

The Lamplighter



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LA PLATA

READING & REFLECTING

BY DR. GORDON HANSON

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October Facts
- Deacon Highlight
- Gibson Shower

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On my desk is a painting, "The Last Roundup" by teenager Mia Huckman. It appeared in the Epoch Times some weeks ago after Mia had received an award for her creativity. An older, sunburned cowboy astride what appears to be a tired horse amid a herd of confined cattle reminds us of fleeting time. No, I was not a cowboy, but we did raise livestock and crops on the wind blown prairies of North Dakota before my course was altered.

In some way, we all have a last round up. What are you doing for your good today? I am grateful for adequate eyesight, time and material to read, as I trust you are also. Though you may be currently employed, limiting your down time, the

adage is true, "We are what we read."

At the top of my list is the Bible, God's Word, followed by what God's people have written, historical or contemporary. The latest was an educated professor, Dr. Howard Hendricks, "Teaching That Changes Lives." Not a new book (1987) yet one every teacher ought to read (or read again). Anything written by David Jeremiah, John McArthur, Oswald Chambers, Charles Swindoll, Max Lucado, Adrian Rodgers are all excellent choices.

Why is good content so important? We are responsible to nourish the inner man (2 Cor 4:16; 2 Peter 3:18), as we hopefully grow in grace. (Cont. on p. 4)

SMALL GROUPS FOR OCTOBER:

MEN: Brotherhood--1st Saturday of the month @ 9 AM

Men of the Word-- Every Tuesday @ 10 AM

WOMEN: Women on Mission--1st Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM

Ladies of the Light Bible Study--Every Tuesday @ 10 AM

Connect Bible Study--2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6 PM (starting 10/12)

Visitation Ministry--3rd Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM

Merry Widows--3rd Friday of the month @ 12 PM

****ALL GROUPS MEET AT FBCLP UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED****

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY (INFANT & TODDLER):

Oct 1	Norma Stump, Donna Fleming Grant & Sara Walker
Oct 8	Norma Stump, Adrielle Law Amy Jewell, Fran Wright, Kayla Hepner
Oct 15	Norma Stump, Stephanie Walton Katie Lusk, Erin Hancock
Oct 22	Norma Stump, Cecelia Stauffer Whitney Lumpp, Becky Bucher, Eli Hancock
Oct 29	Norma Stump, Abby Pankhurst Patrick & Jill Hancock

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Oct 1	Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon
Oct 8	Jennifer Cooke, Ashley Miller, Camden Cooke
Oct 15	Sharon Hile, Alison Bode
Oct 22	Kim Burgess, Katie Lusk, Abby Pankhurst
Oct 29	Debbie Schneider, Becky Bucher, Jonathan Miller

SUNDAY MORNING SECURITY TEAM:

	8:30 AM	SS & 11 AM
Oct 1	TBD	TBD
Oct 8	TBD	TBD
Oct 15	TBD	TBD
Oct 22	TBD	TBD
Oct 29	TBD	TBD



FYI: The secretary will be out of the office 10/20 to 10/27. Rosa Minehan will be filling in for her.

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS:

Oct 1	AM	<i>Serving Others, Serving Him</i>	Mth 25:35-36
	PM	<i>Paul's Testimony</i>	Gal 1:13-16
Oct 8	AM	<i>Yokefellows</i>	Phil 4:3
	PM	<i>Justification</i>	Gal 2:16-17
Oct 15	AM	<i>The Sacrifice</i>	Mth 25:6-13
	PM	<i>The Living Dead</i>	Gal 2:20
Oct 22	AM	<i>The Betrayals</i>	Mth 26:31
	PM	<i>Father Abraham</i>	Gal 3:6-9
Oct 29	AM	<i>Silence of the Lamb</i>	Mth 26:62
	PM	<i>Before and After</i>	Gal 3:23-28

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Oct 1	Glenn Miller Patrick Hancock
Oct 8	Nick Papanicolas Billy Moore
Oct 15	Kevin Guiffre Chuck Bonn
Oct 22	Darrell Linville Paul Dillon
Oct 29	Glenn Miller Ken Doyle

OCTOBER TELLERS:

Shannon Pankhurst
Jeni Irwin

2 TRIPS TO SIGHT & SOUND

FBC facilitated two separate trips to see



at the Sight and Sound theater in PA. The 1st group of 12 went on 9/2. The Merry Widows (20 total) rented a bus and took their trip on 9/14. A good time was had by all! Join us next time we go (to see *Daniel in the Spring 2024*)!



SWEET TEA & SUNFLOWERS

On August 27th FBC hosted it's 6th annual Catherine Foundation Ladies' Tea. The theme was *Sunflowers and Sweet Tea*. Many baby gifts & monetary donations were given to help support the CF & everyone enjoyed themselves.



Check out our church website to see more pictures!



Please help us clear out the magazine rack by taking the FREE calendars, magazines and other publications!

"If we doubt God's Word about one thing, we shall have small confidence in it upon another thing. Sincere faith in God must treat all God's Word alike; for the faith which accepts one word of God and rejects another is evidently not faith in God but faith in our own judgment, faith in our own taste."

--Charles Spurgeon

READING & REFLECTING

CONTINUED...

What one reads or spends time with should all contribute to Paul's expectations in Romans 8:29, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son." In Romans 12:12, the writer gives the opposite and tragic result of being conformed to the world. Hollywood and TV has, and is, doing its best to frustrate and even destroy God's image in human kind. Be wise and avoid as much as possible of their seductions.

We have a faithful, truth sharing pastor at First Baptist. Attend, listen carefully, learn consistently, and practice with love and patience as the Scripture admonishes. James 1:22 reminds us, "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." I am thankful also for Bob Mathews and a well-ordered library. Use it.



- October was month # 8 in the original, Latin calendar. "Octo" means 8!
 - Most other languages have also named October after the # 8:
 - French: Octobre
 - Italian: Ottobre
 - Spanish: Octubre
 - Swahili: Oktoba
- best harvesting month for many crops incl. apples, carrots, corn, grapes, onions, potatoes, squash & pumpkins!
 - birthstone is opal
 - birth flower is calendula or marigold
 - The pumpkin industry sells \$708 million pumpkins each year!!



- 8. Janet & Bobby Jones
- 22. Bill & Linda Pickle
- 27. John & Frances Osakowicz
- 28. Robert & Tabitha Krauel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct 31: Trunk or Treat
- Nov 4: Hannah Pankhurst bridal shower
- Nov 5: Veterans luncheon
- Nov 11: Giselle Irwin baby sprinkle
- Nov 13-20: OCC packing week

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or missing from the newsletter, please let the office know.

Jessica Miller's new address is:
201 East Byron Pl, Apt 319
King of Prussia, PA 19406



KIDS CORNER



Fall Acrostic Poem Fill-In

Poetry is so fun to do, and with this template, you can be a poet, too!

Simply fill in a fall word or phrase for each letter you see, and at the end, read it back to me.

This poetry style is called "**acrostic**", and while it may not always rhyme, it's a fun way to learn and spend some quiet time.

A _____

U _____

T _____

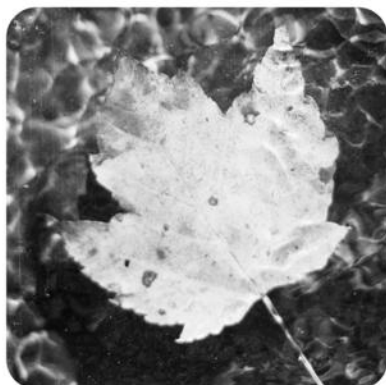
U _____

M _____

N _____

HAPPY are those who
do not follow the advice of the wicked ...
their leaves **DO NOT** WITHER.

Psalms 1:1, 3, NRSV



Join us for:

TRUNK
OR
Treat

October 31st @ 5PM
FBCLP parking lot



DEACON HIGHLIGHT: KEN DOYLE

I first attended FBCLP with my family in 1969, when I was around five years old. My parents, Floyd and Peggy Doyle were very active in the church, and along with my brother Chris and sister Jeni (Irwin), I grew up in the church. After marrying Janet (Sexton) in 1986, we lived for a few years in both Baltimore City and Harford County, Maryland. It was here, around 1990, that I was ordained to deacon service at Calvary Baptist Church in Bel Air. When we moved back to La Plata in 1992, we came home to FBCLP as well, and have been here ever since.

Over the years, I have always been active in the music ministry, serving as song leader and choir director for adult, youth, and children's choirs. I have taught Sunday School and Discipleship Training, served as Treasurer, on finance committees, and worked with many aspects of technology, including our networking, computers, sound system, web-site, and more.

Janet and I have been married for 37 years. She also grew up at FBCLP, and I first met her when she was 6 and I was 5. My very first Sunday at FBCLP, my Sunday School teacher was Sally Sexton, my future mother-in-law. We have five wonderful children, who have grown up here at FBCLP, and three absolutely adorable grandchildren, 5yo and 4yo boys, and a 10 month old baby girl.

Regarding employment, I've most often been involved in IT, Accounting, or some mixture of both. I am currently a Financial Support Administrator at the Charles County Department of Community Services, in the Housing department.

Hobbies of late tend to center around the grandchildren: taking them fishing, or exploring nature, rooting for them at their soccer games, and just playing with them and loving on them at every opportunity. I also enjoy words games and reading, particularly works on history, theology, apologetics, as well as biographies.

Some concise tenets, helpful to any in deacon ministry are: Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. [For] God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

—Philippians 2:3 and James 4:6 NLT



WHAT'S NEW AND ON THE SHELF
BY BOB MATHEWS



Fiction

Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon (F)

Light from Heaven by Jan Karon (F)

The Chisholm Bride by Kathleen Y'Barbo (F)

The Rebel Bride by Shannon McNear (F)

Nonfiction

Begin Again by Max Lucado (NF 248.4)

America is a Christian Nation by Robert Jeffress (NF 261.7)

DVD

Time to Live is Now

Tetelestai

THE GIBSONS WERE SHOWERED WITH LOVE

On Sunday, 9/24, a baby shower was held to bless Andy, Kristen & Kayla Gibson for the expected arrival of their son (and little brother), Isaiah Hayes.

They would like to thank everyone for their support and all the wonderful gifts! They also want to thank Sarah Conant and her girls for beautifully decorating the FH and for all the yummy goodies they baked.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

1. If you haven't written a message on our bulletin board, check it out and add your leaf (there are extras near the board)!
2. If you didn't receive an email about our surprise gift to Pastor & Debbie then ask a friend or call the office for details.
3. Come up with something on your own to show your gratitude--it doesn't have to be these two options!

10 KEY VERSES ON EVANGELISM

5. Matthew 9:36–38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The **compassion** of Jesus is a repeated theme in Matthew (Matt. 9:14:14; Matt. 15:32) and throughout both the OT (e.g., Deut. 30:3; 1 Sam. 23:21; Ps. 103:13; Isa. 49:15; 54:8; Lam. 4:10) and the NT, where Christians are especially admonished to show compassion to those in need (e.g., Col. 3:12; Heb. 10:34; cf. James 5:11). **like sheep without a shepherd.** The leaders have failed in their responsibility, but Mic. 5:4 predicted that the Messiah would "shepherd" his people. Given the helplessness and the need of the crowds, Jesus' disciples are urged to **pray earnestly** that the Lord (shifting metaphors) would **send out laborers into his harvest**, since many are ready to receive the good news of the kingdom—a prayer that is as urgent today as it was when Jesus' original disciples heard his words.



OCC



Newsletter

LESOTHO: REMINDED OF GOD'S LOVE

Reithabetse, 9, doesn't know her father. Her mother works in South Africa and rarely returns to Lesotho to check up on her, so she lives with a grandmother from the church in her village. Reithabetse rejoiced to receive a shoebox gift filled with a doll, socks, a washcloth, soap, books, and pencils. She also participated in The Greatest Journey discipleship class. She marveled at Lesson 1 that described all the things God created, and soon gave her life to Jesus Christ. She also brought her siblings Karabo and Mamohlakoana with her to church. Every time she plays with the gifts from her shoebox, she is reminded of God's great love for her.



You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way.
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

SHOEBOX SHOPPING IDEAS
"LET'S EAT!"

- water bottles, cups, travel cups
- bowls
- plates (small enough to fit in box)
- silverware
- items for cooking kits:

mixing spoons

hot pads

tongs

cookie cutters

and more!

- Build a Shoebox Online anytime of the year by scanning this QR code: or use this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/5n8dfnkj>



- Purchase items directly from the warehouse to donate to FBC or fill your own boxes:



- Order items from FBC's Amazon wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/5n99mvem>

Birthdays

October Birthdays

01. Zachary Donaldson
 01. Debbie Schneider
 02. Courtney Boisvert
 02. Amanda Hepner
 04. James Robey
 06. Judy Tippet
 07. Janet Saal
 08. Barbara Windsor
 09. Esther Fletcher
 10. Dave Bode
 11. Carl Scholl
 12. Berna Claspell
 12. Maria Papanicolas
 13. Bill Burgess
 17. Linda Pickle
 18. Brendan Doyle
 19. Kim Duehring
 20. Brenda Stokes
 21. Bonita Bish
 22. Karen Law
 22. CJ Miller
 24. Bill Breitenbach
 25. Ken Doyle
 27. Debbie Wedding
 28. Melvin King
 29. Ann Robey



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Benevolence Sunday</i> Youth Council Meeting 12:30 AWANA 5:30PM	2 PACE 8:30AM	3 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM Deacon's Meeting 7PM	4 Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	5 Norma Hanson Memorial @11	6	7 Brotherhood Fellowship 9AM
8  Pastor Appreciation Day AWANA 5:30PM	9 Columbus Day	10 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM	11 Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	12 Women on Mission 9:45 AM	13	14
15 AWANA 5:30PM	16 PACE 8:30AM	17 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM	18 Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	19 Visitation Ministry 9:45AM	20 Merry Widows 12 PM	21
22 AWANA 5:30PM	23 PACE 8:30AM	24 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM	25 Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	26	27	28
Secretary on vacation						
29 AWANA 5:30PM	30 PACE 8:30AM	31 Ladies of the Light and Men of the Word 10AM 