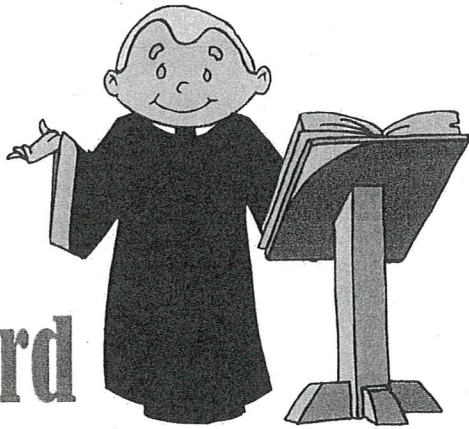


Sandpiper

October Worship Schedule

9:00am Sunday School
Worship at 10:30am



Word From the Pastor

“Moses answered the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.’”

Exodus 14:13-14

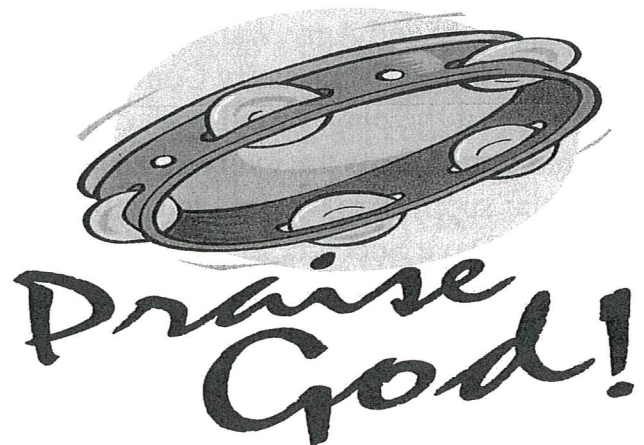
Hi friends! Have your parents or grandparents ever told you any good family stories? You know what I’m talking about

... those generational stories that became a foundation for your family AND for you?? Maybe it’s the story of how your parents met or how your grandparents came to America. Anything coming to mind yet? OK good. That foundational family story is exactly what the Exodus represented to Israel.

To Israel, the Exodus not only explained where they came from, but also WHY they were such a special people. Just imagine the way this story might have been communicated to their children over the years during special events and even family gatherings. Through the events we read about in the Bible, the One True God made himself KNOWN to mankind. I’m sure many Israelite children over the years even thought to themselves, “I wish I could have been there to see the things my parents told me about!”

Now let me tell you something even MORE amazing: Through Jesus, the Exodus has become YOUR STORY. I know, “Wow, right?!” And believe me, these stories in the opening pages of the Bible have a lot to say to us about the things you’re presently going through as a Christian. Think about this AWESOME truth of God’s special relationship with you during our new series *Foundations*, every Sunday in October!

Pastor AJ



Sands Through the Hourglass...

The red, yellow and orange FALLing sands in the October Hourglass instruct us:

"If you want to change the world,
like the leaves in the fall change,
go home and agape (love) your family."

Pastor Tracy and Cindy Edwards became grandparents to Asher James on June 10. Asher's parents are Dallas and Reagan Edwards who live in Cookeville, Tennessee. Asher was baptized by Papa T on August 20. Asher's Aunt Grace Edwards graduated from Tennessee Online School (TOPS), and is now attending Tennessee Technical University (TTU). (Thanks Pam for the info.)

It is a privilege to welcome Pastor AJ Platt's wife Emily to our worship services. Of course, his 14 year old son Jake has faithfully come to MS with his dad from Poland (Ohio) nearly every Sunday since AJ has led our us in worship.

The dedication of the community playground on September 9th was well attended. Scott Mason served as the master of ceremonies, and Linda McQuilkin led the singing of "For the Beauty of the Earth." Lindsey Rose and Amy Wallace, both members of the Community Committee, spoke about the playground project and offered gratitude to the many volunteers and financial supporters who made the play area a reality. Dave Socotch, in absentia, because he was journeying home from Colorado, was thanked for his leadership and many hours of hard work for the nearly completed area.

Pastor Marc Shefelton was leading our congregation during the planning stages for the outdoor facility. Pastor AJ Platt is guiding us at the present time at its completion. Both pastors joined in the benediction. The ribbon cutting was snipped by about a dozen youngsters who then happily filled the swings and jungle-gym with active fun. Refreshments were served by several women from MS. Since the dedication, two benches have been purchased for the relaxation of waiting parents and grandparents.

The Clothed in Righteousness facility at 55 East Main Street in Alliance was founded by Mike and Eva Slagle whose mission is to serve. The center provides food and clothing for those in need especially, the homeless of the area, and it is a very busy place. Pam Miller helps serve meals on Thursday, and can vouch for the many folks helped. Volunteers are always welcomed. Donations of cookies are always accepted. Now that you may be going through your closets for a switch of wardrobe, any of your "I won't be wearing these any more" items will be welcomed at the center. They are needing large sized clothes, especially, but also T shirts, jackets, sweaters, and winter items like blankets. Your pile of used plastic grocery bags are made into warm blankets. Your donations can be left on Mondays and Thursdays after 4 o'clock at the center.

Food donations of food items continue to be needed for the Blessing Box at MS. Rob and Lynne Kidd, who oversee the food box, accept food items and money to purchase items not donated.

When somebody does something wrong,
don't forget all the things he/she did right.

"Accent the Positive"

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preaching in October

Pastor AJ Platt will be
with us all month.

New Nativity Scene

Presbyterian Women are still accepting donations for the purchase of a new nativity scene for the church's front yard. Donations may be given in honor of, in memory of, or in caring for. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Spaghetti Drive Thru

September 30th

4:30-6:30pm

Cost is by donation

A Night with Mark Lowry

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a night out to see Christian comedian, Mark Lowry at Ohio Star Theater at Dutch Valley in Sugarcreek on Saturday, October 7th. This is open to everyone in the church for a night out of fun and fellowship. The tickets include a buffet dinner and the show for \$72. Please let Amy Wagner know if you would like to join in the fun. There are limited tickets and you do not want to miss it and be left out!!!



The choir has been busy preparing our Cantata "The Christmas Light" for Christmas Eve.

In order to bring in some extra singers and have some extra time together, we will have an evening rehearsal on Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30pm. More rehearsals to be announced later!!

Also, beginning December 3 during Advent we will be opening our service each week by the lighting of the Advent candles with song. Anyone interested in helping out with this, please let Linda McQuilkin know.

SESSION



Average attendance for August was 34.

The playground project has been paid off.
Praise God!

Security of the storage building is needed. By approved motion Albright Electric will put up a light to shine on the shed.

By approved motion the couch & chairs in the youth room will be discarded.

Copier usage is too high. A password will now be needed to use the copier. No personal use.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS



We encourage you to send a card or letter to one or two each month. Addresses are available in the church directory or in the church office.

Continuing health needs:

Staff Sgt. Ryan Lee (major orthopedic surgery
October 11)

Diane Sanor (auto immune disorder)

Carter Schopfer (Joe & Susie's grandson)

Military Service:

Brian Burbick (Navy Out in deployment till the end
of January.)

Garrett Floyd (A specialist in the 82nd Airborne at
Fort Bragg in NC)

Staff Sgt. Ryan P. Lee (Ohio National Guard)

SPC Joe Smythe (Ft. Bragg, NC)

Jason Snyder (Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.) (Carole
Mathey's grandson)

Jon Pagnucco (Jane Stryffeler's grandson) –
Navy (Alexandria, VA)

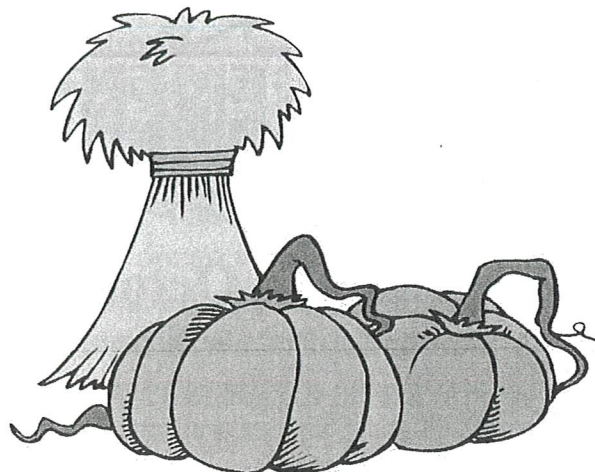
Our Missionaries - for Holy Spirit protection and great perseverance in their work.

Jeff & Natasha Bain (EPC missionaries in Asia)

Abe & Diane Bible (Missionaries to the Ukraine)

Lisa Smith (at home)

Paul & Reinhild Sydnor (ministry to refugees in
Lille, France and Malta)



OCTOBER

Birthdays

Name - Date

Jeannette Emmons – 1

Hazel Kuhn – 1

Colleen Lewis – 2

Phil McQuilkin – 2

Jim Cameron, Sr. – 4

Megan Hampe – 4

Rob Kidd – 9

Cindy Smythe – 24

Shannon Wolfe – 24

Larry Miller – 27

Anniversaries

Couple – Date

Rob & Lynne Kidd - 1

Dave & Barb McCain – 15

Article Deadline Note:

Please turn in any articles or announcements
for the Sandpiper to Carolyn Slingerland by the
22nd of each month. You can e-mail them to

middlesandy@frontier.com.