

Third Quarter Events

Sunday church service is back – only church no Sunday school yet. Service starts at 10:30 am and now Wednesday night Bible Study service will commence. All services are being held in accordance with current recommendations by the State of Ohio and CDC for churches. Every precaution is being taken to keep everyone safe. Rules for coming back were sent to parishioners at home so everyone would be prepared for what to expect when they felt comfortable returning to the church.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 27 – 30. It will be quite different than in years past, but it will be good to see children in church once more. As with the church services, every precaution will be taken to keep them safe.

This year's theme is Big Fish Bay – Hooked on God's Mercy. Online enrollment will be available on the church website starting July 1st.



Services are still being video recorded and are available to view on Facebook/You Tube. Watch for updates and changes in the church schedule – when Sunday school, Sunday night services, childcare and nursery will once more resume. Pastor Glenn will announce changes during the posted videos and during the services at the church.

With churches closed and people quarantined for their own safety for months, the church still needed to be supported. To aid in this, tithes and offerings can now be made online on the church website @



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Does God Care?

Minnie and George Lacy were faced with some questions: “Is Jesus enough? Is our relationship with Christ sufficient to sustain us? Will He be enough to help us want to go on living? Does He care?”

While serving as missionaries in 1904, the Lacys’ youngest daughter fell ill. Then in rapid succession, all five of their children died from scarlet fever, none living to see the new year. In letters to the mission board George Lacy wrote about their deep loneliness and grief: “Sometimes it seems more than we can bear.” But then he added, “The Lord is with us and is wonderfully helping us.” In this, their darkest time, they found that Jesus was near and He was enough.

Many of us will face moments when we will wonder if we can go on. If our health fails, if our job disappears, if we lose those closest to us, will we find our relationship with the Lord real enough to keep us pressing forward?

The psalmist reminds us of God’s presence and faithfulness in Psalm 30. When he was deeply depressed, he cried out, “Hear, O Lord and have mercy on me: Lord, be thou my helper! (v. 10). God gave Him healing and comfort (vv. 2-3).

As believers in Jesus, we will never lack what we need to persevere. The Lord will always be near.

Randy Kilgore

*Though tempted and sadly discouraged,
My soul to this refuge will flee
And rest in the blessed assurance,
“My grace is sufficient for thee.”
Anonymous*

Our Daily Bread
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Build for yourself a strong box,
Fashion each part with care;
When it’s strong as your hand can make it,
Put all your troubles there;
Hide there all thought of your failures,
And each bitter cup that you quaff;
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one else its contents,
Never its secrets share;
When you’ve dropped in you care and worry
Keep them forever there;
Hide them from site so completely
That the world will never dream half;
Fasten the strong box securely –
Then sit on the lid and laugh.

Bertha Adams Backus

Hope Makes a Difference

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on
the worst in them
Hope opens doors where despair closes them.
Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what
cannot be done.
Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness
of mankind.
Hope “lights a candle” instead of “cursing the darkness.”
Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.
Hope cherishes no illusions, nor does it yield to cynicism.

Source Unknown

It's a noisy world out there. Who knows how many voices—helpful or not—we have in our heads?

Words have power, and they can change us for the better or for the worse. If we constantly hear that we're a failure or that we're not good enough, talented enough, pretty enough, or smart enough, then we eventually risk believing those lies. And listening to those wrong voices can cripple and immobilize us. It will influence what we do in life and shape who we become.

But God has empowered us to hear him above all others. As John 10:27 says, *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”*

To hear God's voice above all else:

Immerse yourself in God's Word. Make time every day to read Scripture. Memorize verses about God's love for you. Meditate on those words. You'll find life in them!

Replace lies with God's promises and truth. When you find yourself thinking about, talking about, or listening to things that don't line up with God's truth, take action. Declare all the good things that God has for you today and in your future.

Use discernment in who and what you listen to. When you are listening to affirming, life-giving, hope-filled messages in line with God's truth, you'll be better able to hear his voice when he calls you.

Let God be the first One you go to for comfort, wisdom, insight, and discernment. His truth is timeless and eternal, and his guidance is always reliable.

When you internalize God's truth, everything changes. Your confidence builds on the foundation of his unending love for you and he will help you stand firm when life's inevitable storms strike. You will be stronger and take greater risks because you will have the faith to believe that God is who he says he is and that he will do all that he has promised.

God's truth is a lifeline you can hold on to. You can counter the noise and lies of the world with the life-giving truth of his Word!

Christine Caine
Propel Women Weekly
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Chiligetti

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 medium onions, chopped, about 1 cup
- 1 16 oz. can tomatoes
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 T. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 15 ½ oz. can kidney beans
- 1 6 or 7 oz. pkg. spaghetti

Cook and stir ground beef and onion in an 11-inch skillet or 3-quart saucepan, over medium heat until beef is light brown and onion is tender, drain. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, salt, and beans (with liquid). Cook, uncovered until of desired consistency, about 10 minutes. Cook spaghetti as directed on package, drain. Top with hot chili mixture.

Makes 5 servings.

By Virginia Price



Songs We Love

Singer and song writer Dottie Rambo and her husband Buck had gone to Florida for the first time ever for some rest and relaxation. Dottie was going through a difficult time in her life causing her to be very troubled. I know walks on the beach can help put your mind close to God, at least that's what they do for me. It was after a pretty bad storm that during one of those walks God led her to write this song about her current situation. Buck had built a fire on the beach and was sitting a short distance away, he wanted to give her time to be alone with her thoughts and the Lord. Out of such a troubled time and much disappointment a song would often appear, but this time was different. Driftwood and storm debris was scattered everywhere. She walked with her guitar through piles of seaweed thinking this storm is so much like my life right now. But God you have been my shelter and when I can't handle the storm, I run to you and I can feel secure. The melody was coming but she was having a hard time starting the song. Phrases, words, bits and pieces of the song were in her head. Talking to God, she said she felt the closeness of the Lord touch her. She felt His presence and the words came, "I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender." Weeping, she knew this was how the Lord was leading her to open this song. The message of this song came from her own troubled heart but has become one that speaks to the hearts of many Christians.

This was one of the first songs I sang publicly with my friend Pat. It became sort of a theme song for her and I. We would sing it to each other when we were troubled and walking through storms in our own lives. When she was in the midst of a horrible storm, and although she didn't hear me on April 9th, that would be the last time I'd sing it for her. She heard the call that came that night from Heaven saying, "come home my child, it the last mile you must trod."

Being "Sheltered In The Arms Of God" means that we can have and know God's protection. God may not always protect us from difficult experiences, discouraging times or devastating circumstances but He will protect His people while we face these things and more. We have assurance when we stay close to Him, His hand faithfully holds on to us. That does not mean we will never experience problems. It does mean our Lord will go with us through those situations in our life! And truly He has. These are the words to this beautiful song.

I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender.
They're leading me in paths that I must trod.
I'll have no fear for Jesus walks beside me,
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.

So let the storms rage high
The dark clouds rise
They don't worry me.
For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God.
He walks with me
And naught of earth shall harm me,
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.

Soon I shall hear the call from Heaven's portals,
"Come home, my child, it's the last mile you must trod."
I'll fall asleep and wake up in God's new heaven,
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God

So let the storms rage high,
The dark clouds rise.
They don't worry me,
For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God

He walks with me
And naught of earth shall harm me,
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.
Sheltered safe within the arms of God.



Submitted by Peggy Somosko

Third Time's the Charm

Jonah was inside the big fish for three days. Jonah 1:17

Peter denied Christ three time. Matthew 26:34

Jesus rose after three days. John 2:19

Paul was blind for three days. Acts 9:9

Esther fasted for three days before she spoke to the King.
Esther 4:16

Isaiah went around stripped and barefoot for three years as a sign
against Egypt. Isaiah 20:3

Elijah stretched himself out over a widow's son three times to bring
him back to life. I Kings 17:21

Fun Facts About the Bible You Never Knew

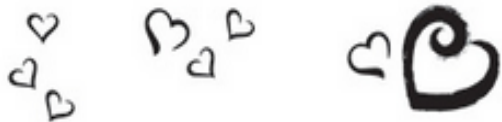
Robyn Martins

If we as Christians can purpose in our hearts to be kind and loving in all that we do and put away a condemning spirit and learn the fear of the Lord, then surely the light of Christ will be able to shine in our disbelieving world, and restoration and revival will take root in the lives of those that we touch on a daily basis.

Larry Johnson

Barbara Johnson

Splashes of Joy in the Cesspools of Life



As a singer I sing at many funerals and I was recently asked by a funeral director to sing at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a Pauper's Cemetery out near Indiana. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost. Everyone that knows me knows I'm directionally challenged AND the further I drove the signal for my navigation weakened and eventually dropped. I hate Sprint!!

Anyways, I finally arrived an hour late and saw that the funeral guy had evidently gone, and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt bad and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to sing. The workers put down their lunch and began to gather around. I sang my heart and soul out for this man with no family and friends.

As I sang "Amazing Grace", the spirit of God began to move, and the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I prayed a benediction and started for my car my head hung low but my heart so FULL.

As I opened the door to my car, I overheard one of the workers say, "I've never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I was still lost.

(I saw this on Facebook. It was originally posted April 23, 2019 by Valencia Lacy. She really is a singer, and this is a true event.)



Faith
makes things possible ... not easy

Sherry's Book Corner Adult Column

Hello ladies! As I write this column for you, I can't help but mention the weather. It is a most beautiful day. As the wind blows, the branches of our trees sway back and forth as if the wind is a natural lullaby sung just for them. The breeze coming through our window is warm and dry. And my windchimes have not stopped chiming since dawn. Nature and all her beauty is given to us to provide peace and a sense of well-being. In my heart, I know our Heavenly Father gave us a place in His world to find refuge, mercy, and hope to live day by day. And when we find His graces, let us tuck them in our hearts and then pass them on to others. Psalms 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God..."

The cookbook I am going to share with you is more than a cookbook. It is about family and loving one another. Audrey gave me a copy for my birthday in 2014. I think you'll find the recipes to be divine. I have to say, years ago Peggy passed out her carrot cake recipe and I made it all the time. Since then I have lost it, but the cake on page 110 is ALMOST just as good! As the author states on the back of this book, "I love holidays!" It shows!

Until next time, enjoy the wonderful adventure of cooking!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Adult Book:

Title: The Pioneer Woman Cooks
A Year of Holidays

By: Ree Drummond

Published by: William Morrow/HarperCollins

Price: \$29.99

The book is organized by holiday. Keeping things easy is the key. 140 step-by-step recipes for simple scrumptious celebrations are the highlight. Family photos laced throughout bring warmth to the cookbook and to your home.

Sherry's Book Corner Children's Column

Hi kids! It's all about adventure! What do you mean you may ask? Well.... since our lives have been turned upside down for now due to COVID-19, I have made it my place to look at life as an adventure! My sister-in-law Connie has a daughter who teaches school in Savannah, GA. This book I am about to share with you was recommended reading in one of her classrooms. Connie gave me a copy and I love it. I am going to pass it on to our granddaughters to read next time I see them!

I liked this review written about our story. "Kelly takes the classic survival story into a more accessible place. Kids will relish seeing one of their own reach her surprising goal."

The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

I hope you enjoy this story as much as I did!

Until next time, have a fun and safe summer!

In Him,
Sherry Kline Bolitho

Children's Book:

Title: Nature Girl

Author: Jane Kelley

Published by: Random House LLC

Price: \$7.99

Age group: 8-adult

Eleven-year-old Megan is not happy. No one seems to get it. No one seems to get her. Everyone always wants her to be different. Do something different. She'll show them... really, she will show them, her and her little dog Arp that is!

Apple Fritter Cake

Cake that derived from a breakfast food, shape-shifted into a cake, disguised as dessert. This apple cake is so soft and moist...loaded with apples and cinnamon.

Ingredients:

For Filling:

1 heaping cup of sliced apples (I cored and quartered and then sliced)

1/3 cup sugar

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

small pinch freshly grated nutmeg

2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 teaspoons water

Plus

1/2 cup brown sugar (I used a 1/4 cup each of dark and light)

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

For Cake:

1/3 cup butter

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup applesauce

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs

2 1/4 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 cup greek yogurt (you could use plain yogurt as well or sour cream)

For Glaze:

2 cups powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

6 tablespoons milk

Instruction:

For filling: Make your filling by combining apples, sugar, water, cinnamon and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Cook on low heat for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring constantly until the sauce is thickened and the apples are a bit soft. Set aside to cool. In a small bowl, mix the brown sugar and cinnamon together until well combined and set aside.

For Cake: Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9×13 baking dish. Set aside.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add applesauce and vanilla and mix till combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Sift the dry ingredients together. Add the dry ingredients to the batter in three parts alternating with the yogurt in two parts, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients. Beat until just combined.

Spoon half of the batter into the prepared pan. Spoon the cooled apple mixture over the batter carefully and spread as evenly as possible.

Sprinkle 2/3 of brown sugar cinnamon mixture over apples and cover with the rest of the batter. Sprinkle the rest of the brown sugar cinnamon mixture over the top.

Bake for 45-55 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean.

For Glaze: While the cake is baking, make the glaze. In a bowl, mix the powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk until the glaze is desired consistency. When the cake comes out of the oven, immediately but carefully pour onto hot cake. Try to pour as evenly as possible. You might have to pick up the cake and tilt it to spread the glaze evenly. I even poured some out that pooled at the corners and repoured that over the top. Let the cake sit for a while for the glaze to set.

Take the full possession of my heart, raise there your throne, and command there as you do in heaven. Being created by you, let me live to you. Being created for you, let me ever act for your glory. Being redeemed by you, let me render unto you what is yours, and let my spirit ever cleave to you alone.

A prayer by John Wesley
Prayers Across the Centuries

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Faith

Hope vs Fear

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

~Deuteronomy 31:6

The news today is full of negative issues – the pits falls and financial loss of being quarantined during the worldwide pandemic, wear a mask or don't/won't, death counts, fear for those essential workers that remain at their jobs, and then came the racial protests. Radio and television broadcast it, and the internet blows up with it, especially on sites like Facebook. The bad news feeds fear into everyone and it comes from all directions. It is all people hear and see and talk about. I've seen and heard it too, but I don't let it make me fearful and neither should you. Oh, yes do take precautions for your health but don't live in fear. I am an essential worker since I work for a food processing plant. I took all the precautions needed but I still caught the virus. I still did not fear even though I got sick and had to home quarantine myself. The Covid-19 virus is a nasty one!

I have long loved to watch the sky, no matter the time of day. During the day, the varying shades of blue as well as the cloud formations, colorful sunrises and sunsets are eye catching. But the night sky is just as awesome. I'm often outside late and I always check out the moon and stars. That's when I think you can get a clearer picture of the greatness of it all. The vastness of space is at once mind blowing because no one has ever found the end of it and because the Creator that formed that also made me.

The Bible is full of illustrations of the mightiness of the Lord. From the very first sentence in the first chapter and verse of the Bible – “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” On the fourth day, after He put the sun, moon and other “lights” in the firmament, He said it was good. (Gen 1:14-19).

And when the evilness of Satan spread across the world, the Lord was saddened. So, He brought on a mighty flood that not only cleansed the earth but changed the face of the earth forever, causing conflict still

today over the age of the earth and how so many changes that should have taken millions of years instead of by only one massive flood. And then when the waters had receded, the Lord set a rainbow in the sky to proclaim a covenant between Himself and the earth that He would not cause another flood.

When the children of Israel were held in slavery by Pharaoh in Egypt, He sent Moses to free them. The Lord gave Moses the ability to perform miracles and to bring down plagues on Egypt until Pharaoh finally allowed them to leave. As they journeyed, Moses, always in the will of the Lord was shown how to protect and direct the people – sometimes doing amazing feats like parting the sea for them cross safely to the other side. And when they complained about what they would eat on their journey, the Lord supplied their need by raining manna (bread) from heaven each day that they would not go hungry.

But the greatest thing the Lord did was the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. He sent Him to be born of a virgin, to grown into manhood and go about teaching, preaching, and doing good – healing, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead and other miracles. Until one day He was crucified and took on Himself the sins of all men so that we could one day go to heaven and live with Him there – if we believed. He sent the Holy Spirit to abide in us, to be our Comforter.

I know all this negativity around us now seems overwhelming, but my God is greater than anything in this world. He is in control. I put my trust in Him and I know He will take care of my need. When I look up at the night sky and take in its vastness, I don't feel insignificant. My God sees me and knows me – he knows everything about me. Nothing about me is too small for Him to see and care about. When the negativity of the world begins to bring you down, making you feel small and of no importance, immerse yourself in the Bible, study just how great our God is. Tune out all the media that tries to steal your joy and get back to the basics of God.

LeuAnna Taylor

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

~Romans 15:4

