



Sept. 25, 2019

This Saturday is Important

We humans tend to regulate our internal calendars by the arrival or passing of certain events. For many local residents the conclusion of our Street Fair is a doorway into autumn.

Jewish Feasts formed a schedule for the Hebrew people. Their lives and calendars were structured around seven feasts, which were celebrated during three annual festivals.

We also recognize that these Jewish Feasts somehow align with God’s redemptive plan. No one fully comprehends the exact details. We do know, for example, that Jesus was crucified on Passover.

The Feast of Trumpets begins this Sunday at sundown in Jerusalem, Israel (around 11:00 a.m. in Bluffton) and lasts seven days. The first day of this annual feast is called Rosh Hashanah. It’s equivalent to our own New Year’s Day. At the outset of this feast they blow a trumpet (“shofar” or ram’s horn).

Many Bible students speculate that someday Jesus could possibly return on Rosh Hashanah. No one knows for certain. But it’s thrilling to ponder the promised return of our LORD.

I believe this Saturday, September 28 is an important day in God’s kingdom. As we often do on our own New Year’s Eve, let’s take time this Saturday to sincerely evaluate our lives. Are we alert and prepared for the return of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ? Then we will gather as a church body this Sunday to consider and celebrate the second advent of Jesus.

Expectant with You,

Les

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 25

5:15 p.m. – Movin’ Up

Thursday, Sept. 26

6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids’ Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teacher Schedule

Sept. 29, 2019

Nursery

Evalyn Fate/ Alexis Collins

Kids’ Time

Ruth Ann Monroe/

Chris McFarren

LOL

Debbie Cantrell

Stewardship Report

Sept. 22, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2,449.00
Missions	150.00
Building/Maint Fund	90.00
Deacons	15.00
Match Fund	80.00
Street Fair Parking	90.00
White Cross	100.00

Total \$ 2,974.00



Women's Night Bible Study

All women are invited to join the Women's Night Bible Study which will begin Monday, Oct. 14. It will be from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the church. We will be studying "Women of the Bible" by Ann Spangler and Jean Syswerda. The book costs \$11. Please sign up on the yellow sheet in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Julia Duncan at 260-227-1989.



Movin' Up Snacks and Crafts

Here's an opportunity for you to help out with our Wednesday night kids program. We need a variety of items. Some are for a specific night and others you can bring any time. There will be a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board this Sunday. Please sign up for whatever you would like to bring and note when we need it. Label your goods "Movin' Up" or "Kids" and leave it in the kitchen. Thank you for your help!

Soup and Salad Lunch

The deacons will host a carry-in lunch on Sunday, Oct. 13 after worship. They will provide various kinds of soups and crackers. Everyone is asked to bring a large side-dish to share. Some ideas are salads, sandwiches, pastas, or desserts. It will be a wonderful time to enjoy some autumn food and fellowship. Plan now to attend!



Build a Stronger Marriage

Debbie and I attended our first "Weekend to Remember" back as an engaged couple. We will attend again this coming February as we celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2020.

Marriage is a lifelong adventure of growing together through every age and stage of life. The happiest couples are those who commit to learning skills that help them weather difficult seasons and deal confidently with relationship challenges.

Find out what over 1.5 million couples worldwide have experienced at FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember®. It's your turn to make a great marriage happen. Conferences are offered all over the country for your convenience. The conference schedule includes enjoyable speakers, insightful questions you can discuss privately, and plenty of time to relax and have fun.

FBC has set up a group account; the code is fbcbluffton. This allows those connected with our church to get \$100.00 off the conference registration fee. There are also periodic discounts offered on their website that are even better. FamilyLife will automatically give registrants the best deal.

Don't allow finances to keep you from attending this important event. The church deacon board wants to invest in building stronger marriages within our fellowship. Speak with a deacon or Les to secure financial assistance for this conference.

For more detailed information, brochures are available on the tables in the church foyer and in The Gathering Place. Also, please talk with Les or Debbie if you have additional questions.

Blessings,

Les

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Homebound Members

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Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Barb Smekens – Room 217B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B
Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

Help People Follow Jesus

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service