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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy



Pastor Tom Dendy

Happy Fall Y'all! November ushers in cooler temps and shorter daylight days and Stewardship Season here at Celebration. I want to pose to you a simple concept or foundation for your personal Stewardship considerations and commitments for the coming year – 2020 (Can you believe it is really 2020?).

In his book titled *The Rhythm of Life – Living Everyday with Passion and Purpose*, author **Matthew Kelly** offers some great suggestions for our personal stewardship in a chapter titled: *Be the Difference That Makes the Difference* (pages 275-277).

Make a difference. It is not that hard. Make the habit of making another person's day. Every day.

Have you ever received an unexpected letter? I love to receive letters, and I am fortunate to receive many, every day, from people all around the world. They come from family and close friends and also from people I have never met. It's a wonderful feeling to receive an unexpected letter—the excitement teetering on impatience as you open the envelope. Yet for most people it is a rare joy.

...Write an unexpected letter today. Write a letter to an old friend whom you haven't seen in years or to someone you love whom you haven't written to in a while. It isn't hard; it doesn't take that much. Write a short note on a small piece of paper, put it in an envelope, address the envelope, and take it down to your post office. It will cost you the price of the postage stamp and five minutes of your time to make someone's day.

Or when was the last time you bought someone a box of chocolates or a bunch of flowers? Not because it's someone's birthday or anniversary or for any reason other than to brighten up his or her day. When was the last time you baked someone chocolate chip cookies?

When was the last time you sat down with people you love and told them of your love for them? It's best to express it in your actions, but it doesn't hurt to say it. Perhaps you are married. When was the last time you told your spouse how much he or she means to you? When was the last time you sat your husband or wife down and said, "You know, for me, you are the sun, rain, fire, ice, New York, L.A. and every town along the way"? It doesn't take much, but it makes a difference.

Whisper, "I love you," in your sleeping child's ear.

These things may seem simple and external, but they reflect a much deeper quality in a person. Spiritually, we strive to be patient because God is patient, we seek to be kind because God is kind, we try to be humble and gentle because they are the ways of God, we seek to love and be loved because God is love.

Yet above everything else, beyond everything else, before everything else—God is a giver. God always gives. He never takes. He only gives. Always giving. Giving is God's life and existence. For God, giving is the perpetual motion of His being. That is why to give a box of chocolates or a bunch of flowers, or to take time to write a letter, is an act of greatness. It is an act of greatness because it is an act that emerges from the heart and mind of God. If all our actions could be performed with this disposition, we would be living life to the fullest.

I promise you with absolute certitude that there is no faster, surer way to share in the life, the power, and the infinite joy of God than to give.

Give of your time, give of your talents, and give of your resources to make a difference in other people's lives. It is the way of greatness. This is the way of God. It is the way of legends, heroes, stars, champions, leaders and saints. I hope and pray that it becomes your way, and mine.

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FALL ON BROADWAY II

Fall on Broadway II is a wrap. The show did not disappoint as the audience was entertained and awed by the talent of the performers who sang a wide variety of songs from *Phantom of the Opera* to *Hamilton*. Sarah Abushakra learned all the music and provided the direction to this dedicated group whose marvelous voices transferred us from Myrtle Beach to a night on Broadway.

At intermission, our guests enjoyed delicious homemade cookies and punch. Thank you to all those dedicated bakers for sharing their time and talent for us to have a sweet treat.

Thank you Marsha and Steve Meek for all your hard work to make this event a success. We appreciate the great Silent Auction items you procured for the event. Please see the list below of those businesses who supported Fall on Broadway. Everyone enjoyed the spirited bidding on these wonderful items.

Our raffle baskets offered a wide variety of options from Grandma's Rainy Day basket to the ever popular Raking in the Dough. From the number of tickets in the raffle, it was concluded that this was the best loved rake of the weekend.

For an event of this size to come together it takes each and every person sharing their time and talent for the event to be successful. It was a success all the way around with everyone pitching in to sell tickets, provide silent auction items, raffle baskets, refreshments, beautify the grounds, set-up, clean-up and most importantly bringing friends to enjoy the event.

A great big thank you to all for your love of Celebration which helped us to raise over \$5,600 to support Hurricane Dorian Relief and the ministries of Celebration.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

By Myra Burrows

Volunteers are needed to assist Trudy Miller in our Children's Church on one or more Sundays each month. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thanks for serving so our parents can attend worship.



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our October lunch had us dining at the Olde Bull and Bush which features Irish/British fare.

There were 14 Ladybugs in attendance. There were lots of meat and potato dishes such as Shepherd's Pie, Pasty's, Steak and Ale, etc. to go around.

We collected \$75.00 in donations. Last month we sent \$150.00 to the Salvation Army earmarked for Hurricane Dorian relief.

As always, the friendship, camaraderie and laughter makes for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, November 7, 2019 at noon at Capriccio's Italian Restaurant located in the 38th street shopping plaza off of Bypass 17. If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited.hope to see you there. Come join a bunch of fun Ladybugs!

SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

The session reviewed the article, *The Gifts of a Small Church*. Each session member shared their favorite part of Celebration. Elders shared that the church has a warm and friendly feeling, allows you the opportunity to grow and learn new things as you are serving the church, has closeness, has a high percentage of participation, and gives that family friendly feeling you get as you enter the door.

The session continues to review the finances of the church and look for opportunities to grow the church and expand our reach. For the month of September we were in the black by \$21.75. The next finance committee meeting is November 6, at 5:30pm.

Fall on Broadway II was a success, raising over \$5,600. Thank you to all.

Old Business: A motion was made and approved to provide the Swing Family, the missionaries in the Bahamas, \$800 and the special music fund with \$200 from FOB proceeds. This was due to CFHS not participating this year so funds were reallocated.

As we continue through the year finances continue to be a concern. The Endowment Fund currently has \$47,555. The principle is \$36,000 and the rest is interest. A motion was made and approved to move 80% of the interest to the general operating account if monthly mortgage and payroll could not be met. This is approximately \$7,000 depending on the market. The preference is not to touch the money unless necessary so there is a reserve in case of a larger expense.

There was a discussion around community events and how we could be more involved in the community outside the church to share about Celebration's mission and ministries to the community. Suggestions included attending the Carolina Forest Civic Club meeting, involvement in library events and working with the recreation center on events.

Evangelism has had several movie suggestions from the congregation and continues to offer monthly movie nights- November's movie is "Waiting for Butterflies" on November 12 at 6pm.

On November 17, at 4pm, at Trinity Presbyterian in Surfside, a service of Thanksgiving and Gratitude through song will be jointly hosted by Celebration's and Trinity's choirs.

The Youth will be selling Belk Charity Days tickets to be used on November 9, and looking at various options for the summer of 2020.

The property committee was thrilled to announce the new cross had been added with electricity to the side of the building. Along with the 10 volunteers on work day and bush hogging, this added to the vibrancy of the property.

Preschool: A motion was made and approved to increase tuition for 2020-2021 school year by \$5 and to increase the payment to Celebration to \$3,800 a month. A motion was made and approved to test additional preschool services including early bird drop off, brunch bunch and total lunch bunch experience.

The meeting was ended with Good of the Order concerns followed by prayer.



Create Your Legacy
Did you know you can help take care of your church
after you die?
Remember to give a gift to Celebration Presbyterian
Church in your estate planning!!

HOSPITABLE FAITH

By Terry Pettijohn

This month as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we present an article about hospitable faith. Think about how you can show your hospitable faith. -Elder Pettijohn

"Hospitable Faith" by Gina Yeager-Buckley - October 15, 2019 In Re: Ruling Elders

"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him" (Luke 19:5-6).

Zacchaeus gets a bad rap in the biblical character personality review. He's a tax collector. Actually, he is a ruler among the tax collectors as the passage offers. Which essentially translates into "despised bureaucrat" who not only takes the peoples' money but bosses the other people who also take the peoples' money.

Zacchaeus is not a popular, beloved, sought-after neighbor or citizen in Jericho. So, it's quite the biblical surprise when, without a moment of hesitation, Zacchaeus hops down out of the tree and welcomes Jesus into his home.

At the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, Christian speaker, writer, and theologian Sandra Van Opstal, offered another perspective on Zacchaeus. Van Opstal offers that Zacchaeus is so much more than a "wee little man." He was a man who responded to Jesus' need for a roof and a meal with no hesitation. He was a person who received and provided true hospitality. No polite demurring words or warnings about Jesus potential loss of reputation if seen eating at Zacchaeus' home. No (at least from what we can distill) worried preparations or fretful hand-wringing at the thought of entertaining the son of God. No.

With Zacchaeus there was simply the sense of pleasure. He was "happy" to welcome Jesus. Van Opstal went on to describe the interaction of Jesus and Zacchaeus as "the ultimate description of hospitality." The ease to share one's need (Jesus) and the eagerness to respond to the need of another (Zacchaeus).

We tend to think of hospitality as something we offer. And within that offer there is effort, preparation, planning, execution of the plan, clean up, etc. It seems that hospitality equals work. That hospitality involves "sacrifice."

But hospitality is actually very simple. Profound, in fact, in its simplicity. Hospitality happens within the tiny, almost imperceptible movements and moments of life. First, hospitality happens when we NOTICE. Second, hospitality happens when we OPEN ourselves. Third, hospitality happens when we GIVE and finally, when we RECEIVE.



PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

The children have adjusted well to the new school year after our delayed start from yet another hurricane. Our October was so much fun with our annual trip to Thompson Farm. We had around 200 people attend. We could not have asked for more perfect weather. It started off cool like fall and the temperature rose to make it a perfect day. The end of the month was spent celebrating Halloween. Everyone was so excited to share what they were dressing up as for the big day. Our parties this year were a big success.

This year we are adding a few new options to our program. Beginning November 1, parents will be able to drop off their children in the morning starting at 7:30am for Early bird drop off. We are also extending the lunch bunch program to allow afternoon children to come for a full lunch bunch session. They will arrive at school at 9:30am and then go to class at 12:15pm. This program will be called Brunch Bunch. We will also have the option to come to school from 9:30-2:00 on a day that is not a scheduled school day. These options will be on a trial basis until December 20. At that time, we will decide if it is worth continuing. It is our hope that these new options will help make parents scheduling easier.

November will bring our annual Thanksgiving Feast to the preschool with turkey, sweet potato chips, cornbread muffins (provided by Ms. Jeanne) and a friendship fruit salad made from the fruit brought in by each of our students. Preschool will be closed November 27-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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...When you refuse to give, holding on tightly to everything you have, you live in the realm of lack and limitation. When you give, you perform a significant and vital attitude change. By giving, you express abundance—and what you express in thought, word, and action will become the reality of your life. Here, veiled mysteriously by the act of giving, we discover the abundant life.

When you give to assist in someone else's need, you learn very quickly that the satisfaction of giving is greater than the satisfaction of having.

As time goes by, you realize that many of the things you once thought you needed, you don't really need. With this realization of your own abundance, you are able to give more. Have you noticed that although God is always giving, He is never without? God is not lack or limitation—God is abundance. For God, giving is like breathing—let it become so for you and for me, and our lives will be full of excitement, passion, satisfaction, contentment, and fulfillment.

...Finding our place in the world, finding our place in our local community, and making a difference in our own way all give meaning, purpose, and a deep, deep sense of fulfillment to our lives. We must not only find it for ourselves but help every individual to find the same. — Matthew Kelly

Celebration Friends, Jesus boiled the teachings of the law and prophets down to **“Loving God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and loving my neighbors, and loving myself.”** LOVE is the central theme of who God is and how God works – God loves, and God gives! God desires the same from each of us. How we commit to express this and live this out is a matter of our personal Stewardship of the Life God has given us. We can give our lives back to GOD through use of our time, our talents, and our treasures or financial resources to share in and support ministries and missions that glorify God and demonstrate love for our neighbors in need, and grow in discipleship in a loving relationship with God.

I invite each of you to join me in prayerfully and carefully considering your own stewardship interests and commitments here at Celebration for the year 2020, and I pray that you will give faithfully and generously—out of your abundance—with a spirit of love and joy and fullness of life—as you do your part to support and share in the ongoing mission and ministry of Celebration Presbyterian Church for the coming year.

Stewardship Materials and 2020 Estimate of Giving Forms will be distributed in early November for your review and completion. **Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 17, 2019**, during morning worship. Completing and returning your Estimate of Giving Form will help our Session prepare a budget for the mission and ministry needs for 2020.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP AND ONGOING GENEROSITY HERE AT CELEBRATION!

Pastor Tom



Don't forget Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2am. "Fall" back one hour before bed on Saturday Night!



CELEBRATION LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 7, 2019 AT 12PM

AT THE PINE LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

\$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY

Meal includes your choice of entrée, a garden salad,
mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter,
chocolate mousse with raspberry sauce, iced tea and coffee

Entrée Choices

Sliced Roast Beef

Chicken Francaise

Salad with Grilled Shrimp and a cup of tomato bisque

PLEASE SIGN UP ON SHEET IN THE NARTHEX ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRÉE SELECTION. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPC AND GIVE TO LINDA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR JEANNE BREDBECK BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

WE ARE ASKING EACH PERSON TO BRING AN UNWRAPPED CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR EITHER A GIRL OR BOY, AGES BIRTH THROUGH 11 YEARS OLD FOR THE SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Celebrate the season by enhancing our sanctuary with a Christmas Poinsettia.

It is now time to place our order for the Christmas Poinsettias. This year we will be ordering a red poinsettia for \$10.00 per plant. The poinsettias will decorate the church for the Christmas season. Order forms will be available on the credenza in the hallway. Deadline for orders will be November 24.





THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

By Cecilia Evans

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Nancy Torcivia Dom Torcivia Margaret Reeder Beth Bruton Marsha Meek Steve Meek	Roy Andrews Laurie Andrews Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh Doug Larson	Kathy Wechter Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Mike Kotora Joann Piazza Rosie Rashid Jerry Rashid Paul Youngblood Patty Youngblood
January 10	February 14	March 21	January 17	February 21
April 11	May 9	June 20	April 18	May 16
July 11	August 8	September 19	July 18	August 15
October 10	November 14	December 19	October 17	November 21
Sub: Cindy Smith				

If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please contact Cindy Smith to see if she is available and let Linda know in the office. Thank you!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

By Ken Krenzer

We are continuing in the study of the book of John. The Adult Bible Study will not meet Sunday (November 3). We resume at 9:15 am on Sunday (November 10). We invite all to come and join us.



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

Nov 3-Talita Ikahihifo Bender
Nov 10-Kasey Watson
Nov 10-Donna Woodard
Nov 11- Missy Kiser
Nov 19-Elijah Tiani
Nov 20-Bob Miller

Nov 21-Thomas Bender
Nov 21-Martha Schmidt
Nov 22-Ken Deubler
Nov 22-Carol Mitchell
Nov 25-June Marcus
Nov 26-Tiffany Dunn

GOD GAB



GOD GAB is back by popular demand.

This month we will meet at Bob Evans on November 19, 6pm for fellowship and a lively discussion on the Bible topic of the day. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

MOVIE NIGHT

Waiting for Butterflies will be shown at Movie Night, Tuesday, November 12, at 6pm. All are welcome, sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, November 10, 2010, for the purpose of electing Elders.

SNEAKERS FOR SANTA



We will be collecting **new Sneakers for Santa** during the month of November. These will go with the socks we collected earlier this year that will be given to local children/youth through the Salvation Army. We would like to focus on middle and high school age children this year but you can also get smaller sizes for the younger children. Last year we collected 100 pairs and would like to meet or exceed that number this year.



COOPERATIVE THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND HYMN FEST

Sunday, November 17 at 4pm – Cooperative Thanksgiving Worship and Hymn Fest shared jointly between Celebration Presbyterian Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside.

Trinity Presbyterian Church located at 2061 Glens Bay Road in Surfside will host this cooperative event. This Cooperative event will feature music by the combined choirs of Celebration, led by Sarah Abushakra, and Trinity Church, led by Diana Scroggins, as well as congregational hymns of thanksgiving and scripture lessons/readings led by Pastors Tony Larson and Tom Dendy. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 NO Adult Bible Study Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Daylight Saving Time ends	4	5 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Girl Scouts meet here at 5pm	6 Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	7 LadyBug Luncheon Capriccio 12noon	8	9
10 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Communion Congregational Mtg	11	12 Quilters 10:00 am Movie Night 6pm	13 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	14 Team B cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm Session meet with Gavin Meek 4pm	15 Breakfast Buddies Early Riser Diner 9am	16
17 Stewardship Dedication Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery 4pm Cooperative Thanksgiving Worship at Trinity	18 STATED SESSION MEETING 6:30pm	19 Quilters 10:00 am Daisy Girl Scouts meet here at 5pm GOD GAB at Bob Evans 6pm	20 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	21 Team E cooks at The Shepherd's Table 1pm	22	23
24 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery	25	26	27 Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving	28	29	30



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Nov 3—Rick Thornburgh
 Nov 10—Katrena White
 Nov 17—Jeanne Bredbeck
 Nov 24—Cecilia Evans

Liturgist

Nov 3—Nancy Torcivia
 Nov 10—Elizabeth Wills
 Nov 17—Carol Butler
 Nov 24—Rick Thornburgh

Visitors Table/Greeter

Nov 3—Priscilla Mulligan
 Nov 10—Betsy Hughes
 Nov 17—Heidi Cherry
 Nov 24—Linda Miller

Children's Church—Trudy Miller

Nursery

Nov 3—Donna Woodard
 Nov 10—Nanette Kelly
 Nov 17—Nanette Kelly
 Nov 24—Donna Woodard

Media Shout

Nov 3—Bernadine Lamar
 Nov 10—Bernadine Lamar
 Nov 17—Katrena White
 Nov 24—Katrena White

Sound Booth

Nov 3—Carol Butler
 Nov 10—Carol Butler
 Nov 17—Bernadine Lamar
 Nov 24—Carol Butler

Ushers for the month

Rick and Nancy Thornburgh, Jesse Wallace,
 Donna Woodard

Communion Elders

Nancy Resnick, Katrena White, Bernie
 Pettijohn, Nanette Kelly, Nancy Torcivia

Chimes

Nov 3—Janet Rouseff, Kathy O'Halloran
 Nov 10—Sharon Mook, Cindy Smith
 Nov 17—Cindy Smith, Janet Rouseff
 Nov 24—Kathy O'Halloran, Sharon Mook



*If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please change with someone and
 let Linda know in the office. Thank you!*