



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ELLIOTT CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP TIME: 9:30 AM

Pastor's Journal

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever had trouble focusing on one thing or one task?

While on vacation, we went through some of my mom's things my sister had stored in her basement. We ran across



a bin full of old pictures, not just of when we were kids, but old, old pictures of relatives we had heard of, but had passed on before we were born and pictures of my dad when he was in the service. We ended up sitting on the floor and going

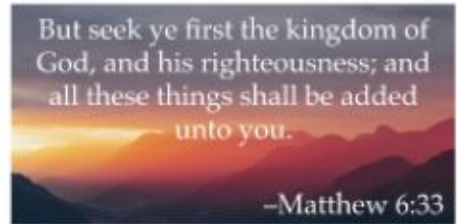
through all the pictures, laughing, trying to figure out who they all were, and finding out who we looked like. It was a lot of fun, but a few hours later, we realized we had lost our focus on the main task and we no longer had the time to finish what we had started.

I have a weekly routine of preparing for the next Sunday worship, doing devotions, praying, visits, home communions, Bible studies, meetings, etc. But sometimes there are things come up that are out of that routine; a funeral, a wedding, and emergency visit to the hospital or counseling, and I temporarily lose focus on the normal routine of preparing for worship and the other daily things. When that happens, I can tend to get anxious and start to stress out. I know I shouldn't let that happen, but sometimes it gets away from me and it does.



So what is a person supposed to do when the unexpected things of life happen and we get anxious, stressed, or don't know what to do? We are to do what the Bible tells us to do: turn first to God. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

God wants to take care of you; to smooth out the rough patches of your life and to give you peace and joy. But we need to keep our focus on Jesus Christ and trust Him in all things. Psalm 31:14-16 shows us what to pray, "But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." And Jesus reminds us, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).



Your life aligns around where you focus, so by God's grace stay focused on Him and His will for your life. Focused faith goes a long way toward experiencing God's very best. Focused intensity on the Almighty's agenda leverages His plan for your life. Focus brings freedom to do His will without reservation; so stay focused on the one thing He has called you to do and you will be amazed at the results.



Intentionally focus on God in prayer. Prayer brings into focus what matters most while dismissing distractions and inviting priorities. When Jesus is the focus of your life, things won't seem so chaotic or stressful because you have already trusted all things to Him.

Isaiah 41:13, "For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

Your Servant in Christ, *Pastor Cyndy*

For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.





Community Presbyterian Session Meeting September, 2017

The Session met on Wednesday, September 13th.

Elders Present: Joyce Roeschke, Joe Garthright, Bev Logsdon, Lorna Peters, John Hammer, Bob Ownby and Kris Stalcup-Koch.

Elders Absent/Excused: Darwin Brink, Troy Widman

Also Present: Nancy Todd, Clerk; Raejean Furne, Treasurer and Pastor Cyndy, Moderator.

The Fellowship Committee reported that they would like to start a monthly Game Night at church. After some discussion, it was decided that the first one will be held on Wednesday, September 27th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

It was also decided to have the Harvest Dinner again. The details have yet to be determined.

Chris Howrey introduced the Session to Kim Peterson of Lawton who will be the new organizer of the Backpack Program.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11th. Please contact Nancy Todd if you wish to add an item to the agenda.



New Organizer

Kim Peterson of Lawton has agreed to be the organizer for the Backpack Program. Kim and her husband live in Lawton with their four children.



There will still be opportunities to help fill the bags. Watch for announcements!



Communion at Community

Communion for October will be on Sunday, October 1st. This is also World Communion Sunday.

If you or someone you know would appreciate home communion, please let Pastor Cyndy know.



Bible Study



The Bible Study groups have resumed their normal Tuesday schedule:
Bronson - 10:00 a.m.;
Lawton - 2:00 p.m.;
Char Mac - 6:00 p.m.



TRUNK OR TREAT

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS AGAIN SPONSORING A TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH FROM 10:00 - 10:30 AM IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.



Trunk or Treat

FEEL FREE TO DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE TO SET THE MOOD WHILE HANDING OUT CANDY OR TREATS!



*New Prayer Requests
for Our Community
Presbyterian Church
Family
Aug 6th-Sept 24th, 2017*

*A complete list can be found at
www.community-presbyterian.org*

*Please keep the following members of our church
family in your prayers:*

Debi, sister of Joyce Roeschke; Vince Cox & family; Phil Bussey; Victims of hurricanes, storms, floods, & fires; Toots Evers; Janet Kelly; Joys: Olivia & Eric purchase of new house (Donna Bennett's family); Victoria's birth of twins, Joyce Roeschke's niece; Ann Marie Hunter, All people in Florida, Timmy friend of Livi and Abi, Terry Swanger, Linda Hewitt, Joyce Roeschke's niece Victoria having twins, Joy: Bev's daughter Aliessa is in Iowa, Mary Ann Coffey, Toots Evers, Patricia Smith family, Pastor Cyndy, For the wedding of John Hammer and Debi Reed on Sept. 16th; Galen Benson, Anne Marie Hunter, Sherri Baker, Mable Mook (Char Mac resident), Norma Crawford & Beth Coen family (friends of Pastor Cyndy), for people to get along with one another, Donavon Benson, Glen Schlotman family, Mike Groetkin family, Wanda Horsley, Galen Bennett, Brin- Debi Reed's granddaughter, Faith Roeschke, Charles Roeschke, Lynnelle Amick, Larry Lewis, the fairstand, those traveling, the Military.

Also, please pray for our shut-ins:

At Char-Mac: Donald Harrison, Mary Gerking, Helen Eberly, Lucille Eberly, Lawrence Edwards, Altha Bos, Betty Law
At Correctionville: Harold Howard
At Countryside: Francis Hartz
At Kingsley: Anna Packard
At Sunrise: Delores Handke
At Sunrise the Pointe: Don Grigg
At Touchstone: Alice Vanlangen
At Home: Barb Willer; Ruth Rathe; Velura Stilwell, Jerry Stilwell



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(Living at Char Mac: Mary Gerking.) Austin Federson; Carol Cross; Michael LaPlant; Ted McManigal; Dean Rasmussen; John Gillis; Lynnelle Amick; Larry Lewis; Victims of hurricanes, storms, floods, & fires, Henry & Esther's new great-grandson, John Tucker's mother Monica, Patricia Smith family, for repairs to the church basement; Mae Handke family, Carol Cross, John & Linda Tucker, Monica (John's mother), Lynnelle Amick, Larry Lewis, Glen Schlotman family, George Sullivan family, Marsha Bennett, Glen Schlotman family, George Sullivan family, Marsha Bennett, Law Enforcement Officers, the Fairstand, the Military.





THERE WILL BE A
HALLOWEEN
POTLUCK
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER

29TH! PLAN ON BRINGING YOUR
FAVORITE SPOOKY DISHES AND JOIN US
FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!



There will be a Harvest Dinner again this year, but the details have yet to be ironed out.

Stay tuned for further

information. If you would like to be involved in the planning, contact any member of the Session.



Daylight Savings time will end on Sunday,

November 5th!

Mark your calendars to turn your clocks BACK before you go to bed on November 4th!

Ten Things You Are Not Likely To Hear In Church!

1. *Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!*
2. *I was so enthralled, I didn't notice that your sermon went 25 minutes over time.*
3. *Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.*
4. *I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.*
5. *I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.*
6. *Forget the denominational minimum salary, let's pay our pastor so she can live like we do.*
7. *I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!*
8. *Since we're all here, let's start the service early.*
9. *Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in Hawaii.*
10. *I couldn't find space to park outside. Praise God!!*



OCTOBER 2017

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1 Worship Service Bronson 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:00 a.m. 	2 Worship Service Bronson 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	3 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	4 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	5 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	6 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	7 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm
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