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Upcoming Opportunities

October is Ministerial Appreciation Month

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church First Sunday Brunch hosted by Worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5:

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9:

6:00 p.m. Elders' Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10:

5:30 p.m. Day Care Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11:

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12:

6:30 p.m. Worship Meeting 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17:

11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18:

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19:

1:30 p.m.CWF, Church Parlor Next Issue of The Bluff City Christian

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25:

3:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26:

6:00 p.m. Thursday Women 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship at Colton's

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church



All children are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Program. Practice will begin Sunday, October 1st during Sunday School.

September is the month to replenish the kitchen supplies. CWF is again asking Church members to help with this project. Items needed are: paper towels, small rolls of aluminum foil, quart & gallon size storage bags, foam divided dinner plates, small foam dessert plates, paper cups (large & small), paper napkins, heavy duty clear plastic spoons, sugar and decaffeinated tea bags. Please leave the supplies in the church office or the kitchen. -Thank you, CWF

THURSDAY WOMEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 6:00 P.M. AT HAYDEN'S DRIVE-IN

Serving Schedule for

Anne Roberts

Van Driver

George McCall/Mark Richardson

Communion Preparation

Carlos & Glenda Hicks

Homebound Communion

Doris Chlastak/Jack Childress

Hospital Visitation LaVerne Matthews/Jack Maxwell Diaconate

Marion Parks, Stan Pinkston,, Carol Swafford, Linda Casey, Kim Wagganer

Serving Schedule for October 1, 2017

Worship Leader Matthew Clanahan Children's Moment Bill Clanahan **Communion Prayer** George McCall **Offertory Prayer** Gail Doss

Van Driver

George McCall/Mark Richardson

Communion Preparation

Carlos & Glenda Hicks

Diaconate

Rob Blackwell, Carlos Hicks, Jim Hillis, LuWanna Forister, Shirley Kearbey



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Fill the Fire Truck Food Drive, Saturday, November 18th at Kroger, 10AM-3PM Volunteers Needed

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army Wednesday, November 29th at Wal-Mart 9AM-7PM (One Hour Shifts) Volunteers needed

Men's Fellowship

Thursday, September 28th 6:00 p.m. at China Garden

Coat and Shoe Drive

Clean out your closets and help out the cause! Please donate your good, used winter coats and shoes for adults or children to help those less fortunate stay a little warmer this winter. Please place your donated items on the table in the hallway through out the month of October.



Kindergarten Center Drive

Donate your new or very gently used sock, sweats and underwear for children at the kindergarten center. Children's sizes small through extra large please. There will be a basket in the narthex.

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ATTENDANCE REPORT ATTENDANCE REPORT *September 10, 2017 September 17, 2017* ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE: Worship......46 Worship 51 Children's Church.....4 Children's Church 0 TOTAL WORSHIP50 TOTAL WORSHIP......51 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL Elementary A/B.....2 Elementary A/B...... 4 Homebuilders.....6 Homebuilders 6 Men's Class.....5 Men's Class 7



Total......13

SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

Total......17

World

Communion

In The Grace of Giving, Stephen Olford tells of a Baptist pastor during the American Revolution, Peter Miller, who lived in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and enjoyed the friendship of George Washington. In Ephrata also lived Michael Wittman, an evil-minded sort who did all he could to oppose and humiliate the pastor. One day Michael Wittman was arrested for treason and sentenced to die. Peter Miller traveled seventy

miles on foot to Philadelphia to plead for the life of the traitor.

"No, Peter," General Washington said. "I cannot grant you the life of your friend." "My friend!" exclaimed the old preacher. "He's the bitterest enemy I have." "What?" cried Washington. "You've walked seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in different light. I'll grant your pardon." And he did.

Peter Miller took Michael Wittman back home to Ephrata--no longer an enemy but a friend.

Peter once asked Jesus, "How many times must I forgive someone who has harmed me?" Peter proposed seven times, but Jesus responded, you must forgive seventy

Peter surely must have been taken aback when Jesus said you must forgive seventy times seven.

Now the question is, what was Jesus attempting to say to Peter?

Jesus says, Peter you can be forgiven, but you are starting with the wrong question. Jesus would have Peter know is forgiveness carries a heavy price.

Jesus points out to Peter that this parable is found in the actions of the one forgiven. In receiving forgiveness there comes the great responsibility to forgive others.

Every time we enter the sanctuary we have a symbol of the forgiveness that has been extended to us. It is the cross.

We must accept the grace that is offered to us and then, in the name of that one who has forgiven us a debt which we cannot possibly repay, extend grace to others. How many times must we forgive? Seventy times seven.

Glad to be your pastor,

Pastor Frank

World Communion Sunday 2017

We will participate in World Communion Sunday which takes place on October 01,

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

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Names will remain on our Prayer Concern list until the Church Office is notified to remove them.]



Of

Margena Halferty

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Billie Hillis **Tootie Hillis** Jim Hillis

Looks who's having a Birthday in

