



October Scripture Read-

- 1—Isaiah 43:18-19
- 2—2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- 3—Psalms 139:23-24
- 4—Romans 12:2
- 5—Philippians 4:7-9
- 6—Colossians 3
- 7—James 1:8
- 8—Isaiah 41:10
- 9—Matthew 22:37
- 10—2 Timothy 1:7
- 11—Isaiah 55:8
- 12—Hebrews 4:12
- 13—Proverbs 4:26
- 14—1 Corinthians 1:10
- 15—1 Corinthians 2:11
- 16—Proverbs 23:7
- 17—Proverbs 23:17
- 18—3 John 1:2
- 19—Proverbs 14:30
- 20—Romans 8:6
- 21—Psalm 143:5
- 22—Isaiah 26:3
- 23—Philippians 4:8
- 24—Isaiah 55:9
- 25—Psalm 19:14
- 26—Psalm 138:23-24
- 27—Proverbs 3:5
- 28—Romans 7:23
- 29—1 Corinthians 2:16
- 30—Colossians 3:2
- 31—Philippians 2:5

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October National Days

- 1—National Pumpkin Spice Day
- 2—National Custodial Worker's Recognition
- 3—National Play Outside Day
- 4—National Cinnamon Bun Day
- 5—National Do Something Nice Day
- 6—National Coaches Day
- 7—National Random Acts of Poetry Day
- 8—National Pierogi Day
- 9—National Moldy Cheese Day
- 10—National Angel Food Cake Day
- 11—National Sausage Pizza Day
- 12—National Farmer's Day
- 13—National Train Your Brain Day
- 14—National Be Bald And Be Free Day
- 15—National Grouch Day
- 16—National Dictionary Day
- 17—National Edge Day
- 18—National Chocolate Cupcake Day
- 19—National Seafood Bisque Day
- 20—National Day On Writing Day
- 21—National Apple Day
- 22—National Make a Dog's Day
- 23—National Horror Movie Day
- 24—National Bologna Day
- 25—National I Care About You Day
- 26—National Chicken Fried Steak Day
- 27—National Civics Day
- 28—National First Responders Day
- 29—National Cat Day
- 30—National Candy Corn Day
- 31—National Caramel Apple Day

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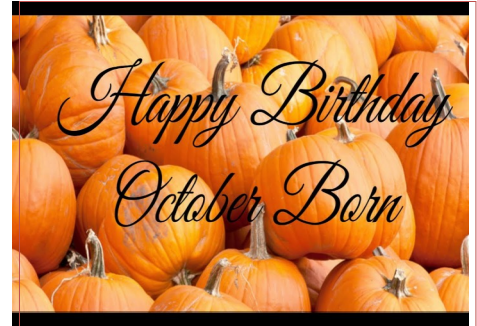
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Monday-Thursday 8am—noon

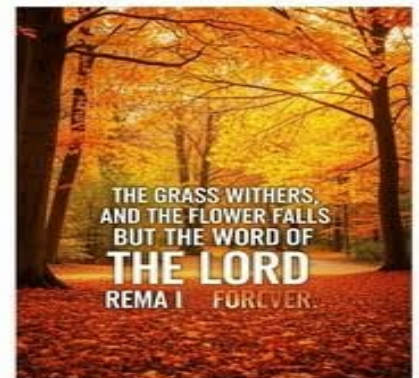
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Pastor Dave's Corner

Hello again.

I have a Maple tree in the back corner of my years that seems to be dying. Its leaves didn't change colors like they would normally do this time of year – they just disappeared!

There it stands as stark and barren as it looks all winter long.

AND as I am known to do, I started thinking theologically.

Do you remember the time Jesus wanted a fig and the tree He tried to find one on didn't have any? And Jesus placed that tree under a curse, and it shriveled and died that same day?

Christian – what if Jesus wanted to find some fruit in you today: What would He find?

Are you being fruitful for the Kingdom of God?

Yes? What is your fruit?

No? What is keeping you from bearing fruit?

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NKJV): "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit."

Do you trust in the Lord?

I certainly pray that you do. If you are uncertain, come and see me. I may be able to help....

Prayers and blessing in Christ,

Pastor David



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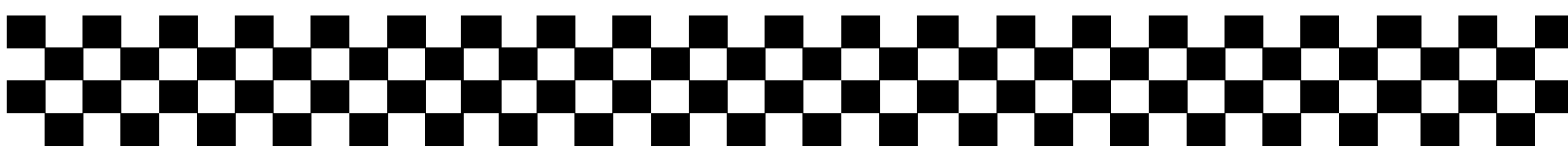
Moment

As we welcome the season of Autumn and enter another beautiful time of nature's splendor, we remember God's continuing, creative gifts. We enjoy the beauty and variety of the world, the food we eat, the air we breathe, the love that sustains us. It is because of God's generosity that we are here.

Our gifts to God have everything to do with our spiritual focus, our spiritual maturity and our spiritual discipline of giving. We give from our need to be generous, as God has been generous to us. *(Resource-Holston Conference)*

True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love.

No strings attached. No expectations. ~Suze Orman



Mission and Outreach Notes:

Please remember that everyone of us is really important to the Missions and Outreach of this church family. When you furnish or donate for coffee hour, that is part of our outreach. When you donate candy and/or participate in trunk or treat, you are being the Church to little people. When you give your gifts and tithes in the offering, you are supporting the commitments we have made to provide dictionaries to an entire grade of elementary students in Millington. When you help with a meal for a grieving family, you are doing our mission work. Please remember how important you are to those activities. We greatly appreciate your contributions and efforts in all of them!

Luther and the Bible



Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history.

Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony.

While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another.

Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.

A Letter from Christ



Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote:

"And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).

What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as "a letter from Christ."

You'rx nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfectly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big dif-fxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

Make Your Blessings Count

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: "Count your blessings, and make your blessings count."

What a wonderful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared for his glory.



Christian Symbol

LAMP — In Bible times, lamps were small but essential sources of light, especially during the dark hours of night. Scripture often uses the image of a lamp to represent God's guidance, truth and wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," reminding believers that God's Word directs each step of life. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids also connects the lamp with wisdom and spiritual readiness (Matthew 25:1-13). In addition, the lamp is sometimes used to symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the gift of life itself. Because of these meanings, the lamp has become a lasting symbol of God's guidance, faithful living and the light of Christ shining in the darkness.

Lessons That Last

Most of us can remember a Sunday school teacher who made a lasting difference in our lives. Sometimes the simplest lessons become the ones we carry with us the longest.

One man recalled his high school Sunday school teacher, a businessman named Mr. Homan, who shared this advice with the boys in his class: "Don't ever go anywhere you would not want your mother or sister to go. Don't ever do anything you would not want your mother or sister to do."

Years later, the man reflected on those words and said, "That advice has served me well. I have always remembered it."

God often uses faithful teachers to plant seeds of wisdom, character and integrity in young hearts. Their influence may not always be seen right away, but the lessons they share can guide lives for years to come.

Never underestimate the power of a few thoughtful words spoken with love and conviction.



Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.

◀ September	October 2026					November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Pastor Appreciation Month	1	2	3
4 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship World Communion Sunday	5 5pm SPRC 6:30pm Missions and Outreach mtg	6 8:30am Women's 4th Day	7	8	9	10
11 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday Indigenous Peoples Day	12 5pm Finance mtg. 6pm Church Council Columbus Day Canadian Thanksgiving	13 8:30am Women's 4th Day	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Charge Conference @ MUMC—6pm	19	20 8:30am Women's 4th Day	21	22	23	24
25 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Reformation Sunday	26	27 8:30am Women's 4th Day	28	29	30	31  Reformation Day Halloween 

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A Note from Barb...

Here we are at the end of another month. Hard to believe we are entering the last quarter of the year already. And this is my favorite quarter. Not only does it entail Fall and Thanksgiving and Christmas, but it also is the month that I married the love of my life. This month would have been the 50th anniversary of our marriage. Although we had already been together long before that date. I was lucky to have shared that amount of time with my best friend, father of my sons, and unending 'entertainment' throughout the years.

Finding my new "self" now that half of who I was is no longer here, I am lucky to have the memories, and my family and friends to help me go on. We always say, God has a plan." And though we never know what it is at the time, looking back it quite often makes sense.

Although I am now on a new journey, and do not know yet where I am going, I can rest assured that I will be fine, because God will be with me every step of the way.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phillipians 4:13



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