to do something to help those in need. It's natural. It's a good thing, a mark of humanity that makes us believe that we are made in the image of a loving and compassionate God.

In the weeks to come, the Missions Team is going to formulate a church-level response to the aftermath of the hurricane that left so much devastation in its wake. If you're feeling called and moved by the Spirit to do something *right now* about it as an individual, you may consider giving to our partners who do that kind of thing: [FBC in Erwin, TN](#) or the [Global CBF Disaster Response](#).

Before you give to that worthy cause, allow me to draw our attention to the other needs. There are folks in our fellowship who are in the hospital, and a visit might make them feel more love and less isolation. There are members of our church family in deep mourning and pain, and cup of coffee with someone who cares might be a valuable thing. There are long-time saints of the fellowship who may feel alone and forgotten who would love to host you for an hour to chat about a bunch of nothing in particular and it would make their week!

If you're feeling moved by the tragedy of our neighbors, then it's a sign of God's goodness within you, my friend. I only ask that we all remember that there are other tragedies, other needs, that will never make the national news but are no less real. Give, donate, go, volunteer. Do everything that God is leading you to do. But consider if God is also calling you to do something about those other needs that won't have a headline.

Before His Presence with Singing

O let me ne'er forget ...

Today's hymn devotion is one I've written about before. Trouble is, I don't think I can improve on those thoughts, so I submit to you a rerun from 2020.

Rain! Does it never tire out? Oh, but then the sunshine! Is there any sunshine brighter or more delicious than that which comes after a rain.

Wind! It can level buildings, uproot trees, topple towers. Oh, but a gentle summer breeze; it is the very definition of refreshing. And the wind can propel a sailboat effortlessly, or deliver a speck of pollen for a tree full of fruit.

Snow! But that's enough about weather. Flowers. Grass. Birds. Trees. Rocks. Mountains. Plains. Insects.

This is my Father's world. Yours too. He made it. And the sundry elements (several of which are listed in the hymn, "This Is My Father's World") are in constant polyphony, working together and separately. Our comfortable dwellings usually shelter us from the difficulties of nature, but nature persists. It is constant. It is all around us.

Before reading the rest of the hymn below, lay this carpet of thought on your reading room floor: creation is a constant reminder that God is ultimately in charge. The list of natural things and events in the hymn are summarized in this assertion: "O let me never forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." Nature is beautiful. It is powerful and amazing and many things. And perhaps one of them is that we have a constant, continual reminder that God is the ruler. Even in the year of a federal election, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- His hand the wonders
wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me
everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be
glad!

Peace, Rory

In Christ, *Tim*

Thank You!

Thanks to Bev Burgan for her generous donation of dental care bags to the clients of the Agape Help Center. One more example of people hearing a cause and making it happen. We serve an amazing Lord.



**Meetings: Council
& Committee**

FINANCE MEETING
Sunday, October 6, 2:00 p.m./RM. 105

TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, October 7, 7:00 p.m./RM. 105

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, October 13, 2:00 p.m./RM. 105

DEACONS MEETING
Sunday, October 13, 3:30 p.m./RM. 105

FBCFBC--OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

On Monday, October 7, Dianne May will lead a discussion of *Run* by Ann Patchett. This novel tells the story of Bernard Doyle, an Irish Catholic Boston politician, and his family—a family patched together by circumstances as well as blood. Interracial adoption, family allegiances and rivalries, and Boston's complex political and racial history come into play, as does the role of religious faith in each member's life. Ultimately, the story is about love.

Our November 4th book club book is *The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis* by George Stephanopoulos. Because this book has only recently been published, there is a long wait list to borrow it from area libraries. For this reason, we are announcing in advance this book as our book club read for November in order to give participants time to locate the book. Melody Turner will lead the discussion.



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OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP TABLE

The next Fellowship Table is Friday, October 11, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased immediately before and after Worship Service Oct. 6th. The main entrée will be stuffed chicken. Come as early as 11:30 a.m. and enjoy fellowship around hors d'oeuvres, although serving of the meal will not begin until 12 Noon. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Stoutland or rutherfordjanice91@yahoo.com.



Discussion Group

Movie: October Sky (1999)

starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

Viewing: Streaming on many pay-per-view platforms for ~\$4.

Time & Place: Friday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. at Joy Reedy's home - 109 Downing Drive, O.R.

Questions: Contact Mike Crowell, Brandon Weaver, or Joy Reedy.



The Holiday Bazaar is returning in November. We are raising funds for new church windows. There is a box in the narthex on the coffee bar where you can place donations for sale, such as books, scarves, purses, handmade crafts, holiday décor (Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.), gift items, and so on. Please dig deep and give often!

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHY: Please be prayer for the family of Ginny Bowers, who passed away Friday, September 27, 2024. The family will receive friends Sunday, October 20, at First Baptist Church from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., with the Service to follow at 4 p.m.

IMMEDIATE: Bobby Bowers and family. Greg Helton. Nena Moss. Gary Giles. Jim Gibson. Miriam Griffin. Pat Smith (friend of Peggy & Jim Walls). Sandra Clift (Melody Turner's stepmom). Dwayne Bounds (Tim Bounds' brother). Andy Hutson. Kara Davis (Tim Bounds' niece). Jim Younkin. Becky & Eric (friends of Jonathan & Sarah Ray). Ricky Phelps (Tim Bounds' nephew). Stoney Lowell (friend of Jodie Johnson). Barbara Prewett (Karen McCall's friend). Jack Burgan (Jeff Burgan's dad). Larry Carter. Dave Bunton. April West (friend of Diana Giles). Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter). Debbie Pulliam (Carol O'Shaughnessy's sister). Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Ray Roach (Tim Bounds' brother-in-law). Jackie Laney's dad, Barney. Sherry Bath (Gigi Naeve's friend). Mark Ebeler (friend of Carol O'Shaughnessy). Tammy Lee (Kay Smith's sister). Adrian Flory. Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Joyce Dippel (Jan Stoutland's sister). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Frances Darnell (Diane Qualls' mother). Richard Evans. Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew). Mary Jane Williams. Lynn Satterfield (Gary Giles' sister).

LONG TERM: Peggy Scott. Darla Sutton. Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Bobby Cline (Mark Belvin's brother-in-law). Adrienne & Gary Giles' son, Travis. Larry Fields. Scott Ethridge. Rick Nation. Jo Ann Tunstall. Theresa Bowers



Our services are streamed live and recorded at:

www.fbcoakridge.org/live-streaming



NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXANDER GUEST HOUSE:

Katie Landis, RM. 217.

CANTERFIELD OF OAK RIDGE:

Frank Janous, RM. 216.

Jean Webster, RM. 303.

COURTYARDS SENIOR LIVING:

Dot Senn, RM. 105.

LIFE CARE CENTER OF BLOUNT COUNTY:

Norval Ziegler.

SHANNONDALE OF MARYVILLE:

Shirlene Dale, RM. 114.

Our Ministry Continues Throughout the Week

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OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rory Naeve

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Minister of Children: Hannah Simic

Minister of Youth: Rev. Shawn Simic

Church Secretary: Lola Murray

Facilities Manager: Chris Peterson

Wednesday Services

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Feast (Youth)