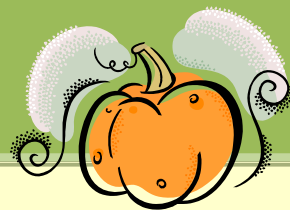


THE PRESBY PRESS



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A Season of Worship – The signs of fall are all around us. The weather has cooled off and we anticipate delighting in the beauty of our blessed surroundings. The season of joy has begun – namely Clemson football (along with a few other schools that also enjoy the sport). And Halloween will soon descend upon us. Perhaps someone in your neighborhood has already begun decorating! As fall gets underway, and proceeds as it always does, into the Advent and Christmas season, be aware as well that we are leading into a rich and blessed time in our worship experiences.

Here's a quick run-down of major dates. The end of October and the beginning of November remind us both of our Protestant heritage and our mortality. Luther nailed his theses on the Wittenberg door on All Hallows Eve, forever giving us that interesting combination of Halloween, Reformation Sunday, and All Saints Day. Since our Kirking of the Tartans is an every other year tradition, this year we shall pick up on the alternate meaning of these days. On October 30th, we shall remember All Saints Day and give thanks for those who have departed our company in the past year.

November brings us to the close of the church year and the beginning of the next. We will celebrate Christ the King Sunday (the final Sunday of the church year) on November 20th through our tradition of Music Dedication Sunday. Through music, we will remember the seasons of the church year and what they teach us about being disciples of Jesus. The chancel and hand bell choirs will be featured and thanked. As we do we will remember and celebrate Thanksgiving, too.

Advent begins on November 27th. Because Christmas is on a Sunday this year, the Advent season will be long – a full 28 days. Advent candles will be lit each Sunday of the season. Lessons and Carols will fill the sanctuary on the third Sunday of Advent, December 11th. Christmas Eve will bless us on Saturday, December 24th. And those who can will gather for worship on Sunday, December 25th – always a unique opportunity to craft a unique worship experience. Looking into 2012, you can anticipate a service of Ordination and Installation on January 8th along with a celebration of our new members on January 29th.

Too often we think of worship as something given to us on our behalf, something we do for ourselves. We can come and go as we have need. That's natural, but wrong. Worship is not just something we do for ourselves – to nourish our lives as children of God. It is, more importantly, a gift we give to God. Whenever we worship, we give to God the gift of our voices raised in song and praise; the gift of our prayers offered for ourselves and for others; the gift of our hands offered in welcome to those around us; the gift of our presence in God's house and with God's people. The one who created us and redeemed us deserves one hour a week of our undivided attention gathered with brothers and sisters whom we are called to love. I invite you to attend to your own spiritual discipline and gift of worship in these rich days to come.

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WELCOME VISITORS! We warmly welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for any and all of the activities you read about in these pages. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. Periodically, we offer a series of Inquirer's Classes that explore the meaning of church membership in our Presbyterian tradition. A new series of classes has been scheduled for January 8, 15, and 29. Those interested in membership are strongly encouraged to participate in these classes. In the meantime, if you are interested in conversation about membership do not hesitate to contact Pastor Nancy Morris or the church office.

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SESSION

Moderator: Nancy M. Morris
Clerk of Session: Melissa Krabbe

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DEACONS

Ann Castle, Moderator
Cindi Lesley, Secretary

Barbara Barron, Tom Carroll, Betty DuBose, Mike Harper, Judy Kellner, Tristan Krabbe, Joan Krech, Carolyn Maddox, Larry Marett, Diana Owens, Joan Riley, Ann Smith, and Don Warmuth.

TRUSTEES

Class of 2011
Jerry Crabtree

Class of 2012
Jerry Fouts

Class of 2013
Lyn Norton

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR (continued)

A Word of Thanks: Operation Love – An essential piece of this congregation’s pastoral care is passing from one hand to another. Betty Aschom is stepping down from the leadership of Operation Love after three dedicated years of service. Jill Marett is assuming the role. As pastor, I want to extend my thanks to Betty for the devotion, dedication, and love she has shown to each family that has been blessed by Operation Love while under her direction. It isn’t an easy job! You can’t plan for it but are called to respond whenever the need arises. When it does, attention to detail is an act of love. Thank you, Betty, for serving well. Thanks as well go to each of our circles for their gifts of love to these families in our care. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about ways you can also share in this most significant ministry. I know you will respond well. This congregation has a deep sense of compassion and love for one another in time of need. I thank **all** of you for that!

The Aprons Are Coming! – An amazing event will take place in Pastors’ Hall on Thursday, November 10th. Pay close attention to the news about our first ever *Celebration of Friendship Dinner and Apron Auction*. This is your opportunity to invite friends into the community of SPC. They will get a taste of us at our best: welcoming, eating, and serving those in need in our greater community. Consider a friend who might not come with you to worship but would come with you to be a part of this special evening. The “magic” of SPC will take over when you do!

A final quick note: I will be out of the office the week of October 3rd. I hope to use this first week in October each year for a fall study week. Richard will be preaching on October 9th and available for pastoral needs. Another wonderful reminder of his gift to this congregation.

Blessings to all of you --- Nancy

Welcome New Member



Maria Leitner
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Opportunities for Study

Two opportunities for study:

- The **Bible & Brown Bag Study Group** meets each Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. They are studying Matthew's Gospel. The conversation is being facilitated by Nancy Morris with the input of everyone. Bring your lunch with you if you wish. All are welcome.
- The **Wednesday Evening Adult Study Group** meets each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Men's Bible classroom. Don Warmuth is the facilitator. This study covers the Old Testament using DVDs and discussion. These lectures by scripture expert Professor Amy-Jill Levine introduce you to the history, religion, and literature of ancient Israel as preserved in the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible. Professor Levine brings biblical characters and passages to life and vividly reveals the magnificent artistry suffusing the Old Testament. All are welcome to attend.

Memorials

Jeanne Dost: Martha Pruitt

Dorothy Jones: Chris & Janey Turner, Danny & Jane Day, Archie & Barbara Barron, and Myra Grayson Nuttall

Pat Senn: Chris & Janey Turner, Danny & Jane Day, Archie & Barbara Barron, Karen Blazer, Myra Grayson Nuttall, Don & Sally Owen, and Martha Pruitt

Richard Yanessa: Gary & Ann Castle, Rich Simington, Betty DuBose, Jack & Betty Kinback, Don & Sally Owen, Bob & Denise Kumnik, and Olga Sciallo

Christian sympathy is extended to the families of:

Dorothy Jones who died on August 12th

Pat Senn who died on August 13th

Wes Coon who died on August 23rd

Richard Yanessa who died on August 25th

The **Historic Old Pickens Foundation** would like to invite everyone at Seneca Presbyterian Church to attend their annual event. "Celebrating Fall at Historic Old Pickens" will be held Sunday, October 23rd at 2:30 p.m. The site of the old Presbyterian Church is located in Oconee County near the employee entrance to Duke Energy on State 183. After turning off of route 130 going towards Pickens, the entrance is on your left about ½ mile before the bridge that separates the counties. Look for the big white sign. The event will be followed by refreshments and fellowship outside.

August Window into the Session

By: Booty Catlin

Session was called to order at 6:35 p.m., a quorum was established, and a tranquility arrived as the Christ Candle was lighted as the symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence during our meeting. Don Lesley provided a thoughtful devotional which led us all to wish to be conduits of Blessings, Grace, and Fellowship.

We discussed joys and concerns within the Session families, and then sought to know what joys and/or concerns in the congregation we needed to share. Nancy prayed for all in our family who need God's help and comfort.

Lucy Murr was examined, preparing her for her ordination during worship on September 18th. Hers was an interesting faith journey, and she will serve for a partial-term through 2012.

Session addressed several issues and processes that needed streamlining and/or tweaking, and all were satisfied to work together to leave no doubt how to handle details. Thanks to the Administration Committee.

Lynne Dee Barth was appointed Moderator of the Fellowship Committee for the remainder of 2011, and Bob Norton was commended for assuming chairmanship for the Building and Grounds Committee until January.

In view of changes of how we govern ourselves in the new Form of Government, we were requested by Presbytery to first set a quorum for congregational meetings. Session's recommendation will be on the agenda on the September 18th following the election of officers.

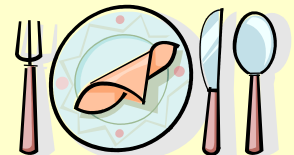
Meeting was closed in prayer at 8:08 p.m.

Note: Because the Session now meets on the 4th Monday of each month, "Window into the Session" will appear in the Presby Press one month later. You may pick up a copy of the "Window" one week after the meetings in the church office or view it on the website, www.senecapresbyterianchurch.com.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

October 19th at 5:45 p.m.

Your calendars are probably filling up as fall approaches, but hopefully you can save Wednesday Oct. 19th, our regular Potluck Supper Night, for our usual tasty dishes, plus some very extra special entertainment. Billy Boggs and his partner, Matthew Phillips, who are members of the Clemson Area Story Tellers, will be with us to regale you with stories of humorous, poignant, or historic family and area experiences. An evening to remember for a good laugh or even an occasional tear.



Name _____ # Attending _____

Celebration of Friendship Dinner and Apron Auction Thursday, November 10th



Forty-two aprons have been beautifully sewn by members of Seneca Presbyterian Church. Thirty-five of these aprons have been sponsored by other church members. Seven have been reserved for door prizes. 13 seamstresses and 35 shoppers (for baskets of goodies to accompany each apron) – 48 people plus the Outreach Committee of SPC – have been hard at work. We have prayed, laughed, worked and planned for months about our NOVEMBER 10th dinner and auction.

Our worry and our hope are one and the same: more people will want to come than we can seat. Dinner reservations must be made. Space limits us to 250 people in Pastors' Hall. Remember, this is an outreach occasion where you are asked to bring a neighbor, a friend or a relative. Please have your guests in mind and make your reservations early to assure a seat. Signups will begin on October 9th in the church bulletins.

There will be both silent and live auction items. Bring your checkbooks or cash and think Christmas presents. Everything from gardening aprons, to children's aprons, to men's and women's aprons will be available. **100% of the proceeds will go to Helping Hands Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children, a local charity serving Oconee, Anderson, and Pickens Counties.**

Want a sneak preview and a chance to start the silent bidding? Several aprons and containers of goodies will be displayed following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services on October 16th, 23rd, 30th, and November 6th. Aprons and containers will vary each Sunday, so be sure and have a look each of these four Sundays.

A very special thank you goes to Circle 6. These generous women are sharing their lip-licking recipes by providing a cookbook to accompany each apron and container of goodies.

Odyssey News

Odyssey Game Day continues to meet on the second Friday of each month. Come and join us on Friday, October 14th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the Forum Room, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We play a variety of games. Popcorn and drinks are provided. If you have questions please call Helen Lewis at 654-7314.

On **Friday, October 7th**, Odyssey is hosting a “**Harvest Moon Pig Roast and Square Dance**” at the home of Shirley and Bruce Woods. We will gather at the Woods' farm at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. We'll enjoy the fall weather under the tent and look for the last viewing of the 2011 Harvest Moon. We'll get the basics of 'do si do-ing' from our personal square dance caller (Ken Perkins, who's known far and wide) and then feast on the pig and wonderful sides. Then we'll square dance some more. Sign up at the Odyssey bulletin board **by October 1st** and please signify what side dish or dessert you will be bringing to accompany the pig. Don't forget to wear your jeans and cowboy shirt!!!!

Mystery Basket

And there is even MORE excitement to our November 10th Celebration of Friendship Dinner and Apron Auction evening. A Mystery Basket is being assembled by Larry and Jill Marett. They won't tell us everything that is in the basket (hence the name Mystery...). We do know that the basket is worth over \$300 and growing. Church members and local merchants have contributed gift cards and treasures. Each item is lovingly wrapped by the Marett's, and they will only give out clues:



- Two left feet? That can be fixed!
- Bon Appetite!
- Cheers!
- Get out the grill...
- Everyone needs a little bling!
- Picture this...

Charity Chances to win the basket will be available at \$3 each, 4 for \$10, or 10 for \$20. You do not have to be present on November 10th to win, though the drawing will occur that evening. Tickets will be on sale following the October 16th through November 6th services where containers and aprons are on display for silent auction.

Wouldn't this be a wonderfully fun basket to take to your Thanksgiving or Christmas feast to open throughout the day and share the bounty with loved ones? And remember, **ALL of the proceeds go to Helping Hands Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children.**

Blue Ridge Elementary Needs Your Help!



Blue Ridge Elementary is looking for parents, grandparents, or anyone willing to share their time to listen to a child read. They have a beautiful school to work in and enjoy. Their goal at Blue Ridge is that each child will be able to read by the end of the third grade. They are also looking for volunteers to tutor in math from first – fifth grades.

Please search your hearts and help. These are God's children. Please contact Pat Wynne at 886-4550. Blue Ridge wants to thank their volunteers as their students continue to improve their reading and math scores.

The Seneca Presbyterian Church/Keowee Key Fall Brunch will be held at the Keowee Key Country Club on Sunday, October 30th following the 11:00 a.m. service here at SPC. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling Geri Bender at 944-7488.

Presbyterian Women

By: Kathy Gerner

Presbyterian Women Executive Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

Presbyterian Women has begun another new year. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 19th**, 10:00 a.m. This is the date for our PW Christmas Workshop and Luncheon which follows. This event is open to ALL women of Seneca Presbyterian Church, not just circle members. Christmas placemats will be made for the residents at Seneca Residential and Lakeview Nursing Homes. A luncheon will follow the workshop. Special donations/gifts will be taken for those children at Helping Hands. Ann Smith will chair this and let us know what to bring for these children. Please make plans to come and enjoy a day of fellowship and fun.

If you would like a copy of ***The Presbyterian Women Directory***, just stop by the church office and request one. This is a wonderful tool to have and helps every one keep in touch with each other.

Special Request for Operation Love

Operation Love is a committee of compassion and service. When a member of our church family passes away, the minister or the church office immediately notifies the Chair of this committee, who contacts the family directly to offer either a meal in the home or at the church for the family (limit 25) OR a reception to be held after the service (cookies and punch/coffee). The Chair then contacts the Circle Operation Love representative who plans the meal or reception with help from Circle members. The Circles alternate in providing these services.

Operation Love is requesting help of ALL women of Seneca Presbyterian Church. Circle members need extra help in the preparation, serving and clean-up of these meals or receptions. We are in the process of compiling a list of those who would like to help. If you are interested in this worthwhile service to our members and families, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. You will then be placed on our list of those willing to help with a meal or reception for a memorial service. When a memorial service is scheduled, an e-mail will be sent asking for assistance. The e-mail will contain the name and contact information you will need. Please give this request consideration. We realize that not everyone has e-mail and we do not want to overlook anyone.

I would like to contribute in any of the following ways to help the Circle hosting a meal/reception for Operation Love.

Baking _____ Setting Up _____ Serving _____ Clean Up _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

October Birthdays

01-----	Warren Carpenter	13 -----	Doris Morrow
02-----	Craig Letson	14 -----	Evan Black
02-----	Elaine Williams	16 -----	Lucy Ballenger
05-----	Lesley LaRoche	19 -----	Emily Land
05-----	Debbie Simpson	19 -----	Diana Owens
06-----	Becky Drew	20 -----	Kathy Gerner
06-----	Drew Land	22 -----	Tristan Krabbe
07-----	Andrew Bielecki	23 -----	Lindsay Hardy
09-----	Donna Beebe	23 -----	George Hart
09-----	Paul LaRoche	24 -----	Will Arnold
10-----	Ken Schuman	25 -----	Joy Harwell
11-----	Betty Aschom	27 -----	Tom Land
11-----	Anne Brooks	30 -----	Ann Warmuth
12-----	Jan Arnold	31 -----	Jewel Curtis
12-----	Clint Henry	31 -----	Diana Malcolm
13-----	Jean Colbert	31 -----	Bill Sheehan
13-----	Pixi Cook		



October Anniversaries

06-----	Herb & Kate Morgan	19-----	Dick & Joyce Pierce
09-----	Ralph & Lynne Dee Barth	22-----	Kenny & Mimi Hunt
15-----	John & Booty Catlin		

October Circle Meetings

CIRCLE ONE – will meet on Monday, October 3rd at 2:45 p.m. in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom. The Beatitudes in Matthew and Luke will be our study for 2011 – 2012. This study will focus on connecting our faith with our daily life. Please bring toilet tissue, napkins, and paper towels for Helping Hands!!

CIRCLE TWO – will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom. At the meeting we will receive an offering for our Thornwell child. Circle Chairperson is Helen Lewis (654-7314).

CIRCLE SIX – will meet Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Pastors' Hall. Kathy Gerner will be our hostess, and Anna Kennedy will lead us in Lesson Two on our studies of the Beatitudes. Please remember to bring peanut butter to help restock the shelves at the Golden Corner Food Pantry.

Prospective members/guests are welcome at all three.

Flower Calendar

October 9th – In lieu of flowers, a donation has been made to the Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund by Flo Sheron in memory of her husband, Herman Dewey Sheron.

October 16th – In lieu of flowers, a donation has been made by John and Booty Catlin to Our Daily Rest.

October 23rd – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Barry and Deb Conway in memory of Deb's parents, Melvin and Audrey Johnson, brother, Ken Johnson and sister, Tery Johnson.

October 30th – In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund has been given by Ed and Joan Krech. The donation is given with thanks to the Lord for Healing.

Thursday Night at the Movies

We gather for a movie and fellowship every fourth Thursday of the month in Pastors' Hall, usually at 6:30 p.m. The standard plan is: bring your own supper; popcorn provided. We decide among ourselves which movie to watch. Because the monthly deadline for Presby Press comes before our monthly gathering, we cannot always announce the upcoming feature here, but that news is always included in worship bulletin announcements. If you would like to be on an email notification list for this fun night, just contact Pastor Nancy at nmorrisspc@bellsouth.net.

We would like to thank everyone in this congregation for their thoughts and prayers through the difficult time of Richard's recent passing. We would like to extend our deepest love and sincere thanks to each and every gesture of kindness that made an important difference during the most difficult transition our family has ever had to deal with.

God bless you all --- the Yanessa family

Christmas Shop at SERRV Fair!!!



This is a year to hold a SERRV Fair in our Pastors' Hall! It will be held Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please save some Christmas shopping for this event, as there will be many unique and beautiful items, as well as the old standbys that we all love. Unsold items from Saturday will be available for purchase Sunday after church. Please pass the word around to friends and neighbors. We will also need volunteers to help unpack items, set up for the fair on Thursday and Friday, "man" the fair, and be available to repack items for return shipping the following week. Call Ann Smith (647-2088) or the church office if you can help with this event. Thank you!!!!

Financial Update – July Year to Date

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Operating Income	\$237,988.21	\$205,045.00	\$32,943.21
Operating Expenses	\$209,063.76	\$246,138.69	(\$37,074.93)
Excess Income over Expenses	\$28,924.45	(\$41,093.69)	\$70,018.14

Report from Congregational Meeting: September 18, 2011

As we met in session as a congregation, we took the following actions:

- Established a quorum for a congregational meeting at 10% of the active membership of the congregation.
- Elected the following officers for this congregation:
 - Chuck Kellner, Barbara Norton, Bob Porter, and Brenda Thomson as ruling elders for the class of 2014.
 - Susan Caldwell, Karen McBryde, Carolyn Maddox, and Debbie Simpson as deacons for the class of 2014. One additional nominee for this class will be presented at a later time.
 - Tristan Krabbe as youth deacon for 2012.
 - Jerry Crabtree as Trustee for the class of 2014.
- Heard a report on the change in fiscal years from a January 1/December 31 to a July 1/ June 30 year.

All was done “decently and in order,” as is our Presbyterian way. Please note the following features of our change in fiscal years:

- We will complete the budget and giving year of 2011 as usual.
- We will transition to this new schedule by preparing and pledging to a six-month budget that will take us from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. The Session has begun the process of drafting that budget. We will not have a major stewardship campaign this fall. Instead every member will have the opportunity to confirm his or her current giving level or make adjustments as they feel called to do.
- The stewardship season will shift to the spring, including Commitment Sunday.
- You will still receive a contribution record based on the calendar year for tax purposes.

The reason for this change is to move the work required to complete one budget year and prepare for the new away from the holiday season. As you can see from this financial report (as of July), this congregation continues its long-standing tradition of faithful and generous giving. Thank you for your commitment to God’s kingdom as we try to live it in and through Seneca Presbyterian.

Golf Outing

Monday, October 31st



Registration – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Shotgun Start)
 Oconee Country Club
 Captains' Choice Format

Cost is \$40.00 (green fee, cart and meal); Oconee Country Club members \$30.00. Couples are invited to play together on a "couples' team". Two couples will make up a four-man team playing Captains' Choice. This couples' format will be in addition to the teams made up of all other players. Winners will be recognized in each group.

Come join the fun... all players are welcome... invite a friend.

A meal will be served after the tournament. Non-playing spouses are invited to join for the meal (\$8.00). **Reservations are required.**

Sign-up to enjoy the fellowship by **Sunday, Oct. 23rd**.

Name: _____

Handicap: _____ **or Average Score:** _____

Please return this form to the church office with entry fee by Sunday, October 23rd. Make checks payable to *Seneca Presbyterian Church*.

Bible Chat

This is one in a series of Bruce Woods' "Bible Chat" articles for the newsletters. This is Bruce's way of offering some of his knowledge, training (to be a lay pastor), and perspectives with the congregation and friends. We thank Bruce for his contributions. While the articles will be reviewed, please note the views and content are not necessarily those of the Session, pastor or this congregation. Feel free to contact Bruce for any comments or questions.

In Genesis 26: 3-5, there is a remarkable promise made to the nation of Israel. But, from a 21st Century Christian perspective, there is a question raised by this passage. Did God give Abraham & his descendents the gifts and blessings mentioned on the basis of good works? Are we to assume that because of obedience the gifts of God will be forthcoming? Is this promise of God unconditional or conditional? In Genesis there are at least five passages cited that seem to imply that Abraham performed the requirements of God and, in return, God offered him the everlasting covenant as a gift for his obedience: 12:1; 17:1, 9-14; 22:16; 26:3-5. Check these out.

The argument for 'conditionality' is less convincing per the stress that the texts make on God actively conferring the covenant on Abraham. In Genesis 15:12-21, Abraham is depicted as a passive party to the covenant which is being formalized, while the Lord appears with the visage of a 'smoking furnace with a blazing torch'. [Your translation may vary.] God is the only active entity here. He not only promises the covenant but puts Himself [not Abraham!] in the position of responsibility to keep the covenant. This is not a peace treaty or international agreement negotiated between sovereigns; this is a promise from God to His children.

How then do we explain the difficult language that seems to require obedience as a condition of maintaining the covenant? God has always offered promises and blessings that precede commands to obey and keep His commands. When Jesus said [see John 14:15, 15:10] things like "If you love me, you will keep my commandments", we know that His love for us is not conditional on or proportional to our obeying Him. God, the promise-maker and keeper [to Abraham, Moses, etc. and to His people through the ages], didn't make those promises conditional on our ability to obey Him or work ethic to reduce the sin and rebellion in our lives. We have, since the dreadful day when we chose to disobey God, been like lost sheep. God, through the patriarchs and prophets in the OT era and then through His son Jesus, has been continually at work to redeem us. The promises He makes are absolute and true. His grace has been offered in infinite abundance to us. And God will be faithful to us until the end of time itself.

Another text, Leviticus 26:44-45, expresses the unconditional nature of God's covenantal grace. Certainly, there is nothing in this text to suggest that the covenant of God [or any promises He's made] are conditional on any human sense of what is 'good behavior' or 'good works' or 'faithful obedience'.

In the next chat we'll take a look at something Jesus said in Matthew 5:22. What He says may not fit with some modern day popular conceptualizations of Jesus. What's your reaction?

-Bruce Woods-



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Mrs. Emmalyn Frye	Choir Director
Mrs. Glenda Pitts	Secretary
Mr. Jim Hylkema	Custodian
Mr. James Gaines	Custodian
Dr. Robert S. Dendy	Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Barbara Nagy	Missionary (serving in Malawi)

“The Sunday Morning Place to Be”

Join us for Sunday Morning
 Contemporary Worship at 9:00 a.m.
 Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Care

During All Sunday Morning Sunday School &
 Worship Services

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Educational Building, Upper Level:

Study of Genesis Group - Library
 Sara Davis Stribling Class: Women
 Men’s Bible Class

October Scripture

Oct. 2: Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19;
 Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

Oct. 9: Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23;
 Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

Oct. 16: Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99;
 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

Oct. 23: Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17;
 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46

Oct. 30: Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37;
 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12