



Muncy Baptist Church Newsletter



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with Rev. Rob Rice, Pastor

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This fall, our Bible Study, “The Life of a Jesus Follower,” has challenged us to think about our faith in terms of three relationships we have. As followers of Jesus, we should have an intimate and ABIDING relationship with God the Father, a CONNECTION with other believers as we spend time with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we should SHARE the hope of Jesus with others who have not yet come to faith. Having spent the beginning of our study focusing on how we can ABIDE in our relationship with God, during the month of October, we will spend time focusing on what it means to CONNECT with other believers and SHARE the hope of the Gospel with those outside God’s family.

We won’t just study what it means to CONNECT and SHARE, we will do that in a very practical way later this month, as we come together for our annual Halloween Outreach, which will happen on the Tuesday after our eight-week Bible Study ends. If you haven’t ever participated in our Halloween Outreach, I encourage you to get involved in some way this year. We’ll spend time fellowshiping together Sunday, October 29th, after worship, as we pack 800 bags to prepare for the kids and teens that will come through our doors on Halloween night. As we work and serve together, there are many opportunities to CONNECT with members of our Muncy Baptist family in fun and meaningful ways.

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On Halloween night, we will have the opportunity to SHARE the love of Jesus in simple, yet powerful ways with our community. Each year on Halloween, God gives us the opportunity to share the Gospel and our love with the community, and each year, we see God do amazing things as we interact with members of the community. These interactions aren't in-depth conversations (although sometimes we have the opportunity to talk to people for quite a while as they wait for the kids or grab a cup of cider), but they are simple ways that we plant a seed, and remind the people in our community, that we love them, and God loves them, as well.

For years at Muncy Baptist, we have been faithfully shining the Light of Jesus on Halloween night, and this year will be no exception, so I encourage you to join us this year. CONNECT with other members of the church family and join us as we SHARE the love of Jesus on Halloween night!

The Giving Plate

A New Tradition at Muncy Baptist: The Giving Plate



BELIEVERS attend Bible studies, church services, enjoy fellowship, and participate in Christian activities. The church is starting a new way to connect with one another as FOLLOWERS of His word from Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than receive." Every week or two, this lovely GIVING PLATE will be given by an attendee to someone from our church. The generous giver will place a "gift" on the plate. The gift can be anything from a homemade or purchased treat, craft item, gift of tea or coffee, candy, a gift card, a book, to an invitation to lunch. They'll pick someone from the church who hasn't yet received the plate, and pass it on. The gift does not have to be a surprise, so if you have questions or food concerns, please feel free to speak to your friend. (If opting for a monetary gift, please do not feel you need to go above and beyond with the amount. Give what you are comfortable with!)

Let's be followers of Jesus and live out His command that we "love one another" in this new way. The filled gift plate for the first receiver will come with a card, created by our artistic secretary, Danielle. On the card, you can share a brief note of love and encouragement with the person you are passing the plate on to*.

There will also be a manilla envelope that will follow the plate wherever it goes. In the envelope, you will find more blank cards to use when you give the plate, and a list of each person to whom the plate has been gifted so no one receives it twice until the plate has made the rounds, a few years from now. This is an opportunity to reach "across the aisle or pew," connect with others in our church, and share the love of Jesus!

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Paula Schwenk or Whitney Bernan.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

****If you do not wish to participate in the Giving Plate, please see Paula Schwenk or Whitney Bernan.***

A Willing Witness

with Rev. Dr. Don Edwards, Associate Pastor

Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away!”

Satan’s Plot – Two thousand years ago, Satan tried to kill the infant Jesus. Thirty years later in the wilderness of Judaea, he tried to dissuade Jesus from His heaven-sent mission to redeem mankind from sin and death. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, Satan tempted and tried Him in ways both known and unknown, but Satan never won a single battle in his confrontation with the Savior of mankind.

Around five hundred years ago, Satan tried to bring down the Church, but he was halted; in his devious efforts by the Spirit filled giants of the Protestant Reformation formulated by Martin Luther.

Today, Satan’s attacks against the Church continue with unrelenting fierceness. Amazingly, countless Christians seem unaware of the cosmic war that is raging around them, while others shrug their shoulders in an attitude of indifference. Consequently, Satan has taken over vast portions of the modern Church with little resistance.

Satan and his demonic legions have launched an all-out offensive to turn hearts of swollen and men from the Word of God. Entire denominations and religious organizations, including thousands of clergy, have enlisted wittingly or unwittingly, as part of the satanic strategy to win control over the Church.

Today, truth has been dragged to the scaffold, while the great satanic lie of secular humanism has been exalted in our nation’s halls of learning. Truth is being trampled under the heels of moral relativism, while satanic lies are proclaimed, even from the pulpits and altars of our churches.

Next Lesson – As the Church goes, so goes the Nation.



God at Work

Upcoming Events

Operation Christmas Child: This year, we will participate in Operation Christmas Child. You can help by: taking boxes to pack (boxes are available in the old library) or by making a donation to buy supplies for a box packing party to be held later this fall (to make a donation, mark your gift “OCC”). Questions? Speak to Carol Savoy.



Sunday, October 29: Halloween Outreach Preparations and Pizza after church.

Tuesday, October 31: Annual Halloween Outreach.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries in October

<i>Bob & Jocelynn McCarty</i>	10/09
<i>Dave & Alice Johnson</i>	10/09
<i>Douglas & Christine Vandine</i>	10/12
<i>Nathan & Christa Kitchen</i>	10/16
<i>Daniel & Jenny Fisher</i>	10/18
<i>Pastor Rob & Jen Rice</i>	10/18
<i>Barry & Carol Bicking</i>	10/21
<i>Nathan & Ashley Elser</i>	10/27
<i>Ed & Althea Smith</i>	10/29

Birthdays in October



<i>Alexa Rice</i>	10/01
<i>Tiffany Boyles</i>	10/03
<i>Ed Breneisen</i>	10/04
<i>Braydynn McCarty</i>	10/05
<i>Nathan Elser</i>	10/05
<i>Maine Wertman</i>	10/12
<i>Angie Frontz</i>	10/13
<i>Willow Johnson</i>	10/13
<i>Carol Savoy</i>	10/14
<i>Christa Kitchen</i>	10/15
<i>Judy Stringfellow</i>	10/16
<i>Dave Breneisen</i>	10/22
<i>Sandy Bernan</i>	10/23
<i>Persephone Boyles</i>	10/23
<i>Aurora Boyles</i>	10/24
<i>Evelyn Parent</i>	10/28
<i>Danielle Hurne</i>	10/29
<i>Jeremy Sheets</i>	10/29

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