

**From the Pastor....**

Not long after I came to serve as your Pastor in June, 2016, I was introduced to a vision that Sandra Stevens and many others had in improving the multi-media capabilities of the sanctuary. Part of the vision was realized just before I arrived when the church decided to install a sound system that has proven to be far superior than the old one. Now the church has another opportunity to further enhance the A/V capabilities by installing a state-of-the-art video system. Consequently, we began to investigate this possibility and had 3 different individuals visit our church and submit proposals. The last proposal was submitted by Frank Beale, of Bowling Green Electronics. Last Wednesday members of the Trustees, Music and Worship Committee, Finance Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, and staff (Pastor Frank, Sandra, and Doug) met with Frank Beale. The purpose of the meeting was to review and consider his proposal to install a video system in the sanctuary. The project would involve the following:

1. Installing a custom made screen over the choir loft that would be powered so that it could be lowered and raised. When not in use the screen would be hidden from view.
2. Utilizing a projector with a ultra long-throw lens to project images on to the screen from a vantage point in the balcony.
3. Installing a 60 inch flat screen TV below the balcony railing for the choir and people utilizing the platform.
4. Installing all cabling, wiring and electrical components.
5. Purchasing a laptop computer with a multiport adapter and necessary software. (The laptop would also be utilized in both services)

The cost for the proposal that includes all equipment, labor and miscellaneous expenses is approximately \$20,000. Consequently, after meeting with Mr. Beale the aforementioned church leaders have decided to recommend to the congregation that we accept the proposal and begin the project so that it will be completed before the beginning of the Advent and Christmas season. Therefore, a special called business meeting has been called for October 8, 2017 at 10:00am, following the early service to vote on the motion/proposal.

Some may question the affordability or the wisdom in pursuing this project. This has been discussed thoroughly by many church leaders for as long as I've been here and

perhaps even longer. However, I believe now is the time to do this. With that in mind let me provide you the justification for this project that fits into the following categories:

1. **Ministry Enhancement:** There is no question that this project will improve our worship service by enriching our music and worship capabilities. It will also augment greatly our preaching and teaching by utilizing slides and video. It is very possible that these improvements will not only boost the worship experience of our current members and attendees but also serve to attract others to a church facility that is utilizing 21<sup>st</sup> century technology.
2. **Fairness:** It seems to me that there is a fairness or equality issue here. Shouldn't those who attend the second service in the sanctuary also be afforded the same kind of A/V capabilities that we offer those who attend the early service? I think we should.
3. **Affordability:** Some may question do we have the money to do this. The simple and short answer is, we do. We presently have about 109K in the checking account. We need about 20K a month for our expenses, give or take. Church financial experts will tell you, much like a household budget, you need about 2-3 months of liquid assets in your checking account. That means we need to maintain about 60K in our checking account. This doesn't even take into account the 200K plus we have in other accounts. Additionally, others in the congregation have already given to a designated fund for this project and more have stated that they will also give.
4. **Aesthetics:** Mr. Beale assured us that the beauty and traditional look of our sanctuary will be maintained with minimal impact. He has done similar projects at Concord BC and Salem BC, and he was able to blend the Audio Visual improvements with the traditional look quite successfully.

The bottom line....we have the money to spend on worthwhile projects and ministries like this. It will help make our church more attractive to those outside the church and boost our worship experience.



Yes, you are seeing the green and red shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for us to fill. Please fill and return yours to the table by Sunday, October 29. Each year Samaritan's Purse distributes these filled boxes to many parts of the world where many have never heard of Jesus, our Savior. Many children learn to become Christ's followers through Bible study in their own language.

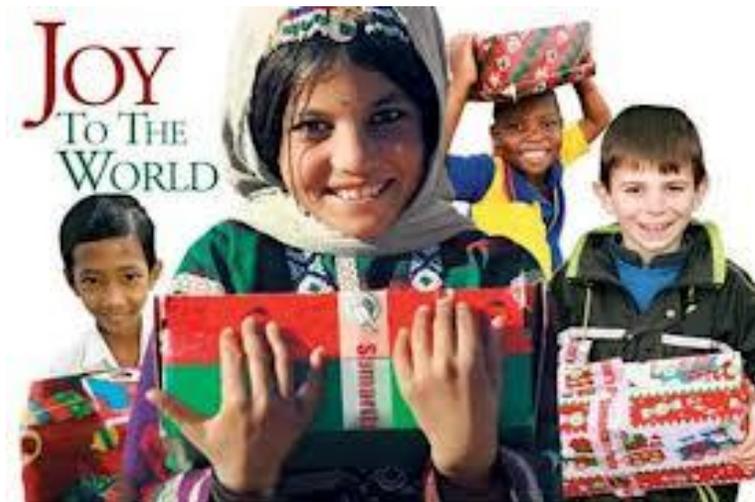
It is suggested that filling these boxes may include a "wow" toy (age appropriate), other fun toys, hygiene items, (no toothpaste, liquid soaps or shampoos), and school supplies. You may include a note or picture. DO NOT include candy, food, liquids, lotions, breakable items or aerosol cans. Visit [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ) for more gift suggestions and restrictions. Tape the appropriate boy/girl label on the box, include suggested postage, and place on the back table in the family ministry center. Pastor Frank will be having a special blessing for these gifts on Sunday, October 29.

Our mission group looks forward to the annual Hermon Association mission study to be held @ Concord Baptist Church on October 14. After brunch, pastor Mel Covington will lead the group study of Russia—our international mission country for this year.

On Sunday, October 22, our annual Hermon association will meet @ Mt. Hermon Baptist Church @ 4:00p.m. All church members are invited to attend. Dinner will be provided after a brief business meeting. Our association project will be to fill "blessing bags" to be distributed to each church and given out to the homeless by those members who would like to participate. Our church collected 300+ tissue packets earlier this year as part of this project. Other items include bottled water, jersey gloves, tooth brush and toothpaste, antibacterial sanitizer, raisins, fruit bars, granola bars, tuna packets, and crackers. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the "give-out to the homeless" phase of this project.

Look for information/signs coming soon for our Thanksgiving collection of food for the needy starting Sunday, November 5. As always, if you have a family in need of food for Thanksgiving, please let Susie Hicks or one of the WMU members know of this need.

Thank-you for all the participation from our church for our projects.



# *Musical Connections*



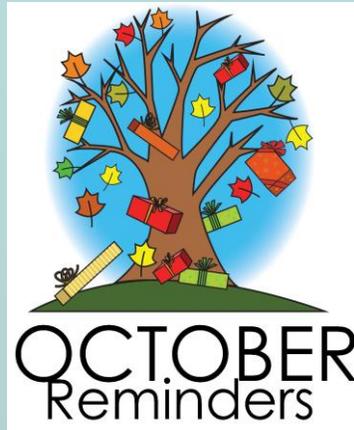
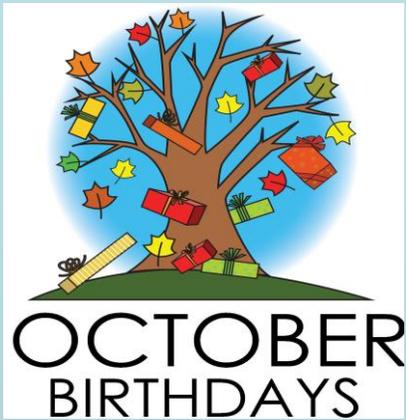
**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad  
You Did!**

The holiday season is approaching and plans are underway for Christmas music in the Adult Choir. Perhaps you have been considering joining, but were unsure about the commitment. This is an ideal time of year to participate in the festivities of the season. All voices are welcome. Come glorify the Lord with your musical talent and share in the unique fellowship that the Adult Choir offers.

Interested? See our Director, Sandra Stevens.

## UPCOMING

October 8— The church will be voting on the installation of an Audio-Visual System for the Sanctuary. Much prayer and planning has gone into this exciting new improvement for the traditional worship experience. The proposed project has been designed to accommodate the architectural beauty of our sanctuary while allowing for advanced technology to enhance the services. Please plan to attend this special meeting.



Megan Allen	3
Kailey Gray	3
Barbara Allen	4
Ed Britt	4
Sherry Brillhart	5
Christie Hall	6
Suzanne Stepp	7
Helen Williams	7
Lori Westcott	9
Ian Diritto	12
Joshua Cushing	13
Sabrina Farris	13
Cathy Gray	13
Walton Mahon	13
Mike Cooper	14
Jennifer Thomas	14
Scott Shortt	15
Priscilla Shuler	19
Sharon Curlee	20
Tyler Apperson	21
McKenzie Burrell	22
Brandie Busic	26
Amber Brillhart	28
Jean Farmer	30
Kyle Farris	30
Robin Taylor	30
Kathy Burchell	31

**Deacon of the Week:**

OCTOBER	1	Brad Thomas
	8	Ed Britt
	15	Carolyn Lane
	22	Neal Tidman
	29	Doug Farris

**Deacons' Meeting Devotions-** Danielle Cushing

**Building Security:** – Deacon of the week

**Counters**– Laura Ferguson & Sandy Taylor

**Flowers:**

OCTOBER	1	Anne Wright
	8	Meredith Pack
	15	Robyn Fisher
	22	Jeanne Jordan
	29	Lee & Hardy Dunnington

**Coffee & Snack Schedule**

OCTOBER	1	Bonnie Gromovsky
	8	Jenn Thomas
	15	Meredith Pack
	22	Sherry Brillhart
	29	Carolyn Lane

**Nursery Workers: \***

- 1<sup>nd</sup>– Heather Smith - Jenn Thomas – Gabby Dixon
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Karen Covington - Amy Phelix – Kailey Gray
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Richard Gustard – Naeda Gustard – Emily Brillhart
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ruth Judd – unfilled - Kyle Farris
- 29<sup>th</sup>- Paige Carter – Heather Diritto – Hannah Kennedy

\* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service; the individual shown in red is also responsible for the 11:00 service.