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Sandston Baptist Church

HIS LAST COMMAND, OUR FIRST CONCERN

Every study suggests that the most effective strategy for reaching people with the Good News of Jesus is through relationship evangelism. Over the years, many strategies have been employed that essentially involve "strangers trying to reach strangers". The Bible delineates a pattern that Jesus' disciples used when they first had an encounter with Jesus and since it worked for them there is no reason that it cannot work for us. What is it? It is nothing new but is plainly spelled in the Gospels:

John 1:40-45 Amp
"One of the two who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first sought out and found his own brother Simon and said to him, we have found (discovered) the Messiah!--which translated is the Christ (the Anointed One). Andrew then led (brought) Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, You are Simon son of John. You shall be called Cephas-which translated is Peter [Stone]. The next day Jesus desired and decided to go into Galilee; and He found Philip and said to him, Join Me as My attendant and follow Me. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the same city as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought and found Nathanael and told him, We have found (discovered) the One Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote about--Jesus from Nazareth, the [legal] son of Joseph!"

On Sunday, November 3 we will begin Fall Revival services with Roger Roller of the Roger Roller Evangelistic Association. Our schedule will be 7:00 PM nightly and our regular Sunday morning schedule at 8:30 and 10:30. I hope you will pray for revival, for your church and for the Holy Spirit to be active in our meetings; but, I also want you to be prayful about "being an Andrew". Throughout the month of October, I will be preaching on the subject of "Operation Andrew" and will challenge you to be like Andrew.

If revival in the U.S. is not something you think we need then I'd like for you to read this article https://www.apnews.com/06c11b92f92d427a8a38b5f1ab583080 . The short version is that a "Pastafarian pastor" wearing a colander on his head offered the opening prayer on behalf of the "Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster" at a local government meeting in Alaska. His prayer included, "So, I'm called to invoke the power of the true inebriated creator of the universe, the drunken tolerator of the all lesser and more recent gods, and maintainer of gravity here on earth. May the great Flying Spaghetti Monster rouse himself from his stupor and let his noodly appendages ground each assembly members in their seats." Obviously, there are bizarre happenings all around us and it is easy to point the finger at those things but if revival is what we want it must begin with me and with you.

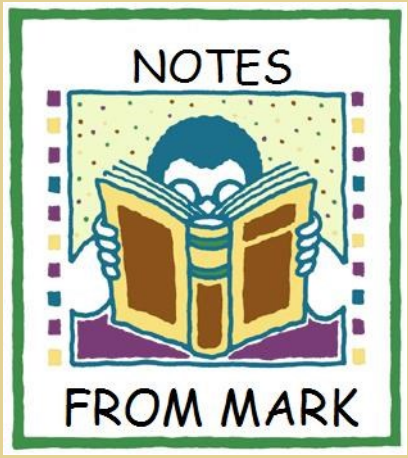
So, begin praying for revival and fresh movement of God's Spirit in our lives and in our church!

See you on Sunday,
Karl

UPCOMING IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Quarterly Business Meeting
October 30 at 6:30 p.m.
In the sanctuary

REVIVAL
November 3-6
Rev. Roger Roller
Evangelist



I like to read. And I like to read .... books. Take a look at my office here at the church; check out my home office; look around my house – you'll see that I like books. I like the way they look; I like the way they feel; I like turning pages; I like knowing that the wisdom of so many great thinkers and writers is at my fingertips.

I have tried to read books on my computer screen. I have used Kindle. I have attempted to use on-line resources rather than going to the public library or bookstore. I have tried to resist the urge to purchase a book when I could read the same material in an electronic format. I have really tried!!! But, for me, there is nothing like a book, a real book.

Speaking of the public library, do you know we have a church library? It's not so big that it will ever compete with the Sandston Library, but it does have many books that you should find interesting and useful.

Are you a Bible study teacher? Our library has reference materials to help you prepare for your classes. Are you a new parent? Our library has a few books on parenting. Are you struggling to find a Biblical answer to a question or problem? The book with the answer just might be in our library.

Are you a Billy Graham fan? I counted at least a dozen of his books on our shelves. Do you enjoy reading Charles Swindoll books? We have his *Moses* and *Esther* as well as several others. How about Max Lucado? We have *When God Whispers Your Name*, *In the Grip of Grace*, *In the Eye of the Storm* and *He Still Moves Mountains*. Philip Yancey is represented by *The Jesus I Never Knew* and *Where is God When It Hurts*. We also have Beth Moore and Joyce Meyer materials (books and studies).

Several "Christian classics" are on the shelves; one is John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. The library contains biographies of Christian men and women including *Annie Armstrong: Dreamer in Action* and *The New Lottie Moon Story*. We also have biographies of Martin Luther, Charles Wesley and George Muller.

If you want to compare various translations of the Bible, you'll find many translations in our library. We have several sets of Bible commentaries and numerous Bible dictionaries, atlases and concordances on the shelves.

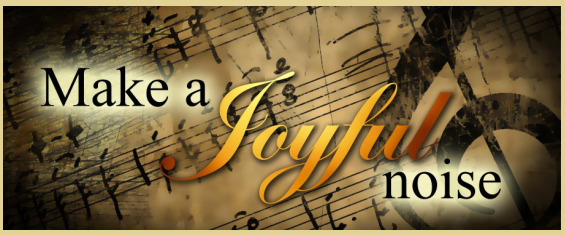
We are called to grow and mature in our faith. What better way to do that than by getting help from those who have traveled the same paths we are traveling? While the Bible is the number one book we should be consulting, these other books can supplement our learning.

I hope you will stop by sometime soon and check out what we have. The check-out/check-in process is very easy (honor system) but if you have a problem, Pat Hallinan, our librarian, can help.

Now, what book shall I read next?

Under His Direction, Mark

P.S. Men, I have put my personal collection of books written for and to men in our library for a 60-day period. I invite you to stop by the library and check one or two out -- first-come-first-served.



During the month of October, we will collect beef or Brunswick stew for Eastern Henrico County FISH

MENUS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers

OCTOBER 2
meatballs with rice and gravy, vegetable, bread, beverage and dessert

OCTOBER 9
Chicken Potpie

OCTOBER 16
Spaghetti Casserole

OCTOBER 23
Meatloaf

OCTOBER 30
Fried Chicken

Would You Like to Help?

The Bosher-Gray Kitchen Committee is now responsible for serving grieving families by providing Memorial Meals, but we need help. We would like to have a few people to help us so we can have two teams, 4 or 5 people each, who would alternate being responsible for the setup, serving, and cleanup for these meals. It's hard work, but so rewarding. As Karl once said, this is one of the most appreciated ministries of this church. If this is a ministry you feel you would like to be a part of, please contact Linda Shuck or Susan Rackley.

News for Families for October

F.U.N. Night

We will be serving dinner on Sunday, October 20th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at The Doorways. This is open to all children and families. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know as soon as you can. I will be developing a sign up sheet of food and needed items soon.

Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting happy meal toys and other small donations to include in shoeboxes made by SBC Kids. We have a basket in the Jr. Church Room that would love to be filled up by November 1st.

Christmas Program Prep

We will be starting to learn our songs this month! The program/sing along will be held on Sunday, December 15th. Please also mark Sunday, December 8th as a possibly practice date.

DATES FOR OCTOBER:

October 2 - SBC Kids Wednesday Night from 6:30 to 7:30
October 6 - Jr. Church (grades 1/2/3)
October 9 - SBC Kids Wednesday Night from 6:30 to 7:30
October 16 - SBC Kids Wednesday Night form 6:30 to 7:30
October 20 - Jr. Church (grades 1/2/3)

YOUTH NEWS

I hope you are settling into the new school year and have had a great start! Welcome to all our new 6th graders! What a great group that have joined us in some of our youth activities this month. Don't forget that on Wednesday evenings we have youth activities. Right now we are going through a study entitled "Facing Your Giants". Come on Wednesdays at 6:30 for fun, games, and a Bible study discussion of Giants in our own lives while looking at the life of David.

We have also had our first Sunday evening Bible Study at our house in September! If you missed that one, we will have another one in October. Look to our youth social media and/or email for when!

Information has also been sent out for our Fall Retreat which will be at Camp Willow Run November 8-10. As I write the info for this newsletter, the spots are filling up fast. If you would like for your youth to be added or placed on the wait listed, contact Justin ASAP.

For other Youth events/updates in October, look for more information on our youth social media: our youth Facebook page, our Twitter/Instagram @sbcfusion, as well as sent through email using sbcyouth.info@gmail.com. Please let Justin know if you need to be added to either!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Odds n' Ends items for shoeboxes continue to generate lots of excitement! These items will only be available for the next three weeks so we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity for one-stop shopping at prices you won't find anywhere else! We hope that you are remembering that each shoebox is a Gospel Opportunity that has the potential to change a child's life for eternity. Put a child's face with every box you pack. Remember, what goes inside the box is fun, but what comes out of the box is eternal. The start of this year's Shoebox Celebration is Sunday, October13th and you can begin bringing your boxes that day. We can't wait for those red and green shoeboxes to begin filling the front of the sanctuary! O.C.C. will be represented out and about in the community with a booth at the Crab Festival in West Point on October 5th. If you're there, stop by to see us on the lawn at First Baptist, WP! On October 26th, we will be in Hobby Lobby stores in all Richmond locations (and Mechanicsville). This ministry is blessed to be in a national partnership with Hobby Lobby and Chick-fil-A. Reminder: If you are using your weekly offering envelope to make a donation for Operation Christmas Child, please remember to write "O.C.C." on the outside of the envelope in the blank marked "specify". In addition, also write "O.C.C." in the memo portion of your check. This will ensure that your donation will be directed to Samaritan's Purse for the O.C.C. ministry. (This process also applies to the designation of contributions to Blessing Warriors, S.H.O.W., and other special ministries that occur throughout the year.)

Good News, Great Joy - Brenda Crain, Denise Harcum, Jean Jones

WMU NEWS

Our WMU groups support the Blessing Warriors ministry throughout the year by providing volunteers to help package cooked meals. Individuals and groups make sandwiches, hygiene bags, and provide other material and financial resources when the need is made known to us. Recently, Rhonda Sneed and Kim Lumpkin came to pick up 100 hot meals that had been prepared by Susan Rackley and her "crew". We asked Rhonda and Kim what were their most urgent, immediate needs. They shared that they desperately need canned and packaged food donations to help with their daily preparation of meals to feed "those they serve". They also need gift cards to purchase gas for all of the miles they travel in a day to serve. Please consider donating canned vegetables, tomatoes, beans, pastas, chicken/beef broth, anything that you might put into a pot of soup! (Please check expiration dates on any donated food.) Maybe your Bible Study class would consider "adopting" the Blessing Warriors ministry and purchase a gas card from time to time. There are containers in the front foyer and the back hallway marked "Blessing Warriors" for you to leave your food donations. Gas cards can be given to Brenda Crain who will get them to Rhonda. Please pray for this ministry and the many volunteers who work tirelessly meeting the physical and spiritual needs of "the least of these" every day, rain or shine, in the heat and in the cold. When Karl made the statement in his sermon that he could not imagine starving, I could not help but think of the homeless people being served by Blessing Warriors. They may be hungry, but they will not starve! Through our generosity by following the lead of the Holy Spirit we are helping to provide "manna" to these dear people. Not just physical food but the gift of Jesus as His light shines through us who provide the ingredients and through those who prepare and serve the meals. We are confident that our loving congregation will come through as always on an ongoing basis to supply the needs of this ministry. Thanking you and praising God in advance for how we will see His people respond.

In Christian Love,
Jean Jones, WMU Director

Don't you love this cooler weather? What a great time of year to sit around with a group of mission-minded ladies and sip hot tea or drink a cup of coffee, have a devotion, share what we have been working on, share our ideas, and then work together on mission ministries. If you haven't visited with us, we hope you will come and see what we are about. This will be our last session for 2019. We will start back up after the holidays in January.

In October, the **Quilters** will continue to work on their ongoing project of monthly quilt block sharing. The block shared in September will be due back at the October meeting. Quilting tools needed are rotary cutter, mat and ruler.

The **Crafters** will be making puzzles using old/used greeting cards and craft sticks. All supplies will be provided.

Your choice for lunch - bring lunch, order in, or eat out. All are welcome!

Constitution & Bylaw Committee Work

On September 18, 2019 at the called business meeting, the Constitution and By-Law Committee submitted recommended revisions/amendments for church approval. This motion must lay on the table for 30 days before any discussion or action. Plans are to take up the motion at the quarterly business meeting on October 30, 2019. There are copies of these proposed revisions/amendments in the church office if you would like a copy.

Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Suddith Group Meeting 2:00 VanLear Group Meeting	2 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Activities for Preschool, Children, Youth and Adults 7:30 Adult Choir	3 6:30 Singles Group Meeting 6:30 HIS Group Bible Study	4	5
6 5:30 Prison Ministry	7 6:30 Men's Basketball	8	9 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Activities for Preschool, Children, Youth and Adults 7:30 Adult Choir	10 5:30 Brotherhood Meeting 6:30 HIS Group Bible Study	11	12 11:30a WMU Luncheon
13 10:15 RA and GA Meetings 5:00 Deacons' Meeting	14 6:30 Men's Basketball	15	16 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Activities for Preschool, Children, Youth and Adults 7:30 Adult Choir	17 10:30 Friendly Club Meeting 6:30 HIS Group Bible Study 7:00 Compassionate Friends	18	19
20 5:00 Kids F.U.N. Night at The Doorway	21 6:30 Men's Basketball	22	23 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Activities for Preschool, Children, Youth and Adults 7:30 Adult Choir	24 10:00 Quilters and Crafters Meeting 6:30 HIS Group Bible Study	25	26
27 2 to 4 Fall Festival	28 6:30 Men's Basketball 6:30 Quarterly Safety/Usher/ Welcoming Team Meeting	29	30 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Activities for Preschool, Children and Youth Quarterly Business Meeting 7:30 Adult Choir	31 6:30 HIS Group Bible Study		

October 2019

Birthday Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sandy Bowe Allison Roberts John Rochon	2 Joe Cottrell Janet Williams	3 Pam Bradby	4 Jenny Doughty Wayne Smith	5 Cody Cobb Christopher Lloyd Diana Molnar Patty Pitts
6 James Bandy	7 Bonda Dawes Daniel Hart Faith Jones Jerry Meanley Lonnie Yates	8 Valerie Bess Cynthia Holmes Richard Starr	9 Doris Sarvay	10 Lydia Burton Charley Cottrell Tanner Harper Donna Robertson Betty Tarbet	11 Nadine Bivins Barbara Comer Kassie Hayes Chris Martin Abigail Martin Sara Orton Cliff Poarch Emma Stitzer Lauren Weaver	12 Lance Bowe Nancy Fisher
13 Gavin Gray Shirley Hughes Jake Lawson Chuck Schultz Marvin Walker	14 Tom Parham Jackie Yates	15 George Farrar Joyce Fleming Kerry Rabkin Shirley Slomka Natalie Tate	16 Sarah Ramey James Stevens	17 Jennifer Burnett Felicia Cannon Ray Clark Wendy Morgan Faye Stewart	18 Christopher Norman Diane Talbert	19 Warsenia McKinney Peyton Rochon
20 Ray Blunt	21 Sue Boze Robert Larsen Michael Marshall Diane Melson Jerry Parrett	22 Clyde Austin Bob Ramey Michael Smith	23 Joseph Cottrell Jimmy Gary Savannah Wood	24	25	26 Bob Boyer Cameron Cobb Jennifer Stitzer
27 David Beale Elizabeth Charles Kathy Crowder Sandy Tyler	28 Duke Askew Dallas Martin Cathy Pomfrey Kristi Vandermeer	29 Madison Bowling Felicia Murphey	30 Emily Cylc Bobby Richmond	31 Kimberly Wheelhouse		

TRUNK OR TREAT

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 27th
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Sign up to volunteer at our Fall Festival. We'll need volunteers for the popcorn and cotton candy booths, refreshments, games and rides. The sign-up sheet will be in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

We need volunteers to decorate their cars for "Trunk Or Treat".

Candy donations candy be brought in anytime. Look for the donation box or drop them by the church office.

AN UPDATE ON PARKING AVAILABILITY

Please note that the church has permission to use the gravel lot behind the post office for parking when attending church (the property that previously was the Teasley house). There are approximately 30 spaces for use.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offerings	09/01/19	$ 12,488.00
	09/08/19	$ 23,537.79
	09/15/19	$ 9,078.00
	09/22/19	$ 12,247.91
Offerings (Sept)		$ 57,351.70
Offerings to Date		$ 468,907.44
Weekly Needs		$ 13,170.63
Needs To Date		$ 500,484.12

UNIFIED MISSION UPDATE

Unified Missions (to date)	$ 22,580.00
Unified Missions Goal	$ 35,000.00
UM Weekly Needs	$ 673.08
Needs To Date	$ 25,576.92

SAFETY/SECURITY/USHERS MEETING
OCTOBER 28 @ 6:30 PM

All members of the Safety/Security Team, Ushers and Greeters are asked to attend this important planning meeting. If for any reason you cannot attend, please notify Douglas Milby ASAP.

FRIENDLY CLUB
Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10:30

Guest: Amy Ladd
Amy will be singing and sharing a few of her favorite musical selections.
Brown bag lunch.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

October brings visions of colorful fall leaves, cooler weather, with a possible Indian summer... and maybe more rain than in September?

October Brotherhood Events and Opportunities:

S.H.OW (Stop Hunger On the Weekends) food package deliveries have resumed for the school year with deliveries to Seven Pines Elementary, Sandston Elementary and Donahoe Elementary schools. This year deliveries are being made on Thursdays. Depending on the number of volunteers, men are assigned one Thursday every 6-8 weeks. Contact Wayne Smith, Transportation Team Leader if you are interested in S.H.O.W weekend food deliveries. Schedule is being developed with these deliveries assigned to date: October 3rd – Greg Martin, October 10th – Sandy Lambert; October 17 – Eddie Marsh... Contact Sandy Lamber 507-0648 if you would like to ride along to see what is involved in 60-90 minutes including picking up food at the church and returning emptied containers back to the church.

Delivery of church donations to FISH as needed when containers get filled. Men are assigned a full month to monitor the containers and make 1-2 deliveries in a month to FISH on Laburnum Ave just north of Nine Mile Road. Six (6) Brotherhood men are now assigned two months (six months apart) to cover the year. Contact Wayne Smith Transportation Team Leader if you would like to participate or serve as a back up person. Wayne Smith is assigned for October. Sandy Lambert is assigned November.

New ministry ideas are always welcomed... one or two are waiting in the wings. Brotherhood intent is that more of each Brother (all SBC men and/or those attending church), and less of any one Brother.

Upcoming/Ongoing Brotherhood Events and Opportunities:

- Oregon Hill Homeless Breakfast Tuesday, November 14th. This is a quarterly ministry.
- December Doughnut & Coffee Visitation with veterans at Sitter & Barfoot nursing home at Veteran's Administration Hospital. Date will be announced.
- Tool Box Ministries and Handicapped Ramp construction as opportunities occur. If you know of needs by church members or others, let the church office know or contact Tool Box Team Leader Bob Rainey.

Operation Andrew and Revival events as revealed by Pastor Karl Heilman.
Take charge and get charged for bringing others to Christ.