



South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

Anchored to the Rock

Relevant to the Times

Reaching to the Future!

October 2006

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Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

"Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord."

—Deuteronomy 18:10-12a

Remember when Thanksgiving marked the beginning of the holiday season? Remember when no retailer would think of putting up a holiday display before mid-November? This year I spotted the first Christmas tree at the mall in early August! Speaking of holidays, something else has changed in the cultural landscape—the importance of Halloween as an observance has grown tremendously in the past decade. Over half of 18-24 year olds dressed up in costume for Halloween in 2005; over 80 percent of those over age 55 handed out candy. Last year Americans spent more decorating for Halloween than any other holiday with the exception of Christmas.

Many Christians hold Halloween in tension; they don't know quite what to do with it. Is this something to participate in or should we stay away from it? Or should we just ignore the issue? Christians would not intentionally support anything that would glorify the occult as some non-Christians do on Halloween. The Bible clearly warns us against such practices. So what do we do?

Halloween, like many holidays and celebrations, started off as a pagan religious festival. On October 31, the ancient Druids held a feast honoring one of their gods. In the Roman world, December 25, the day we celebrate Christmas, was the last day of the pagan festival of Saturnalia. Various pagan religions celebrated the beginning of Spring at a time Christians now celebrate Easter.

Both Christmas and Easter were redeemed by the Church and turned into days that celebrated Christ rather than paganism. We can do the same with Halloween. Whether it is blessing trick-or-treaters who come to your door or holding events like Trunk-or-Treat, which South Ashland UMC will do this year, we can redeem Halloween and use it as an occasion to glorify Christ and increase God's kingdom.

"Come, follow me." Let's see where Jesus leads our church.

Blessings,

Lance



Honors and Memorials

Budget:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by:

- Bert & Lois Baker
- Matt & Gina Moore
- John & Lynda Cannon
- Ed & Cheryl Spears

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. Given by:

- John & Sue Lambert
- Ed & Cheryl Spears

**In Loving Memory of Thelma Steele. Given by:

- John & Lynda Cannon
- Ed & Cheryl Spears

**In Loving Memory of Dr. Walter Williams. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

Children's Ministry:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins.

**In Loving Memory of George & Thelma Steele. Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins.

Costa Rica Farm:

**In Love & Honor of Eric & Lindsey Ronay on their birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**In Love & Honor of Chris Ronay on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

Hospitality Committee:

**In Love & Honor of Don & Gloria Neikirk. Given by Harry & Phyllis Wurts.

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by:

- Jim & Susan Ifert
- Jim & Nedra Fennell

**In Loving Memory of Thelma Steele. Given by Harry & Phyllis Wurts.

Missions:

**In Love & Honor of Steve Meyers on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

Mortgage Fund:

**In Love & Honor of John & Lynda Cannon on their anniversary. Given by Helen Simmons.

Mortgage Principal:

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. Given by:

- Rannie & Charlene Cooper
- Wendell & Aileen Caines

**In Loving Memory of Thelma Steele. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

**In Loving Memory of Bruce Thielen. Given by Wendell & Aileen Caines.

Music Fund:

**In Loving Memory of John Picklesimer. Given by Al & Ann Elam.

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. given by John & Lynda Cannon.

Prayer Garden:

**In Love & Honor of Al & Ann Elam on the occasion of their "50th" Wedding Anniversary.

**In Loving Memory of Paul Bradford. Given by Bill & Linda Meyers.

**In Loving Memory of Kenneth Baldock. Given by Bill & Linda Meyers.

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Bill & Linda Meyers.

Puppet Ministry:

**In Love & Honor of Becky Powers on her birthday. Given by Harry & Phyllis Wurts.

**In Loving Memory of Willene Jasper. Given by Harold & Jared Watson.

**In Loving Memory of George & Thelma Steele. Given by Harold & Jared Watson.

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Harold & Jared Watson.

Social Concerns:

**In Loving Memory of Dr. Walter Williams.. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

**In Loving Memory of Steve Ward. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

**In Loving Memory of John Hill. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

Trustees Projects:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.



Deaths

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Evelyn Bradford and family in the death of her husband, Paul Bradford.
- Fred & Dana Hill and family in the death of his father, John Hill.
- Walt Williams in the death of his father, and Travis Williams in the death of his grandfather, Dr. Walter Williams.
- Janet Ward in the death of her husband, and Jack Stephens in the death of his step-father, Steve Ward.

Library News

Well Come to Autumn in the Library! The months keep flying by, don't they?! Won't be long before we will begin singing Christmas songs and wondering how Christmas arrived here so fast.

But let us not waste this precious time of the year. The library is looking forward to some *changes*. Changes, I hope you will enjoy and will make the library more a part of your Christian life. I know some of the Sunday School Classes are studying Moses at this time. Regrettably, we don't have a lot of singular books focused on Moses; however we do have Bible Stories, and they are sitting out, that will have, in them, encapsulated stories of Moses. Be sure to check them out when looking for stories of Moses.

We have many stories of brave Christian men and women who have followed the Christian life or everyday Christians, as we are, who are living day to day in the Christ Spirit. Look to these stories for inspiration for your own walk with Christ. He takes us and loves us each one as we are. And, these stories are proof that we are acceptable in His sight, if we only follow and trust in Him.

There are so many remarkable books in the library. Come in and spend a few extra moments just looking around. I do that every Sunday morning. I find I am amazed to discover the wealth of resources and reading that is there. Treat yourself and come into the Library on one of these Autumnal Days. Looking forward to seeing you.

In the Christ Spirit
Georgia L. Rigsby

Thank You



To the ones I want to thank for prayers, blessings of love, flowers, food and concern of any way.

- Our Father in Heaven
- Our Sweet Jesus
- Our pastor Lance
- Church members – Rannie Cooper for the BLT – it was great!
- Last but not least, my husband and daughter who has seen us through all our trials.

Thanks Again & Blessings,
Esther Toombs

Thank you for the prayers and support during my Dad's recent hospitalization and passing. Thanks to Lance and Janis for visiting our family. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful meal. It is so good during times like these to have such wonderful Christian love and support.

Music Notes

The Chancel Choir has begun work on the Christmas Cantata. If you would like to be a part of the "Christmas Plan" please join us on Wednesday nights from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 10th, in both worship services.



South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report August 2006

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 95,078.52	\$35,956.12	\$ 0.00	\$131,034.64
Receipts	34,266.74	2,572.14	2,186.00	39,024.88
Disbursements	(50,047.20)	(2,509.50)	(2,186.00)	(54,742.70)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 79,298.06	\$36,018.76	\$ 0.00	\$115,316.82
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/05	\$ 57,309.06	\$29,025.94	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,335.00
Receipts	314,102.61	42,771.26	23,106.00	379,979.87
Disbursements	(293,758.70)	(33,816.24)	(23,106.00)	(350,680.94)
Transfer	1,645.09	(1,962.20)	0.00	(317.11)
Closing Balance	\$ 79,298.06	\$36,018.76	\$ 0.00	\$115,316.82



October 2006

Van Driver Rotation

October 1 Jim and LuAnn Glockner
October 8 Jon Roberts and Beth Schuler
October 15 Ed and Cheryl Spears
October 22 Ken and Peg Williams
October 29 Dan and Mary Jo Dove

Breakfast Rotation

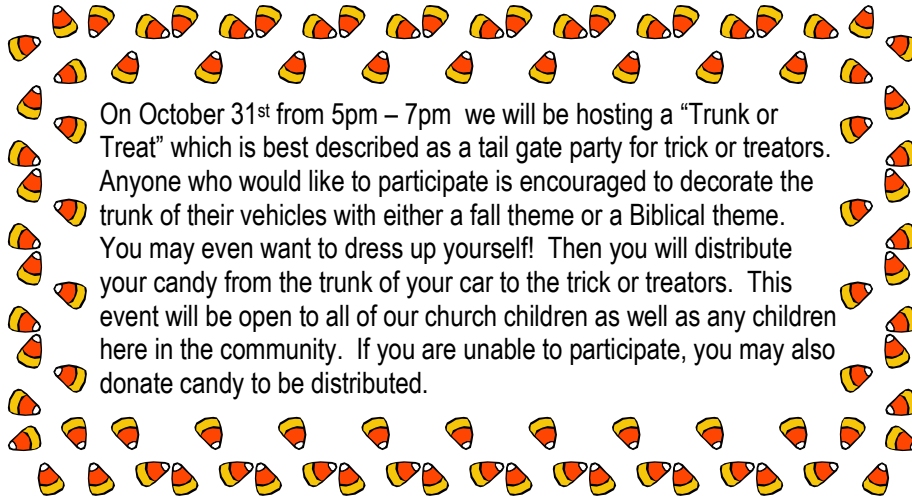
October 1 Maebelle Shepherd and Susan Hunt
October 8 Bill and Maebelle Shepherd
October 15 Beth Schuler and Bonnie Thom
October 22 Mona Liebee and Charlene Cooper
October 29 Ed and Cheryl Spears

Children's

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We have begun practicing for our Christmas program during the Wednesday evening classes and it is not too late to come join us. We spend about 30 minutes practicing the songs and the last half hour with a devotion and usually a game or two. The more children we have the better the program will be!!! So parents please encourage your children to participate.



On October 31st from 5pm – 7pm we will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” which is best described as a tail gate party for trick or treaters. Anyone who would like to participate is encouraged to decorate the trunk of their vehicles with either a fall theme or a Biblical theme. You may even want to dress up yourself! Then you will distribute your candy from the trunk of your car to the trick or treaters. This event will be open to all of our church children as well as any children here in the community. If you are unable to participate, you may also donate candy to be distributed.

I kept hearing the title to this poem in my head this week and thought it would be something good to share with everyone. It is a good reminder that the things we say and do to children effects not only them but the people they come in contact with in the future, that’s a very sobering thought for me, but I try and keep that in mind while dealing not only with my own little sheep, but those that enter the doors of this church.

LOVE THE CHILDREN

Love the children while you can “today”
Though patience runs thin and scarce
And hope grows fogged and dim,
For they will remember your faith in them.

Cherish God’s gift, to be proudly shown.
He alone knows why he has chosen you
To guide them gently with a firm hand,
They will remember who truly cared.

And youth is cast aside...
Memories will linger in their hearts,
They will remember your trust in them.

And when you have earned your final rest,
There will be no time for sad regret,
A job well done, a happy time,
They will remember you with pride
And love the children by their side.

When years have passed, and days are done,

Author Unknown