

Dear Church, by the time you read this newsletter you will have undoubtedly heard or was privileged to see the ordination and installation of three of our church members as Deacons. Some people may think that this is just another "bureaucratic church function" that is required by church polity. I guess you could look at it that way, but if you do, you would also be looking at it in the wrong way completely missing the spiritual significance of this important event. On Sunday, September 30th in accordance with biblical principles and in keeping with church tradition dating back to the first century, we will have ordained and installed the following individuals: **Charlene Gray, Meredith Pack and Charlie Stevens**. These two women and one man are known to follow Christ closely and stand ready to serve our Lord and Savior and His church. These 3 individuals take following Christ seriously. I hope you do too. I hope that you want to be an active part of a church that takes following Christ seriously! If so, you are in the right place. I don't mind telling you that I want to, in sense, make you uncomfortable. I want to "*stir up in you the high calling of Jesus Christ*" on your life! You see, Jesus didn't pay in blood, so that we could live in ease. Jesus died on the cross, so that you and I could see how to carry ours! The truth is, you don't have to become a Deacon to serve. But those who look up to Jesus, listen to Him, learn from Him, live like Him, love like He loved, will also serve like He served! Will You? Are You?

Deacon Expansion

During this recent Deacon Nomination and selection process, the Senior Pastor and Deacons came to the realization that the current number of Deacons (9) as dictated by the current By-Laws, needs to be changed to **Twelve**. With the church growing in numbers and ministries expanding, the Deacon Body is recommending that the church revise the By-Laws to allow for these additional Deacons for service during this upcoming term.

By-Law Revision

The Current By-Laws in Article IX, Section 4 stipulates that the By-Laws may be "*altered by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any regular business meeting providing one month's previous notice is given. The proposed changes will be made available at least two weeks prior to the meeting.*"

Therefore, this notification is provided well in advance of the 30 day requirement. The specific language addressing the By-Law revision will be provided NLT **October 14, 2018 – with a vote occurring at the regular scheduled business meeting on October 28.**

Deacon Eligibility

The Senior Pastor and Deacon Body will be recommending the following individuals for consideration:

Mike Cooper

Jeff Diritto

Bonnie Gromovsky

Jake Phelix

Joseph Stepp

These five individuals have already been nominated by the church, interviewed by the Senior Pastor and Deacons and are eminently qualified to serve as Deacons. Several received votes during the last voting session. **We are asking that the church select an additional three candidates to serve in this current term, beginning on November 1, 2018.**

Conclusion

I'll be sharing the details of this process as we move forward with the By-Law revision occurring first, and then the selection of an additional three Deacons by a secret ballot vote – **all on October 28th, during the regular scheduled business meeting.** Stay tuned.

Together We Serve,

Pastor Frank

A Word about Preaching

September 26, 2018

Let me begin by saying that I love to preach and I think I'm pretty good at it. At least that's what I am told. I'm also a team oriented person. Dating back to my days as a young boy, through my teen-age years, and into college I was immersed in team sports. I learned during those formative years the importance of performing as an athlete with enthusiasm and excellence. To always do my best. I also learned the value of being part of a team and that my personal performance, no matter how good or bad I did, was overshadowed by the team's performance. We won as a team and lost as a team.

This team orientation was reinforced in the earliest days of my calling into ministry, as I once again served, but this time within the structure of a team of ministers. I had a particular job, a personal calling, but my ministry was not independent but interdependent. This concept grew in complexity and gravity as I was called to serve in the sea services as a Navy Chaplain. I was now part of pluralistic and ecumenical team that encompassed not only various denominations but also faith groups.

All this is to say, that I am a creature of TEAM MINISTRY. Which is a good thing given that Jesus Himself was also a proponent of TEAM MINISTRY. The Gospels tell us that one of the first things He did following His baptism and launching His personal ministry was to seek out and call His Disciples – His Team. Not long after that, Jesus reinforced this idea of TEAM MINISTRY by sending out “the 72” (Luke 10:1-20). These Christ-followers had been exposed to Jesus and His ministry for some time, they had been trained, and seen up close and personal the ministry of Jesus. Now they were tasked to go and do what He Himself was doing.

You may be asking, “Pastor Frank, why are you telling us this?” Well, you may have noticed that I have been sharing the preaching duties with Joseph Pack and Doug Farris. They have preached not only when I have been gone but also when I am not gone. Not too long ago I asked Doug if he would preach a 3-part sermon series. And he did an excellent job. I have also asked Joseph to do the same thing starting **Sunday, October 28th through Sunday, November 11th** (I will be away on only one of those Sundays, October 28th). Also, I will be gone the first Sunday in December, leading some of our members on a trip to the Holy Land, which will require another preacher to bring the message that Sunday.

Let me close by saying that I BELIEVE IN THE NECESSITY AND POWER OF A PREACHING TEAM. I honestly believe that this can lead to a healthier and more sustainable proclamation ministry and I believe we will see more fruit as a result. Next month I'll do a deeper dive into why I think a preaching team is best suited for BGBC.

I love you all,
Pastor Frank

DEACON MINISTRY UPDATE

Doug Farris

At our last Deacons meeting a new slate of officers were elected. They are:

- Doug Farris – Chairman
- Sherry Brillhart – Vice Chairwoman
- Charles Cushing – Secretary

Additionally, various Deacons were assigned to standing committees of the church:

- Finance – Doug Farris, Charles Cushing, and John Markham
- Personnel – Doug Farris and Sherry Brillhart
- Nominating – Sherry Brillhart
- Church Council – Doug Farris and Charlene Gray
- Care and Visitation – Danielle Cushing
- Missions Council – Brad Thomas and Charles Cushing

The Deacon of the Week (DOW) is provided below through February 2019.

Deacons Schedule 2018-2019

October

7 Brad Thomas
14 Danielle Cushing
21 Charles Stevens
28 Charlene Gray

January 2019

6 Doug Farris
13 Meredith Pack
20 Charles Cushing
27 Sherry Brillhart

November

4 Doug Farris
6 Doug Farris
13 Meredith Pack
20 Charles Cushing
27 Sherry Brillhart

February

3 John Markham
10 Brad Thomas
17 Danielle Cushing
24 Charles Stevens

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3 John Markham
10 Brad Thomas
17 Danielle Cushing
24 Charles Stevens

11 Meredith Pack
18 Charles Cushing
25 Sherry Brillhart

December

2 John Markham
9 Brad Thomas
16 Danielle Cushing
23 Charles Stevens
30 Charlene Gray



Our annual Va missions in September received \$430.00 toward our goal of \$1000.00. Special emphasis was Sept. 17-23, 2018; however we can continue to give during the year. VA Baptist churches continue the legacy of meeting human needs and sharing Christ. New churches, disaster relief response, mission education and summer camps are just some of the ways we give to others with our love. I John 3:18 says "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth"

Our annual WMU mission study and brunch will be held at County Line Baptist Church on Sat. Oct 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. After brunch we will be led by Pastor Mel Covington in our study this year: Refugees Around the World.

Those who attended services on Sunday, Sept.9, 2018, were blessed as Ella Divilbliss spoke to us about her recent mission trip to the Novgorod region of Russia. While there she worked alongside others who presented Bible School for the children who came to hear about Jesus – some for the first time.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, a Barbeque luncheon was held from 11-2 to raise funds for missions. This was catered by Boe and Jean Satterwhite and headed up by Brad Thomas. Many others helped make this a success. Our WMU is always striving to help support missions in many ways.

Our church's collection of pasta and meat cups ended early and very successfully on Sunday, Sept 16, 2018. Our church collected a total of 402 items, which exceeded the 300 asked of us to contribute. Any later items may be left in the church office and these will be added to the collection. For those who would like to be a part of this packing process for underserved children, please RSVP to our church office by Oct. 13, 2018.

Our annual church collection for food for Thanksgiving to those in need will begin Sunday, Oct. 28 and will end Sunday, Nov.18, 2018. Anyone wishing to submit the name of a needy family, please give the information to Susie Hicks or the church office. Baskets will be on a table in the Family Ministry Center and under the bench in the missions area. Monetary donations are welcomed.

Operation Christmas Child -- shoe boxes may be picked up in the Family Ministry Center and in the back of the sanctuary after Tues. Oct. 9. Please bring in filled boxes before Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, as Pastor Frank will have a special dedication for these gifts at the early service. Please note instructions inside the boxes, especially as to items not allowed.

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



“Male Call”.... Men’s breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th at 8am in the FMC. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast, good fellowship, Praise and Worship, and dive into God’s word. Sign up sheet located in the FMC.

Fall Bible Studies.....Two new bible studies have begun in the Maury Heights area of Bowling Green at the home of Pat and Lisa Shields, 17485 Coolidge Lane.

- **Women’s Study:** Wednesdays at 10:30am. A study of Nehemiah using the book, *“Renovator’s Dream.”*
- **Co-ed Study:** Tuesdays at 7pm. A study of the Book of Acts using the book, *“Mission Unstoppable.”*

For more information, contact Pat or Lisa Shields at: 240-338-1027 (Pat) or 240-434-2938 (Lisa) or via email:

shieldsp@md.metrocast.net

Children’s Ministry Director...The search team for the new Children’s Ministry Director includes: Paige Carter, Carolyn Lane, Kristin Bissoon, Roger Kennedy and Jeff Dirrito. The team has begun meeting and will provide updates as they go forward.

The Lords Supper....On Sunday October 7th, we will be celebrating communion in both services.

Harvest Festival....It’s that time of the year when literally thousands of festival goers will descend on Bowling Green for the annual “Harvest Festival” on Saturday, October 20th. For the city this is a time to highlight the community and perhaps to augment the city finances. For us here at BGBC, it is great opportunity to showcase

our church and our ministries by engaging, connecting and impacting all those who pass in front of our church. Once again we will be providing the following – and more:

- Cookies for Christ
- Water bottles
- Christian Concert
- Ministry tables
- Inflatable

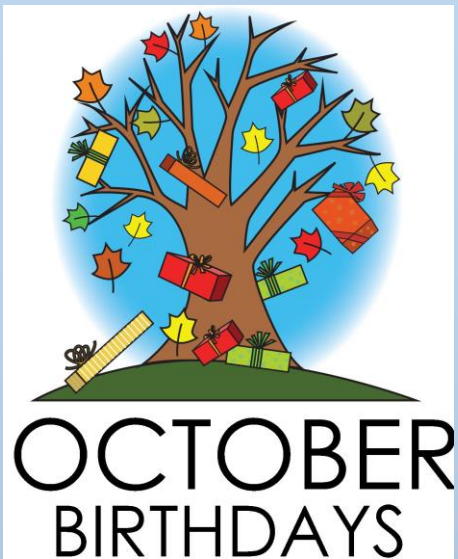
Needless to say it takes many hands to make this work. If you would like to participate please sign up at church and indicate where you would like to serve and the time you are available. For more information, contact the church office or MacWayne Williams at:

macwilliams1@verizon.net

Church Council....The church council will be meeting on Monday, October 15th at 7pm in the Philathea Room. Planning and discussion will focus on the church calendar through the end of 2018 and into 2019. New initiatives will be discussed.

Town Hall Meeting....In order to allow for transparency and to provide ample opportunity for review, the 2019 budget proposal will be discussed. This will occur on **Sunday, October 21st at 10:00am in the FMC.** Budget discussion at the Business Meeting on the 28th will be limited to 5-10 minutes, so this is the best opportunity to review and discuss. If you cannot make this meeting, then please feel free to contact Pastor Frank, Terry Bullock, or John Markham if you have any questions.

Quarterly Business Meeting...At our business meeting on Sunday, October 28 at 10:00am the 2019 budget will be presented for vote. Also we will be considering a motion to revise the By-Laws to allow for a change in the number of Deacons from the current number of nine to twelve. With the passage of that revision, we will then vote on five candidates with the top three vote getters becoming Deacons as part of the 2021 Class. (See the “From The Pastor” article for more information).



Kailey Gray	3
Ed Britt	4
Sherry Brillhart	5
Christie Hall	6
Suzanne Stepp	7
Helen Williams	7
Ian Diritto	12
Joshua Cushing	13
Sabrina Farris	13
Cathy Gray	13
Walton Mahon	13
Mike Cooper	14
Jennifer Thomas	14
Priscilla Shuler	19
Tyler Apperson	21
Amber Brillhart	28
Jean Farmer	30
Kyle Farris	30
Kathy Burchell	31



Deacon of the Week:

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Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Doug Farris

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters– Laura Ferguson & Sandy Taylor

Flowers:

Oct 7	Anne Wright
Oct 14	Meredith Pack
Oct 21	Robyn Fisher
Oct 28	Lee Dunnington

Coffee & Snack Schedule:

Oct. 7	Sherry Brillhart
Oct. 14	Carolyn Lane
Oct. 21	Cathy Gray
Oct. 28	Ella Divelbliss

Nursery Workers: *

7th – Ruth Judd – Sharon Swanton – Jessalynn Swanton*
 14th – Pam Iddins – Heather Diritto – Hannah Kennedy*
 21st – Jenn Thomas – Rachel Call – Laney Thomas
 28th – Jamie Schumann – Jake Phelix – Christianna Gray*

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service;
 the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00
 service.