



"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September, 2019

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

In my Bible reading a couple weeks ago I read I Peter 1 and verses 13-16 caught my eye.

"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy'" As I read I saw two aspects of being holy here.

First, the definition of holy is "exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness." Well, that leaves me out! However, with a little thought, where am I in Christ? When Moses saw the bush that burned, but was not consumed, God told him to remove his sandals because he stood on holy ground. What made the ground he stood on holy? God's presence. In the tabernacle and the temple there was the holy of holies, and what made it a holy place? The presence of God.

In John 14:16-17 Jesus said, ***"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."*** So through Christ the Holy Spirit of God indwells me and through His indwelling I am made holy. I am holy ground because through salvation in Christ God's presence indwells me!! That is truly ***"joy inexpressible and full of glory!"*** (I Peter 1:8)

Secondly, as God so often does, He complicates things! Being holy, having God's presence, requires only that I accept Jesus Christ as Savior...and Lord. However, verse 15 says ***"...be holy in all your conduct..."*** It is amazing how often that big "O" word appears in Scripture. Obedience, holiness in **ALL** your conduct. Several times I have heard the statement: "That's religion, this is business. You have to run business as business." Yet the Scripture says, "ALL your conduct." That doesn't seem to leave much wiggle room! How could one possibly be holy in all their conduct?

Another joyous thing is that God never commands us to do something without giving us the resources to accomplish it. Remember John 14:14-16 just above: **"He (God) will give you another Helper...who will dwell with you and will be in you."** Through reading the Word, prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, and obedience to Him it is possible to be holy in ALL your conduct. Yes, you will likely stumble sometimes, however, through repentance the Holy Spirit will raise you up, brush you off and send you on your way once again.

Strive to be holy in all your conduct to the glory of God!

Shalom,
Pastor Bill



VESPERS: ??? SUNDAY NIGHT

"a religious service in the late afternoon or the evening"



Starting in September there will be a new opportunity for worship at church. Sunday evening following the Vet's dinner there will be a short time of praising, singing, sharing, praying, and instruction. This will be an informal service for all ages. Those who are attending the Vets' dinner will be invited to join in, as well.

September 15, 7:00 p.m.

New Sunday school class brethren beliefs

In the fall a study of Brethren beliefs will be held during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Bill will lead a class in the basic disciplines of the denomination which includes the history behind those tenets. Class size will be limited. The study will be held for three months--October, November, and December. Please see Pastor Bill for more information and to discuss your intentions to participate.



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HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

This church provides parking for those with limited mobility



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At the present time there are two designated parking spaces in front of the church. It has become apparent that more spaces are needed. The Deacon body held discussion at their last meeting about providing more handicapped/limited mobility parking. The Stewards Commission will assess the parking lot and make a plan to add more handicapped spaces.

In the meantime, please save the spaces already designated for those who find it difficult to walk far.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Phillippians 2:4

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

***** **Outreach cup offerings for September, October, November and December** are designated for Walk for Warmth

***** **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**, September 1, worship service

***** **Prayer meeting**, Sunday, September 1, 7:00 p.m.

***** **Communion**, Sunday, August 4, during worship

***** **Coffee and doughnuts**, Sunday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.

***** **Board Meeting**, Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 & 7:30 p.m.

***** **Vet’s dinner**, Sunday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.

***** **Vespers**, Sunday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to October—Bowling, Harvest Auction, and Homecoming.

SCHOOL IS STARTING.....
NOW IS THE TIME TO WRAP UP THE
SCHOOL FUND RAISER



Staples **Gift Cards** will be given to all teachers, K-6th grades the week of Labor Day. It is not too late to become part of this worthy endeavor. When we give we affect our community, our schools—teachers and students. God has blessed this ministry!



Be thinking of more ways to reach our community and our schools.

What are your prayer requests?



Join Us

*gathering of friends
time for instruction
prayer for each other*

Sunday

August 4

7:00 p.m.



Women's Fellowship

Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. The women had lunch at Sherry Garvin's home this month and also donated \$60 to Child Safety of America through the Beaverton Police Department. All women are welcome..... a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!



Sunday School News

Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings with "Get your worship on," music and a short message. There are several classes available, and everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend.

Preschool - Kindergarten – Teacher, Becky Phillips

1st - 7th grades - Teacher, Joanne Fassett

Adult – Teacher, Tom Prager – Study of Matthew

Adult/Teen – Teacher, Peggy McKimmy and Sherry Garvin, Stormy O'Martian's book Prayer Warrior beginning soon



FUNERAL DINNERS—a ministry of this church.

Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.

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