

# Bethesda Beacon

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Read Luke 8:24-25

Luke 8:18, Jesus said: "Take heed to how you hear..."

Dear Bethesda Family,

Our life is full of challenges. Our walk with God is not immune from trouble. Our quest to walk in freedom in the fullness of His joy, peace, and love is challenged every day. In fact every new day comes a brand new challenge that by design, God wants to use to increase our faith. If we are going to overcome anything whether it be fear, addictions, repetitive sins it is going to take faith. Our faith increases as we walk through and conquer tough seasons in our life, but the key to our faith increasing is based on how we hear the Word of the Lord. That is why Jesus said in verse 18 to "take heed" to how we hear. Taking heed to the Word is paying close attention to what the Word says, standing on the promise and speaking that Word, then walking in or applying the Word.

Now in verse 22 Jesus speaks a word to the disciples and tells them to get into a boat and "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." Now, Faith is hearing what Jesus said, believing what He said, acting on what He said then walking into what He said. We should be able to take what the Word says, without instructions, and no matter what happens in the process of believing, know and stand on the truth of what He said. Jesus says we are going to the other side and if the Word of Truth speaks, no matter what obstacle may come up, we will soon be where He said we would be, on the other side. Many of us today cannot get on the other side of our failures because we never took heed to the Word and stood on the promise of its truth. Now in the middle of the trip to the other side in the midst of a storm, the disciples allowing fear to overcome their faith are in a panic. They have allowed the storm to dictate the way they saw their outcome. Did the disciples really take heed to what Jesus said? Jesus said we going to the other side, it was hard for the twelve to see that in the midst of water filling up the boat. They even spoke opposite of what Jesus had said. The disciples starting allowing there condition to control their speech even to speaking, they were going to perish. How many of us have allowed the storm to control us even to the point of speaking death over our situation. Take Heed to the Word. You will live and not die and declare the works of the Lord, you are more than conquerors through Him, you are accepted in the beloved, you are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you, you are an overcomer, you are moving from faith to faith and glory to glory. Take Heed!

To take heed in the Greek means to "look at". How can you look at what is said? Jesus is teaching us that when His Word is spoken we have to be able to by faith see ourselves where He says we are, not what you are in the midst of. If the disciples could have seen themselves on the other side of the lake, faith would have catapulted them to their destination. Instead, their fear robbed them of the ability to see themselves where Jesus said they were going. As we battle and drudge through our struggles, we must by faith take heed, be able to see ourselves on the other side of the storm, on the mountaintop, living addiction and sin free, and walking into all His promises. This is not walking by sight, its walking by faith. Hear the Word, speak it, see it, and hold it.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Paul D. Broussard

## Prayer list:

Our Pastor  
All Ministries at  
Bethesda UMC  
Military  
Leaders of America  
Woody Brewster  
Chuck Brown  
Earline Burke  
Michael Coffey  
Irma Davis  
Lula Dixon  
Kem & Linda Dugger  
Harry & Reba  
Edwards  
Ethan Ferguson  
Peggy Haupt  
Delanie Hickman  
Tony Hickman  
LouDean & Betty  
Hinely  
Diane Hodges  
Cindy Howard  
TJ Kessler  
Barbara Mast  
Kevin McDaniel  
Andrew Miles  
Carl Mingledorf  
Carol Morgan  
Clayton Morgan  
Scott Morgan  
Caroline Morton  
Richard Nyborg  
Shirley Palmer  
Robbie Pierce  
Brian Scott  
Connie Shuman  
Abby Smith  
Alice Smith  
Janet Smith  
Patty Wise Smith  
Irene Stanford  
Laurie Stregles  
Greg Stephens  
Virginia Strickland  
Joyce Wadsworth  
Susan Waller  
Alma Zettler  
Dwight Zipperer

## Thoughts for October 2020

Got an email from a yarn company today that began: “This time of year makes me think of falling leaves, walks in the woods, scarecrows, pumpkins, chili festivals, football games, and lots of cozy clothes. What makes you think of fall?” In October, my mind goes to costumes...we all like to wear them, but no one really wants to be deceived by someone wearing one.

The Bible warns of the worst costumes of all – those worn by Satan. 2 Corinthians 11:13-14 says: “These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”

Peter reminds us in 1 Peter 5:8-9 to “Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.”

Is there then a costume we can wear? Not really a costume, but a suit, a suit of armor. Paul describes it in Ephesians 6:10-18 “A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

Have fun this fall...watch for deception, wear the armor of God, and don’t forget to pray!

Take special time this October to pray for our up-coming elections. Ask God to lead us to vote for the persons who most fit into His will for this nation, for His plan. Pray that we will not be deceived by words, promises, but be led by truth, the Word of Truth, by Jesus who is the Truth.

Please continue to pray for our schools, especially in the fight against Covid 19. Ask God to help the teachers as they struggle with the variety of teaching methods in use this year. Remember the students as they strive to maintain not only their school work, but also friends, sports and other activities so important to their mental and physical health. Do not forget the bus drivers and other support staff as they work to keep safety for all.

And, it is the time for our Coastal District Charge Conference...pray for our pastor, secretary, ministry team, and District Superintendent as they prepare for this event and for 2021.

Diane Wilhelm, Prayer Ministry Coordinator.



Welcome our newest members to Bethesda!  
We are glad you are here;  
Wanda Simmons and Victoria Hendrix  
Paul Lafferty and Linda Jaworski

## Happy October Birthdays

1st	Clayton Morgan
1st	Dwight Hodges
4th	Jacen Jackson
5th	Bryanna Jackson
6th	Ashley Dasher
7th	Phillip Dickerson
7th	Dencie Edgy
10th	Penley Dasher
15th	Tyler Schoonover
20th	Macy Schoonover
21st	Miranda Tufts
21st	Frances Ambrose
21st	Gibson Nease
22nd	Erin LeNeave
24th	Brandi Strickland
25th	Paulus Zittrauer
25th	Alma Zettler
26th	Leslie Glick
26th	Corey Gordon
27th	Troy Davis
28th	Kason Pack
29th	Thressa Morgan
31st	Ashton Saxon
31st	Dennis Heinen

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**Thank you for your faithfulness!**

You are invited to a "BRIDE BY" shower for Sarah-Lyn Ward & Ashton Saxon on Saturday, October 3, 2020 any time from 10:00am - 12:00pm at Bethesda UMC.

In an effort to keep everyone safe in these challenging times, all guests are asked to remain in their vehicles. Sarah-Lyn and Ashton will be outside, at the front of the church, for you to talk with and congratulate.



The happy couple are registered at Belk, Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and locally at New Life Flowers & Gifts.

Also, find them on

TheKnot: [theknot.com/sarahlynandashtongetmarried](http://theknot.com/sarahlynandashtongetmarried)

We look forward to celebrating with you and hope to see you on October 3, 2020.

\*Hosted by Jennifer Granat: [Jwgranat@yahoo.com](mailto:Jwgranat@yahoo.com).

	<b>Happy October Anniversaries Wishes to</b>		
2nd	Bruce & Tina Keener	Married 27 Years	
6th	Bobby & Joyce Wadsworth	Married 47 Years	
9th	David & Wendy Zittrouer	Married 10 Years	
16th	Len & Kathy Morgan	Married 27 Years	
20th	Mike & Erin LeNeave	Married 8 Years	
28th	Odell & Eileen Olsen	Married 57 Years	
29th	DJ & Megan Dennard	Married 4 Years	
31st	Kem & Linda Dugger	Married 46 Years	

## Blessings / Kitchen Committee News

### **Blessings Received:**

Kitchen Cabinets and Countertops (And they are gorgeous), Cabinet Hardware and Shelf Liner, Commercial Refrigerator and Freezer, Stainless Pots, Stainless Bowls, Baking Sheets, Slotted and Serving Spoons, \$100 donation

### **Blessings Needed:**

Monetary donations for the purchase of: Dish Drain, Trivets, Colander, Cutting Boards, Metal Tongs, 2 Step Folding Stool, 3 Gallon Drink Dispenser, Saucepans, Commercial Electric Can Opener, Wooden High Chairs, Booster Seats, Keurig, Electric Griddles, Bread Serving towels, Kitchen Shears, round Tables, Chairs, Tablecloths, Rolling Stainless Serving Carts, Additional Shelving.

If you feel led to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of the above items, please see a Committee Member or leave a donation in the offering marked for kitchen/social hall.

We would like to receive donations by November 1st, so we may shop and stock the kitchen/social hall. We will plan a REVEAL soon. Thank You!

Your Committee Members:  
Teresa Pierce, Janice Nease, Brenda Saxon

**UMYF**  
 Sunday, October 4th  
 5:30-7:00pm  
 Bingo / Zaxby's

Sunday, October 18th  
 4:30-6:00pm  
 Pumpkins / Snacks



If you would like to donate to "People Helping People" there will be a collection container by the social hall doors.



Note change of days...

It will be available on Wednesday and Sundays.

Thank You!

October - most needed items:

Deodorant,  
 Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste,  
 Laundry Detergent,  
 Household Cleaners

### Trunk or Treat Announcement

Our annual trunk or treat is coming up on Saturday October 24th from 6-8!!

We need your TRUNKS!! ☐ the more the better!

Safety tricks/tips for socially distanced Trick or Treating:

A safe way to hand out candy from your trunk is to place wrapped candy or goody bags on a table in advance with lots of space between each of the pieces/goody bags.

Candy chute (homemade tunnel or slide) – create a slide or chute for your candy to be dropped into the trick or treaters basket!! (At least 6ft long)



We need your HELP!!

-Food/drink servers- we will need a couple people to serve pre-wrapped hotdogs, chips, condiment packets, water, and chili.

We need your CHILI – bring your favorite recipe

If you are unavailable to come you can still help by bringing candy or goody bags that can be placed on tables or dropped down candy chutes!

There is a sign-up sheet in the office for trunks.

Candy drop off basket is in the office. You can also sign up directly with me!

Wendy Zittrauer wendy.helmey@gmail.com

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No Calendar this month, since all activities are listed in the newsletter.