

Predators vs the flock

Since the passing of my old dog Hooch in May, I have noticed that all animals seem to be more comfortable getting closer to my house.

Just this week I saw a Doe looking in the garage window and a nice Buck bedded down right in the middle of the back yard under the security light.

On the first Saturday night of this month, I noticed a large Owl in the yard before going to bed, and on Sunday morning the first thing I saw was a Coyote trotting across the yard, both predators looking for smaller game to prey upon.

That morning, I was Deacon of the week, and Dr. Bob's sermon was on *The Parable of the Lost Sheep*. Where the Parable is about God's Joy when a stray or lost soul is recovered and returned to the flock, you hardly discuss it without mentioning the dangerous predators that are always trying to prey on them. In the Parable, the Shepherd will leave the flock unattended to recover a single sheep. The remaining flock is still defenseless, but there is some amount of safety in numbers.

The animal kingdom teaches us that predators like lions attack animals that have wandered away from the flock.

Once Bob mentioned to me that it must be sometimes difficult to listen to the same sermon twice, and I told him that I compared it to seeing a good movie for the second time. You often pick up something the second time that you overlooked the first time you heard it. One quote that I remember from the second service is that we Christians are—Sheep among Wolves.

There are obvious predators out there like ISIS taking the lives of Christians, but the Devil does most of his work in more subtle means such as money, greed, possessions, or any variety of sins.

Our job as Christians is always to support and help the flock.

On the flock – 1 Peter 5:2

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;"

As for Predators – 1 Peter 5:8

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."



Beginnings Preschool began its third year of operation September 9, 2015. We have 12 children enrolled in Beginnings Preschool this year! We are thrilled and excited! The program has been expanded to three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The teaching staff has also been expanded to 3 teachers: Linda Sullivan, Lead Teacher, and Cathy Jo Gray and Jenn Thomas, helping teachers. Our teachers add professionalism and vitality to our program with their experience, compassion and love of children. The 4-year-old students attend all 3 days. The 3-year-old students attend Wednesday and Friday.

All of the students are happy and well-adjusted to attending the program. Their favorite activity is going outside to play on the playground. They are having a lot of fun while learning to recognize and print letters, numbers, and their names. They are also learning social skills as they interact with each other and the teachers. And they are learning manners and responsibility while enjoying healthy snacks. The Gospel Project is utilized to teach the children Bible stories and morals.

The fire department paid a visit to the preschool in September and the children were instructed in fire prevention and safety. They also had fun at a Teddy Bear Picnic on the playground. A field trip to the pumpkin patch Friday, October 16 was an exciting adventure and an opportunity to learn about Fall and pumpkins. A Halloween party is planned for October 31st. In November the students will be learning about Harvest and Thanksgiving.

The new Beginnings Preschool Board members for the 2015-2016 school year are Betty Cooper, Chair; Naeda Gustard, treasurer; Kristin Bissoon, Secretary; Ed Britt, Maintenance/Safety; Laura Ferguson, Fundraising; and Meredith Pack, Publicity. We had a very successful promotional activity at the Bowling Green Harvest Festival Oct. 17. We handed out pencils with our school name and small Frisbees with our logo to children and brochures with information about our program to their parents. The weather was beautiful that day and attendance at the festival was high so we were able to reach out to a lot of people. Many parents were eager to receive the brochure to learn about our program.

The students and their parents, teachers, and board members will be promoting a Yankee Candle Fundraiser toward the end of October and into the beginning of November. This is always a popular fundraiser for those who like to purchase Yankee Candle products for their own use or for Christmas presents. Therefore, the opportunity to participate in the fundraiser will be extended to church members who are interested. We will end the fundraiser and send in the orders in plenty of time to receive the products before Christmas.

I am very pleased with the progress of this important ministry of our church and service to our community. God is good! My prayer is that the preschool program will continue to grow and prosper. I hope all of you will also join me in that prayer.

Thank you to the teachers who work very hard to give our school a loving and educational environment where children can play, learn, and socialize in safety and security. I would also like to thank the board members for the previous 2014-2015 school year for their hard work and diligence which helped to pave the way for a viable, professional and friendly preschool program: Priscilla Schuler, Hardy Dunnington, Dirk Farmer, Barbara Lanford, Sandy Taylor, and Pastor Greg Webber.

Betty Cooper, Chair
Beginnings Preschool Board of Directors



PATHWAYS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The event in October, Kids Lego Night was a huge success. 28 kids, 4 teen volunteers and 6 adults helped! Legos everywhere! We built with them, relay raced with them and learned how God is the ultimate creator and that he created each one of us to praise him, love him and share this amazing news with others. We also watched the Lego Movie and wrote about things that we think are awesome.... Some of the kids listed God, Jesus and our church... Are AWESOME!!!!

The kids were engaged and so well behaved!! Huge praise and gratefulness to our volunteers and to our awesome kids!

Check out the photos below from the October event

The next Kids Nite event is **Friday, November 6. 6-10 pm**. It will be a **Costume Carnival theme**. We will have monthly events through May.

The October event raised \$247 toward camp!!! It is our goal that these events will be self-sustaining and raise money to help offset the cost of Centrikid 2016.

Visit and like our **BGBC Pathways** page.





Last month we began our campaign to fill 100 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We ask that all those who are able take a box and fill it with small toys and hygiene items as well as one special toy item. These shoeboxes are sent to many countries around the world, and offer us a chance to share the gospel with these children. Each box is accompanied by a book called The Greatest Journey written in their country's heart language which will tell about Jesus. Instructions and age appropriate suggestions are in the empty box along with an empty envelope for shipping fees. You may pick up empty boxes in the Family Ministry Center or in back of the sanctuary.

November 1 thru Nov. 22 we will be collecting food for our annual Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Our church is always excited to help with this project, and has been very generous. Thank you for your continued support. Anyone who knows of a person or family who needs assistance, please give the name to Susie Hicks or Paulette Britt no later than Nov 10. Boxes for food collection will be in the Family Ministry Center.

Monday November 2 we will be observing Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Across our nation and world we search to find common areas that need our fervent prayers. Prayer means being obedient to God. Prayer is how we communicate with God. Prayer allows us to participate in the work of God. Please take extra time for special prayers that day.

Our mission group has been learning about Indonesia and its people. The Hermon Association members met at Calvary Baptist Church on Oct. 24 for brunch followed by further study of Indonesia led by Pastor Mel Covington.

The month of November ends with the week of prayer for International Missions emphasized Nov 29-Dec. 6 and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to multiple churches among unreached peoples and places for the Glory of God. Our goal this year will be \$1500. Our theme this year: BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS.



Fellowship Dinners are on the calendar....save the dates.

Please note this is a change.....November 10th Patriotic Potluck Dinner cancelled

November 29th Hanging Of The Greens

February 17th Birthday Potluck Dinner



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to my church family for helping me make calls, donating money for water, baking, bagging, and labeling cookies. Together with our sisters in Christ from Oxford Mt. Zion Baptist Church we gave out over 1200 bags of cookies, suckers, 200 slices of pound cake and 1000 bottles of water.

OMZBC organized a flash mob and we took the love of Christ to the street!! Having all the activity on our front lawn was a blessing. God is good! It particularly moved me to hear one of our Youth explain to a woman asking "why are the cookies and water free?" Her response was, "they are free like our salvation."

Thank you all for always being supportive of BGBC and me; and for your willingness to jump in help and serve!!

**Much Love,
Bonnie**



Cindy Myers, a friend of Daniele Cushing, was diagnosed with stage 3.5 ovarian cancer early this year. She does not have any health insurance. At this point, her medical bills total about \$500,000. This very godly woman, who, with her husband, is raising 3 grandchildren, faces the possibility of losing her home if she can't pay her bills.

A go-fund has been established for her. To make a donation online to help Cindy, go to www.gofundme.com/cindycarusomyers or you can write a check and give it to Daniele Cushing.

Thanks for all your help.



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 End Daylight Savings 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	2 9:00-12:00 Preschool 2:00-7:00 Blood Drive by Girl Scouts, Family Ministry Center	3 Election Day 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	4 9:00-12:00 Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	5	6 9:00-12:00 Preschool 6:00 Kids Night, Family Ministry Ctr	7
8 8:00 Church Breakfast to honor/remember veterans, Fam Min Ctr 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 2 nd Sunday Bible Study, home of Ryan/Charlene Gray	9 9:00-12:00 Preschool	10 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Library 6:00 Young Lives, meet in basement 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	11 Veterans' Day 9:00-12:00 Preschool 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's to benefit Preschool 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	12	13 9:00-12:00 Preschool	14
15 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 5:30 Live Your Faith women's ministry, Family Ministry Center	16 9:00-12:00 Preschool 10:00 Christian Book Club	17 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile @ BGBC, Fam Min Ctr 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Room	18 9:00-12:00 Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	19 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	20 9:00-12:00 Preschool	21
22 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	23 9:00-12:00 Preschool	24 11:00 Library Committee, Library 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement	25 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 5:30 Church meal/social/ decorating, FMC 7:00 Hanging of the Greens, Sanctuary Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Nov 29-Dec 6, 2015)	30 9:00-12:00 Preschool					



November Birthdays

- 1 Teresa Hudson
- 2 Ben Sadler
- 3 Douglas Jones
- 5 Steven Carter
- 5 Richard Covington
- 5 William (Bill) French
- 5 Kay Rice
- 6 Larry Hudson
- 8 Anderson Farmer
- 8 Dennis Taylor Sr
- 15 Dennis Taylor Jr
- 19 Ben Crawford
- 19 Heather Smith
- 20 Lillian Jones
- 20 Chantal Toombs
- 22 Adam Woolridge
- 23 Laura Ferguson
- 24 Ruth Judd
- 26 John (Buddy) Thomas
- 27 Troy Smith
- 28 Catherine Durrett
- 28 Charles Ponton



November Reminders

Deacon of the Week:

Nov 1 – Priscilla Shuler

Nov 8 – Sandy Taylor

Nov 15 – Ed Britt

Nov 22 – Carolyn Lane

Nov 29 – Neal Tidman

Counters: – To be determined

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Flowers:

Nov 1 – Olivia & Tim Perry

Nov 8 – Barbara Lanford

Nov 15 – Lee & Hardy Dunnington

Nov 22 – Sallie Tidman

Nov 29 – Beverly & Glenn McDearmon

Nursery Workers: *

Nov 1 – Sallie Tidman & Sabrina Farris

Nov 8 – Tracey Mallory & Kristen Bissoon

Nov 15 – Carolyn Lane & Jeanne Jordan

Nov 22 – Heather Smith & Jenn Thomas

Nov 29 – Cathy Gray & Kailey Gray

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:30 service; the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00 service.