



Muncy Baptist Church NEWSLETTER

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Drawing Closer:

SHINE THE LIGHT ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT

WITH REV. ROB RICE, PASTOR

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

As I was preparing to write this article, I looked back on my archives to confirm something I already knew. Every October, I write about the same thing, Halloween.

Our church sits right on the corner of "Trick-or-Treat Street, USA." Over a thousand parents, grandparents, and kids pass through our open doors on Halloween night. This gives us a unique opportunity to share the love of God and the hope of Jesus with them. We can shine the light of Jesus Christ on a night that is full of darkness. We can share the love of Jesus and hope that He, alone, offers with people who desperately need those things. What a great gift and opportunity God has given us!

But with that gift and opportunity, comes great responsibility. We must be intentional in our outreach. As soon as you finish reading this article, I encourage you to start praying for our Halloween Outreach. Pray that God would give us opportunities to share our faith and use this night to do a great and awesome thing in our church and community.

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Pray that God would provide the resources we need for this event, and for people who are willing to come to help make this event a success. Continue to pray each day in October for this event.

Prayer, however, is not the only thing we need to do to make our Halloween Outreach a success. We also need people who are willing to contribute financially to this event. We will be providing candy, popcorn, cider, coffee, and other goodies to **a lot of people!** If you can give to this event, please consider doing so. Financial donations are important, but we also need you to give of your time. We are looking for people to organize supplies, interact with kids, and help in our fellowship area. Every one of us can participate in some way, and I promise that if you are here, you will be richly blessed!

You've now reached the end of this article... time to start praying!

Father God, we thank You for the opportunity that You have given our church to share the love of Jesus Christ on Halloween with our community. Even now, we ask that You begin to prepare us to share the love of Jesus, and that You begin to prepare the hearts of people in our community to receive Your love. Lord, we know that You can more than we can ask or imagine, and we look forward to the great things You will do this year in our midst. In Jesus' Name, AMEN.

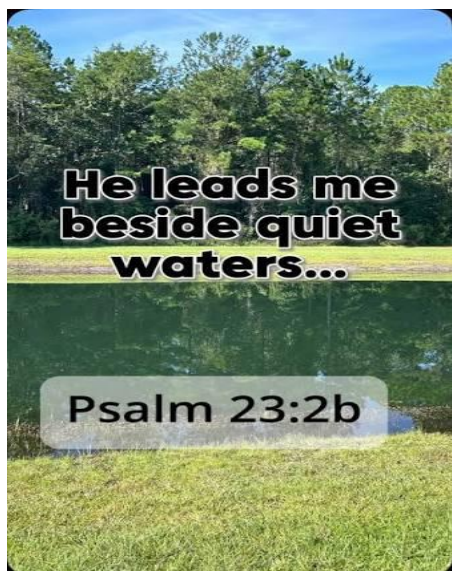
WE NEED YOU TO:

- 1) Pray for the Halloween Outreach each day in October. You can use the prayer in Pastor Rob's article as a model for your prayer.
- 2) Consider making a financial contribution to our Halloween Outreach. Mark your check or envelope, "Halloween," and place your gift in the offering box.
- 3) Join us for bag packing Sunday, October 25, following worship.
- 4) Sign-up to help with our Halloween Outreach. The event is happening Saturday, October 31 beginning at 5:00 p.m. this year.

A Willing Witness

BE REFRESHED

WITH REV. DR. DON EDWARDS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul." ¹

"For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish." ²

A man came upon a wooden well bucket. As he inspected it, he decided it was useless because it had been sitting next to a barn in the sun, unused for a long time. He could see daylight between the wooden slats of the bucket. Certainly, this thing would never hold water again. But an older man, who was with him, tied the bucket to the well rope and let it drop into the water below. In a couple of days, they came back and turned the crank to draw the bucket back up. It was full of clear, cool, well water and was not leaking a drop. The water had rehydrated the wooden slats until they fit together as originally designed. The bucket was useful

again and ready to be used as intended.

Maybe you have been spiritually sitting out in the sun for too long. Your soul is feeling dried up and cracked. Jesus says, "Come to me," (Mat. 11:28)! The Lord has seen your worth and wants to use you for His glory once again. Be rehydrated in His Word and allow It to refresh you and fill you with the joy of renewal.

Suggested prayer: Dear Lord, I have been away from you long enough to feel dry. I long to be used by you again and so I come to you asking you to water my soul with the cool refreshment of your Spirit and make me worthy of your glory once again. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

1. Psalm 23:2-3a.
2. Jeremiah 31:25.



UPCOMING *Events*

●	OCTOBER 7 7:00 p.m.	Fall Bible Study, "Transformed Living," begins
●	OCTOBER 11 10:00 a.m.	"Psalty's Kids' Praise-a-Luia"
●	OCTOBER 17 1:00 p.m.	Hayride and Hot Dog Roast
●	OCTOBER later this month	Gift cards for college students
●	OCTOBER month long	Begin praying for our outreach event, and look for a volunteer sheet coming soon

God at Work

27 BONES, ONE PURPOSE

WITH FELICIA SHEETS

Hands are such a strange looking part of our bodies when you really stop and look at them. They almost look like your arm has an extension of a bunch of little arms attached at the end. And isn't it wild to know that each of our hands contains 27 bones, and that's not including the super small bones that can vary from person to person. That's a lot of little pieces working together to help us do so many things.

So, what do you do with those 27 bones that glorifies God?

Our hands have important jobs both within the church, and outside of the church. Our hands can shake another person's hand to greet them in the morning before church starts. They can also shake a stranger's hand on the street inviting them to attend church, or an event/group we are having. We can raise our hands in worship when we sing out in church. We can also raise our hands during our own personal worship. Psalm 63:4 says, "I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands."

We can lift our hands when we pray, reaching out to God asking for His helping hand. We have hands that help take care of the children during church in the nursery. We have hands that help prepare and serve during Fellowship Time. We have hands that help things run smoothly on a Sunday morning. We have hands placed on our Bibles, while we listen and soak in the message of the sermon.

One Psalm that carries weight within my heart, and it may hit some of you as well, is Psalm 134. Short and sweet, yet powerful, these three verses show a beautiful message. Praising the Lord can happen at all hours of the day, there doesn't have to be a big event going on. Psalm 134 calls on those who serve and work during the night to lift their hands and praise the Lord. There is something beautiful about doing the silent, unseen work and praising the Lord, knowing that when the work is done, worship continues.

Here is where your part begins. Use your hands in some way each day that glorifies God. Lend a helping hand to someone, give someone a pat on the shoulder, raise your hands in worship. Do the work, use your skills and talents, and serve the Lord.

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We have a perfect opportunity to use our hands coming up when we fill bags for Trick-or-Treating. Every bag you touch, say a quick prayer. Fill it knowing that it is going into the hands of someone God created and loves. Now, get to work and use those 27 bones.

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17

Fall Bible Study: "Transformed Living"

What does it look like to practically live out our faith? This fall, we will join with our brothers and sisters from St. Andrew Lutheran and Pleasant View Wesleyan for a Bible Study that will help us answer that question. In Romans 12:2, Paul encourages us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds and then shares what that transformed living looks like. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for this collaborative Bible Study.

All studies are held in our Fellowship Room. There will be coffee and refreshments from 6:30-7:00 p.m., with the study beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending by 8:00 p.m.

Week One: October 7: "A Call to Be Renewed and Transformed" Romans 12:1-2

Week Two: October 14: "Spiritual Gifts-Living Out What God Has Given You" Romans 12:3-8

Week Three: October 21: "Genuine Love" Romans 12:9-21

Week Four: October 28: "Relating to Civil Authorities" Romans 13:1-7

Week Five: November 4: "Walk Properly: Shine the Light" Romans 13:8-14

Week Six: November 11: "How We Interact with Others" Romans 14

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries in October

<i>JOSEPH & KAITLYN ESHENAU</i>	10/07
<i>BOB & JOCELYNN MCCARTY</i>	10/09
<i>DAVE & ALICE JANE JOHNSON</i>	10/09
<i>DOUGLAS & CHRISTINE VANDINE</i>	10/12
<i>DANIEL & JENNY FISHER</i>	10/18
<i>PASTOR ROB & JEN RICE</i>	10/18
<i>BEN & MEGAN FISH</i>	10/25
<i>NATHAN & ASHLEY ELSE</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 ELSE</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>	10/15
<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!