



Muncy Baptist Church Newsletter



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with Rev. Rob Rice, Pastor

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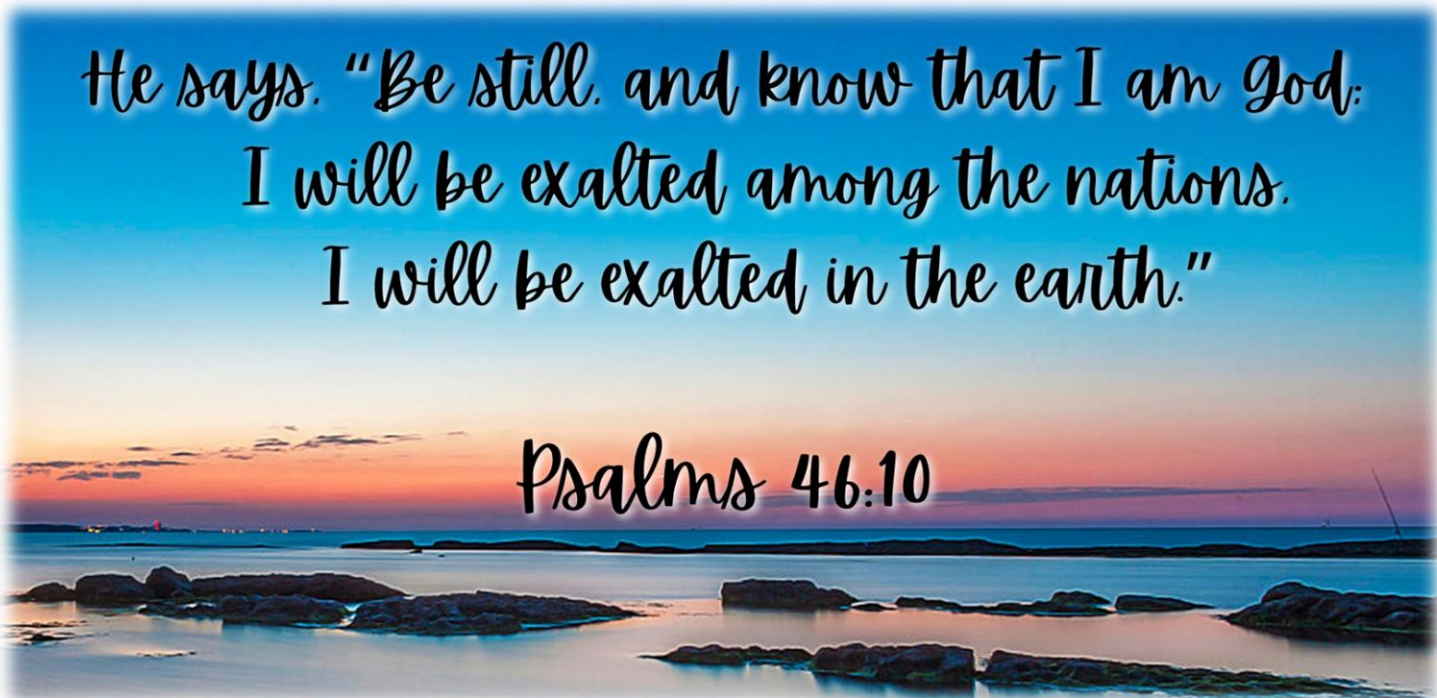
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I'm willing to bet that you didn't wait too long before you flipped the page (or scrolled down if you're reading online). Your need to see what was next and figure out why the first page was blank illustrates a truth about you and me that we see played out constantly in our hurried lives. It is hard for us to hold space for silence. It is hard for us to heed the command that the Lord gives us in Psalm 46:10!

We often want to do everything but be still. We fill our lives with activity. Our prayers become laundry lists of requests with little time for a pause or the opportunity for God to speak. Even when we read Scripture, we want to complete the plan, check the box and move on to the rest of our day. Ok, maybe I'm just describing what sometimes happens in my life, but on the off chance that you're like me, let me use this newsletter to challenge you to do something different over the next two months. Each day, take just 5 minutes as part of your devotions to heed the command that the Lord gives us in Psalm 46:10. Quiet the noise, eliminate the distractions, spend a moment outside or in your favorite prayer chair and let the Lord speak. Use the verse of Scripture from Psalm 46:10 to meditate in silence of the truth that He is God and you and I are not. Think about Him being exalted above all things, and remember that it is the LORD, YHWH, I AM who gives you life and breath and calls you to great things for His Kingdom.

Take just 5 minutes each day, and be still. I pray that this summer exercise will give you a pause, and some peace, and the silence will refresh you and ready you for all God has in store for our church in the coming months!



*He says. "Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations.
I will be exalted in the earth."*

Psalms 46:10

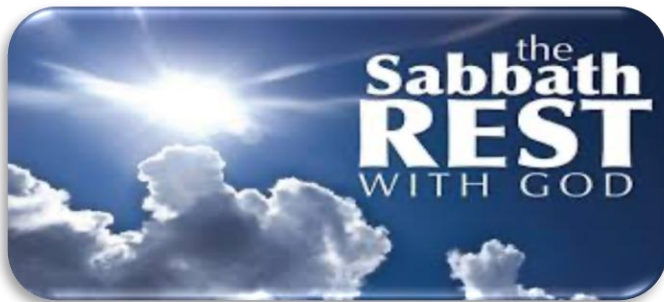
A Willing Witness

Sabbath

with Rev. Dr. Don Edwards, Associate Pastor

“I am no preacher of the old legal Sabbath. I am a preacher of the gospel. The Lord’s Day of the Christian, the first day of the week, is to him a joy, a day of rest, of peace, and thanksgiving. And if you are a Christian, you can earnestly drive away all distractions, so that you can really rest on the Sabbath. This will be good for your body, mind, and soul! Remember to observe the Sabbath.” – Charles Spurgeon

Although the Christian is not required to keep the Sabbath, this Commandment does reveal our self-centered nature. How often do we wish that there were eight days in a week to spend pursuing our own agenda, and rarely set aside one day for God’s?



Sabbath ministry – Acts 20:7 *“Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight.”*

1 Cor. 16:2 – *“On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don’t wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.”*

Jesus did keep the Sabbath. He had to keep the whole Law to be the perfect sacrifice. The Bible makes it clear that the Law has been satisfied in Christ. The reason Paul went to the synagogue each Sabbath wasn’t to keep the Law; that would be contrary to everything he taught about being saved by grace alone.

Ephesians 2:8-9 – *“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”*

Attend weekly worship at Muncy Baptist by choice, not obligation. Remember to bring your Bible—it’s considered God’s sword.

Hebrews 10:25 – *“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”*

God at Work



**SUNDAY, JULY 12
AT 3:00 P.M.**

**CROSSCUTTERS
GAME
AND PICNIC!**

**COFFEE AND PASTRIES
AT ROOTED & GROUNDED**

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

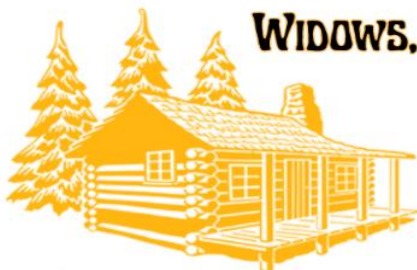
**THURSDAY, JULY 16
10:00-11:00 A.M.**



Sponsored by WWS Group

LUNCH AT THE LOG CABIN

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, AND SINGLES GROUP



Log Cabin Inn

**THURSDAY, JULY 30
AT 11:30 A.M.**

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries in July

<i>Matthew & Jennifer Breneisen</i>	07/09
<i>Dennis & Kathy Gorg</i>	07/10
<i>Kevin & Erin Mowrey</i>	07/12
<i>Zachery & Pam Armstrong</i>	07/14
<i>Darrell & Terri Rice</i>	07/18
<i>Eric & Mary Talerico</i>	07/20
<i>Robert & Carol Bailey</i>	07/21
<i>Amos & Peggy Reese</i>	07/24

Birthdays in July

<i>Eliza Fisher</i>	07/01
<i>Mark Swinehart</i>	07/04
<i>Hope Koning</i>	07/05
<i>Jenny Frederick</i>	07/05
<i>Kacey Steward</i>	07/11
<i>Noah Eshenaur</i>	07/13
<i>Kaylyn Rice</i>	07/16
<i>Sylvie Johnson</i>	07/18
<i>Kyle Woodruff</i>	07/19
<i>Nathan Fisher</i>	07/19
<i>Johnathan Taylor</i>	07/20
<i>David Johnson</i>	07/23
<i>Joe Sanders</i>	07/24
<i>Pam Armstrong</i>	07/28
<i>Connie Place</i>	07/29
<i>Carolyn Frontz</i>	07/30

**Don't see your anniversary or birthday?
Please let us know, so we can celebrate with you!**