



Rustburg United Methodist Church IN HIS SERVICE – October 2025



Bugsy Arthur



George
Arthur



Heidi Arthur



Tilly
Cameron

Luke
Cameron



Izzy Cyrus



Zoey Wiley

For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

Creation's Redemption

By: Lisa Cameron

In Sermon 60, "The General Deliverance" John Wesley makes his case for God's eventual redemption of all creation: animals included. It's an unusual vision, rooted in the idea that animals' connection to God, through humankind, was disrupted when Eden's humans fell out of harmony with God.

"As all the blessings of God in paradise flowed through man to the inferior creatures; as man was the great channel of communication, between the Creator and the whole brute creation; so when man made himself incapable of transmitting those blessings, that communication was necessarily cut off."

Wesley's thesis that all creation will be redeemed is based on Romans 8:19-22:

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;" Romans 8:19-22 NRSV

Wesley leans into both Paul's words and Isaiah's Messianic and eschatological (end times) vision of a world at peace (Isaiah 11:6-9). He asks his congregation: 'Do we take God at His word?' Through Jesus, all of humankind now has the ability to know, love, and serve God. That connection distinguishes us from our pets, livestock, and all living things: both small and great. Humankind's fall may have had consequences for the natural world but God promises, in His time, humankind and all of creation will be redeemed. Until then? 'Redeem the time...go in full pursuit of the mind that was in Christ.' - J. Wesley



Pastor Appreciation Month

"I will appoint shepherds with whom I'm pleased,
and they will lead you with knowledge and
understanding." - Jeremiah 3:15

*THANK YOU REV. BROOKS; Your messages are full of insight and truth.
Thank you for continuing to preach the whole counsel of God. The Lord surely knew
that we would need a pastor as faithful as you.*

We appreciate everything you do for Rustburg United Methodist Church.



*Homer and Shirley Phillips
great-grandchildren.*

— God is good.

Thomas, Avery, Blakely, Reese, and Bennett. Phillips family is growing!!

RUMC MEN'S GROUP STEW & BBQ



October 18, 2025 | 12 PM
664 Village Hwy, Rustburg, VA
Stew: \$11 | BBQ: \$14

All proceeds go to Men's Group & local missions.



United Women in Faith

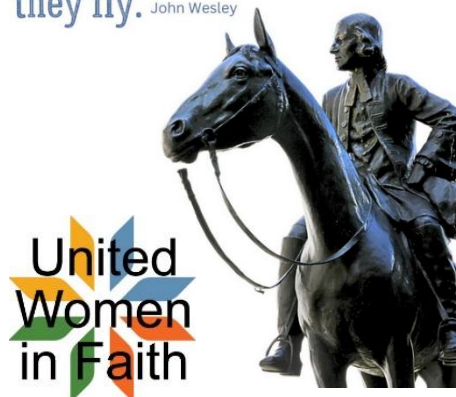
Please come and join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Small Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. We typically have a meeting, a brief program led by one of the members, and light refreshments afterwards.

Next Date: October 8, 2025

Love in Christ;
Donna Cameron | President of UWF

PS: Many thanks to all who helped out and attended September's Birthday Luncheon. The tables were colorful and cheerful, and the food was delicious!

Meanwhile redeem
the time, catch the
golden moments as
they fly. John Wesley



Virginia UWF Conference Mission Project Hats, Scarves, and Gloves for Ukraine

Trinity UMC in Richmond, VA is collecting handmade hats, scarves, and gloves in royal blue and yellow for Ukraine. There are no specific designs of patterns: just items that will keep children, youth and adults warm this winter. All items will be blessed and sent on their way on November 1st. Spring of Life UMC in Kiev will distribute them as Christmas gifts and any leftover will be distributed by a gentleman who provides refurbished ambulances for the communities there. Have fun and create JOY!

Any questions may be sent to [Phyllis Geoghegan](#), Social Action Coordinator for the VA Conference.



“I love ❤️ our Community!” Volunteers abound! Neighbors served! What a blessing to continue this ministry! THANK YOU for your support and service.

BARCC: Bringing Animal Renovations to Campbell County

October Mission & Noisy Offering

“BARCC advocates for a new shelter for Campbell County. We encourage you visit the current shelter behind Yellow Branch Elementary School. It is so small, that most people don’t even know that it is there.

The Animal Control Officers and Friends of Campbell County Animal Control have beautified the space as much as they can while still taking care of all the animals’ needs. It’s time for us to help. Unfortunately, you can’t paint a new addition onto a too-small building. Additional space is desperately needed. Our goal is to make a new animal shelter that is a destination for families to visit on Saturday afternoon.

The shelter is currently overwhelming with noise and lacks the space of calm to truly meet and greet the animals. There are only 17 dog runs and a small cat room to hold a county that serves around 55,000 people.

Volunteers are currently taking items home to wash because our current shelter is too small for a washer and dryer. There’s not even a real place to bathe animals other than a small kitchen style sink. Let’s build a more inviting, family friendly location. A place for field trips, meeting spaces, meet and greet areas, and an overall better space for animals, their volunteers, and the citizens that visit. By bringing awareness through social media, attending Board of Supervisors Meetings, and raising funds, we will build a new animal shelter for Campbell County. Join us.”



- <https://barccmeow.com>

Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



Service at RUMC

What is a 'Blessing of the Animals'?

A Blessing of Animals, in many congregations, witnesses to God's and the church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened.

The service itself is short: perhaps under 20 minutes. Please bring your pet(s) on a leash or in their carrier. 🐕 🐱



If your furry or feathered or finned friend is shy of crowds then feel free to bring a picture or your memory. This is a service for the animals as much as for the humans – we want the animals to be safe and comfortable – so please don't bring Fluffy if you know she'll be stressed. God's eye is on the sparrow (Matthew 10:31): He will know the animals we pray for. 🐱 🐶

– Open to All –

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4th
11 AM**

**RUMC
PAVILION**

(beside Sanctuary,
opposite side of parking
lot)

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664 Village Hwy
Rustburg, VA 24588
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Rustburg United
Methodist Church

Bible Study

Led By: Reverend C.R. Brooks

12 Noon & 6:00 PM

Wednesdays: October 1,8,22,29



We are using the Standard Lesson Commentary this fall for Wednesday 12 and 6 PM Bible study. You can choose either the NIV or King James translation. Regular print books can be found at Mardel's for \$14.99 (+ S&H). [Deluxe/Large Print editions can also be found on Amazon for around \$23 (w/ free S&H for Prime members).] We have a noon day study, especially for those who don't drive at night, and also a 6 PM study in the evening.



The **Fall Festival** will soon be here. Once again, I am asking for donations for the Bake Sale. As in the past, I appreciate your "baked goods" and buyers enjoy purchasing them! You may bring your items on Friday night, Oct. 17th during setup or early Saturday morning on Oct. 18th. I will be happy to pick up items, just let me know: bcyrus1947@gmail.com | 434-610-8246.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help! Betty Cyrus

FALL CROCKPOT DINNERS

Steak Bites

3 lb trioin steak
2 tsp kosher salt
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp vegetable oil
3 cloves garlic
1 cup beef broth
1 oz packet all purpose gravy mix
1 tsp unsalted butter



Cranberry Turkey

3 lb boneless turkey roast
1 can cranberry sauce
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 small onion
1 cup heavy cream
1 tsp pomegranate
1/2 tsp onion powder



Marry Me Chicken

2 lb chicken breasts
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 tsp garlic powder
3 cloves garlic
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup parmesan



Honey Bourbon Steak Tips

2 lb steak tips
1/2 cup beef broth
1/4 cup bourbon
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup honey
1 small onion
2 cloves garlic
2 tsp cornstarch



Salisbury Steak

2 lb ground beef
1 small onion
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
2 tsp oil
10 oz can onion soup
1 cup mushrooms
1/2 packet brown gravy mix



Swedish Meatballs

2 lb frozen meatballs
1 1/2 cups beef broth
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
2 tbsp worcestershire sauce
1 tsp soy sauce
1 tsp Dijon mustard
2 tbsp cornstarch



Family Recipes

OCTOBER

Wed. 10/01	Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 Noon
	Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 6 PM
Thurs. 10/02	Handbells, 6 PM
	Choir, 7 PM
Sat. 10/04	Blessing of the Animals, 11 AM
Wed. 10/08	United Women in Faith, 10 AM
Sat. 10/11	Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM
Sun. 10/12	Men's Group Meeting, 8:30 AM
	Pastor's Appreciation Sunday (Bells will ring)
	Administrative Board , following Worship
Fri. 10/17	Fall Festival Set-up, 6:30-8 PM (Items may be dropped off Mon-Wed. during Office Hours)
Sat. 10/18	RUMC Fall Festival & Men's Group Stew & BBQ, 9 AM-2 PM
Sun. 10/19	World Communion & Laity Sunday
Wed. 10/22	Deadline for November Newsletter
Sun. 10/26	Noisy Offering/Missions Moment: BARCC
	<i>Children's Mission Moment: Pam Booth</i>
Tues. 10/28	Education Meeting, 6 PM
	Staff Meeting, 7 PM



Wed. October 1,8,22,29: **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 Noon & 6 PM**
 Thurs. October 2,9,23,30: **Handbell Rehearsals, 6 PM**
 Choir Rehearsals, 7 PM
 Sat. November 1: **Mountain View District Charge Conference, 10:30-12:30**



Turkeys in the Yard, by Donna Cameron.

SEPTEMBER RUMC OFFERINGS

General Offering:	\$10,340.00
Rent:	\$4,282.18
Budget:	\$17,329.50
Short:	(2,707.32)
Drainage Project:	\$500.00
Other Restricted:	\$1,112.00
Total:	\$16,234.18



RUMC Building Projects

A Message from Shannon Hall
RUMC Building Use Committee:

Thank you, Clarence Coates, for your work and coordination of HVAC and electrical upgrades needed to utilize the upstairs space. Upon completion of these repairs, the Building Use Committee met to discuss how this area can best be used to serve the mission of our church. Areas will be allocated for a youth lounge & study area, future office space(s), and a permanent home for our historical documents. Other areas will be designated for Missions, Education and holiday storage. Paint and plaster repairs are targeted for November.

Thank you also, Ed Watson, for overseeing the much-needed drainage project. Ed has designed a plan to alleviate flooding and protect the structural integrity of our facility.

Best,
Shannon Hall

Rustburg UMC

9-30-2025

WE SEEK YOUR **SUPPORT**

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

\$90,000

Supporting our Community!

RUMC is revitalizing our Missions workspace.

Will you help us support RUMC so we can continue to serve God and our neighbors?

Upstairs HVAC Unit Project fully funded. Grounds work still to go.

\$57,214.06

\$90,000

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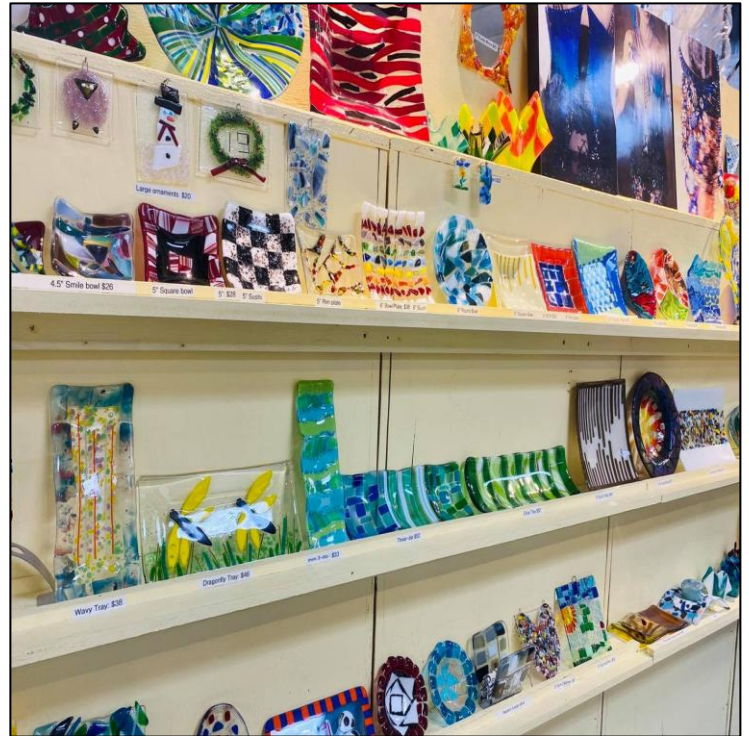
Come join the Magnolia Ladies at The Glass Palette in Charlottesville **Saturday, November 8th**, where you can make a custom glass piece.

This is an RSVP event only. We will meet at a place TBD to carpool. Our time slot is from noon until 2 p.m. and we will stop for a late Mexican lunch after making our glass pieces.

Meet up time: 10:30 a.m. (Meet place TBD, please listen for announcements in church)

Leave by: 10:45 a.m.

You must RSVP to Mary Bailey no later than Sunday October 12th to reserve your spot.



Magnolia Ladies Cookie Exchange



When: Saturday December 6th

Time: 11 o'clock in the morning

Where: Kelly Gladden's House

4268 Bear Creek Rd

Rustburg, VA

R.S.V.P.: by text or call to 434-258-6409 no later than Sunday Nov 30th.

MAKE 5 dozen Cookies FROM SCRATCH

There will be winners for:

- Most Festive - Most Creative - Best Tasting**

Magnolia Ladies

Save the dates

October 18th: Please consider volunteering to help with the Fall Festival. Help is always needed and appreciated!



November 14th: Friendsgiving Charcuterie Style

R.S.V.P. by Sunday November 9th to: Kelly Gladden 434-258-6409

FRIENDSGIVING

December 6th: Christmas Cookie Exchange 11 a.m.

R.S.V.P. by Sunday November 30th

Kelly Gladden's House

Make 5 Dozen Cookies to share.

Games & Prizes





2025 Ushers

October: Jimmy Cyrus & Donnie Hamlett

November Robert Bailey & Jimmy Jewell

December: Michael Metcalf & Ricky Pillow

October Greeters

05 Cathy and David Phillips
12 Linda Goff
19 Martha and Buddy Maxey
26 Donna and Donnie Hamlett



RUMC Contact Info:

Acolytes: Cheryl Martin

Care & Share: Shirley Phillips

Children's Church: Shannon Hall

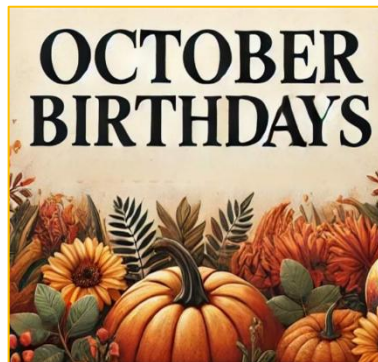
Greeters: Betty Cyrus

Nursery: Mary Bailey

Ushers: Jerry Booth



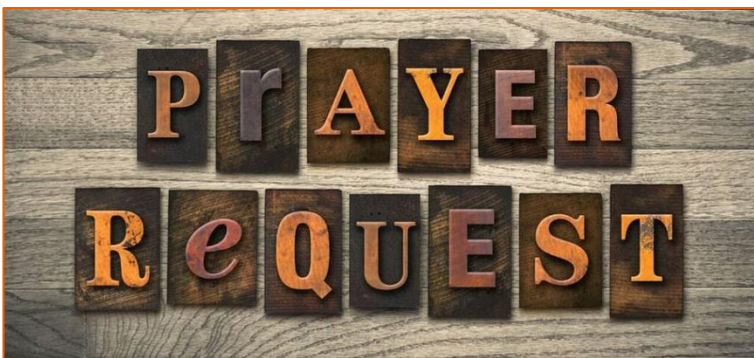
02 Danny DeJarnette, Sr.
05 Pat Merryman
10 Serenity Rankin
18 Kelly Gladden
15 Shannon Hall, Bruce Cameron
17 Kaleesi Bishoff
18 Kelly Gladden
23 Ben Coates
24 Cathy Phillips
30 Bernice Dooley



03 Aaron & Frances Wiley
10 Rick & Cheryl Pillow
17 Jerry & Pam Booth

October Sunday School

Donna & Sarah Hamlett
Alice Watson
David Hawkins
Pam Booth



Prayer Requests:

Atha Bailey, Nancy Bennett, Cooper (Tara Ferrell's son), Family of Melvin Coates, JohnWyatt Newcomb, Bill Torrence, Cindy and Danny Torrence, Danny DeJarnette, Mason "Bo" Clark, Kathleen (Jon) Bagby, Pastor Sung and family, Jackie Robinson (church custodian) has asked for prayers for her sister. Susan Cascone (Sharon Nolley),

Buster Frazier, Mary and Daughter Judy, Atha Bailey, Helen Booth, Pam and Dennis Cowart, Kenneth Grubbs, Joyce Rush, Marguerite Eimer, Betty McClung, May Nolley, Tammy Fielder, Frank Merryman, Mary Alice Preston, Tina Shaver, Marsha Henderson, and Bangladeshi victims of ethnic and religious violence.



Hebrews 11:1 – 12:2

Part III (continued from September Newsletter)

CHRISTIANS AND THE SUPERNATURAL

What Is Halloween All About?

October 31, Halloween, or as it was traditionally called “All-Hallows Eve,” is celebrated on the night before All-Saints Day (November 1). This is the day we remember all people of faith who have gone before us. All-Saints Day is when we celebrate the Communion of Saints, the continuing presence with us of those who have died and entered into God’s presence. Halloween is the day before this glorious feast. It is about how our ancestors, in the communion of Saints, relate to us now.

Our strange customs for celebrating Halloween – costumes of witches, ghouls and ghosts, “Trick or Treating,” Jack-O-Lanterns, haunted houses and imaginary graveyards – are a mixture of Ancient Celtic religion and Medieval Christianity. Our ancestors in medieval Britain and Ireland created Halloween. Today Halloween has become a secular holiday for children. But in its origins, it was a serious time, concerned with how we relate to our ancestors. Ancestors are those people of faith who have gone before us, from life in this world to life in the spiritual realms.

Halloween was celebrated by the ancient Celts. It marked the time when the darkness each day becomes longer than the time of light. It was also when the barrier between this world and the Other World grows thin. So the spirits of the departed, both good and evil, could slip into our world to work us mischief (Trick) or bring us good (Treat). Christians started making lanterns by carving turnips (pumpkins were a later version) on Halloween to remind them to pray for the salvation of the departed.

For Medieval Christians, Ancestor are not gone and forgotten. They remain a part of our lives. The ancestors share in our spiritual and emotional life. Today Christians in Africa, Asia and Latin America are much concerned with ancestors. They invoke their presence, and ask for their help. This goes far beyond our concern to show our family connection with some illustrious person in the past. Ancestors are invited in when the family gathers. Their graves are visited to remember their birth or death. Children are scrutinized to find their similarity to an ancestor. When their spirits are at rest, we know that they have passed into the very presence of god. We recognize ancestors whom we affirm by belief in the communion of saints.

Ancestors And Discouraged Christians

The Epistle to the Hebrew 11:1 – 12:2 gives a witness to a long list of the ancestors of those early Christians who were struggling to keep their faith. This list of the faithful People of God does not start with the disciples of Jesus but reaches back to characters in the Old Testament: Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and a host of others (11:4 – 38). These were people of great faith and accomplishments. But they were all witnesses to a salvation that was not yet complete (11:39 – 40). There was more to come, in the Supreme Ancestor who lived by faith, Jesus Christ (12:1 – 2).

Hebrews was written about 100 CE. The Roman Empire had closed in on rebellious Palestine, destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple (70 CE); the Jewish Christian community had been dispersed. The Gentile Christians were coming under increasing persecution throughout the Empire.

Jesus’ earliest disciples had died. The eagerly awaited coming of the Kingdom of God had not occurred. Distortions of Jesus’ message (heresies) were spreading and controversy grew. Zeal for the faith had started to wane. Morality decreased. People started thinking, “They had to go along to get along.” As commitment waned, joy in the Lord faded. Many felt the danger of a collapse of faith and the fall into despair.

Does this sound familiar?
Where do you turn for help now?

Hebrews 11:1 -3 tells us that “faith” is the one resource we have for dealing with despair and anxiety. Faith is more than belief in theological ideas. Faith in God and the redemption offered in Jesus Christ may be summed up intellectually in creeds and liturgies. But faith is a relationship with God that changes our vision of this world and our lives in it.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. (11:1)

Faith frees us from anxiety and depression because faith takes our attention off the miseries of this world and ourselves. Faith provides evidence that our existence is part of a reality greater than the world around us. Our troubled world is within the greater reality of the God who made it and will redeem it.

Without faith, our world gives little evidence that it can be transformed into something better. But by faith we can see how God’s unseen power is transforming us.

*By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
So that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. (11:3)*

God brings New Being out of Nonbeing. Where do we look for where this transformation has taken place? – our ancestors those people of faith that God saved and empowered to do great things for God and to expect great things from God. *Indeed by this faith our ancestors received approval. (11:2)*

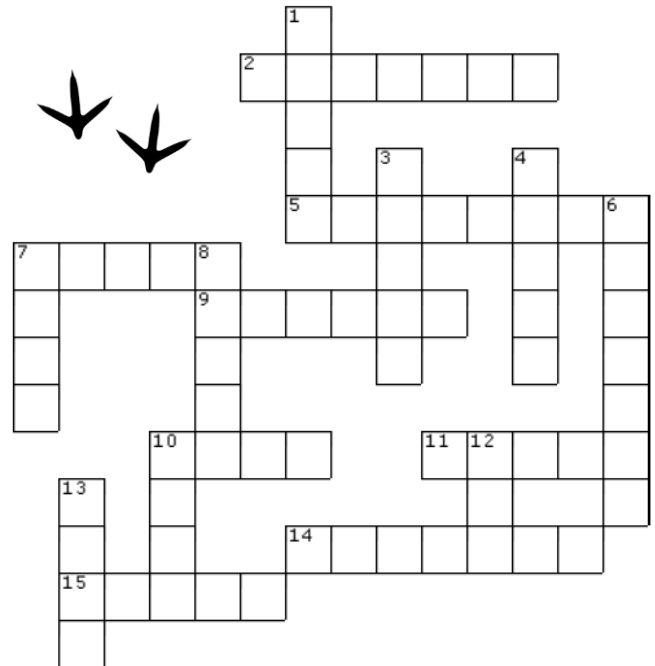
“We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.” The Author of Hebrews gives us his list of witnesses (11:4 – 38). We all have our own “cloud of witnesses” - people God has transformed who have in turn blessed us. But the well-spring of the new life of faith is the Supreme Ancestor, Jesus Christ, *and let us run the race before us, looking to Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (12:2)*

In Jesus Name, Rev. C.R. Brooks



ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE: WORDSEARCH & CROSSWORD

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Across

- 2 Food of John the Baptist
5 Therefore do not fear; you are than many ____
7 Daniel was thrown into a den of ____
9 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous ____
10 As the ____ pants for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.
11 First bird released by Noah
14 Before the ____ crows, you will disown me three times!
15 Most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible

Down

- 1 Jesus' parable of the sheep and ____
3 It is easier for a ____ to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter kingdom of God
4 White animal in Revelation
6 Eden tempter
7 The ____ of God, who takes away sin of the world!
8 Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before ____
10 The Holy Spirit appeared at Jesus' baptism as this animal
12 Industrious insect of Proverbs
13 Jesus fed 5000 with two ____ and five loaves of bread

Word Bank: ANT, CAMEL, DEER, DOVE, FISH, GOATS, HORSE, LAMB, LIONS, LOCUSTS, RAVEN, ROOSTER, SERPENT SHEEP, SPARROWS, SWINE, WOLVES

Ant	Behemoth	Bat
Bear	Black Kite	Black Vulture
Bull	Camel	Chameleon
Cobra	Cormorant	Cricket
Dog	Donkey	Dove
Dragon	Eagle	Falcon
Fish	Fowl	Gecko
Goat	Grasshopper	Gull
Hare	Heron	Hoopoe
Horse	Lamb	Leopard
Leviathan	Lion	Lizard
Locust	Mouse	Naked Mole
Newt	Ostrich	Owl
Pelican	Pig	Pigeon
Rat	Raven	Red Kite
Rock Badger	Serpent	Sheep
Sparrow	Stork	Swan
Turtledove	Wild Horse	Wolf





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Music Director: Alice Watson | Pianist: Heather Wilson

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Martin

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Cameron

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: To be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve.

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