

OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Truth Seekers 6 pm Youth and Bible Study Meeting 6:30 PM	3	4	5 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM OCC Packing Party 2 pm to 4 pm 
6 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	7	8	9 Truth Seekers 6 pm Youth and Bible Study Meeting 6:30 PM	10	11	12 Ladies Swap Meet 9 AM
13 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	14	15	16 NO Truth Seekers Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20 Worship Services 10:45 AM 3:00 PM Report Booths 4:00 PM BBA Annual Mtg & Celebration Svc	21	22	23 Truth Seekers at 6:00 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	24	25	26  OCC Packing Party 2 pm to 4 pm
27 Worship Services 10:45 AM 6:00 PM	28	29	30 Truth Seekers at 6:00 PM Youth and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM	31		



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Billie Robinson
- 3rd..... Barbara Hawkins
- 3rdEvie Kellam
- 12th..... Carla McGovern
- 14th..... Bonnie Lieder
- 14th..... Carol Chandler
- 14th Pam Williams
- 17th..... Gayle Ellis
- 18th..... Wanda Southerland
- 21st Eileen Meadows
- 23rd..... Linda George
- 23rd..... Brad Holley
- 23rd..... Mary Sue Hudson
- 25th..... Pat Hawkins
- 26th..... Tom Marcum
- 27th..... Gary McLarry



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Steve & Sherry Harlin
- 1st Robby & Laura Syler
- 2nd Bill & Gehrounda Hicks
- 10th Tony & Shandi Collins
- 19th Dale & Nancy Ballard

OCTOBER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & GROWTH

October 5 - Men’s Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m.

October 5 - Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes ages 2-4 in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00. WMU Goal is 100 Gospel Opportunities.

October 7 - WMU and Deacon’s Meeting at 5:00 pm

October 12—Ladies Swap Meet from 9 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall

October 16 - No Truth Seekers due to Fall Break.

October 20 - Bryan Baptist Association’s 114th Annual Meeting at Silo. Report Booths 3 to 4 pm; Business Meeting & Celebration Service 4:00 to 6:00.

October 26 – Operation Christmas Child Packing Party from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for 10-14 age group. WMU Goal is 200 Gospel Opportunities.



Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Project Leader, Lisa Carter (580) 380-2719.

Church Family,

I have been thinking about 1 Samuel 3 a lot in the recent days. It is when God called Samuel to be a prophet before the LORD. In verses 1-10 we remember God speaking to Samuel and how Samuel was going to the priest, Eli, thinking that Eli was calling him. In v.10, Eli gives Samuel direction that is still very much applicable for today. He told Samuel to pray, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” It is likely that we all know that verse and likely that we have even prayed it ourselves.

However, in the same chapter that God calls Samuel, we see a very sobering truth. 1 Samuel 3:1 states, **“And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.”** RC Sproul said, “The Lord’s withholding His word is a sign of His displeasure. Conversely, His communication to Samuel is a sign of favor.” God has given us the fullness of all knowledge we need in the Bible. It is sufficient for all of life. The Reformers proclaimed this in the mid sixteenth century. They concluded Sola Scriptura which means “Scripture Alone.”

Here is my thought to share with you. How often is it that the “word of the LORD is rare” in our lives? While we have the complete revelation (word) from God, we do not pick it up and read it. It is as if the Word of the LORD is rare and seldom used when it sits available on the shelf, in our cars, or sadly lost and misplaced. If the Word of God is “rare” in our lives, it is because we are rarely picking it up and reading it.

Being a follower of Jesus means that we follow Him, not the idea of Him. To follow Him, we read and apply His Word faithfully each day. I hope that this article finds you and me faithful to be a student of God and His Word. The Bible.

I love you,
YOUR Pastor
John 15:16