Pastor's Peace

A Thought for the Moment

Stories are powerful things. I carry mine around with me, everywhere I go. I have a big bag full of stories of success and failure, good and evil, hope and despair that have helped to mold me into the person I am today.

In my story are also the stories of others who have been a part of my life. Those stories have lengths of 50 years of relationship and some simple moments. Some would take hours to tell, and some...a nod of the head. These are stories that I look forward to sharing with you while I am here with you.

We all have a story. It is a story made of stories that have been told, shared, given, and gifted. They are good, bad, evil, indifferent, sad, happy, exciting, and embarrassing. They are personal stories, that must be shared, especially if they are imbibed with the passion of Christ.

We have all heard the stories shared that gripped us and brought tears to our eyes. We have heard the stories of salvation which sound improbable. We compare our stories to those and feel inadequate. Your story matters. It matters to this church and it matters to someone that needs to know Christ. It may not bring tears to an eye, but it may connect with a soul.

I look forward to hearing those stories. I want to hear the stories of the good, the bad, evil, indifference, sadness, happiness, excitement, and embarrassment. I want to hear them all. I will also share mine with you. That way, our stories will get bigger and we will know the workings of Christ all the more.

A Great Day

Wow! What a fall festival. There were smiles, EVE-RY-WHERE. Thank you to all who put in the hard work to put on the Fall Festival. Some stories will last a lifetime that were made that day. Next year will be bigger. Coming out of COVID people are rediscovering things and places. It was the very definition of re-birth.

It could not come at a better time. But if you noticed there are some things that are changing that will require us to pull together to meet the needs of people and families in our community that will enable them to come and worship.

A PODCAST/Website/Phone App for you

www.storycorps.org

StoryCorps is an organization that takes and preserves personal stories. It is often 2 members of a family having a conversation that encourages the sharing of life stories that are often not known by people outside of family and friends but are worth remembering.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, November 5th—1:00pm Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, November 5th—2:00-4:00pm Sunday Social—Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, November 7th - 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, November 8th - 6:00pm <u>Dinner & Business Meeting</u> Dinner: 6pm (\$5), Meeting: 6:30pm

SUNDAY, November 12th
Emergency Responders/Veterans
Covered Dish—Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, November 14th - 10:00am Super Seniors Southern Supreme, Bear Creek

SUNDAY, November 19th - 9:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, November 19th - 12:00 noon Women on Mission Luncheon/Meeting Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY,November 26th—after Worship<u>Lunch Bunch</u>—Paradise Acres

You can hear the stories on NPR, download an app, download the podcast, or listen from the StoryCorps website. If you need help loading on your phone, many can help. It is worth your time.

Blessings and Peace, ~

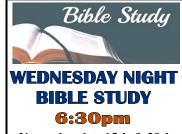
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Luncheon/Meeting November 19th following worship







November 1st, 15th & 29th



I hope you will bring your beloved member of the family that you always will carry in your heart. It will be a short service to keep their attention, reduce your stress, and give you time to get them back home before the Sunday Social.

If you wish to bless your animal but are unable to bring them because of time constraints due to the Sunday Social or they do not do that well around other animals, bring a picture so that we may know your beloved pets.

The service will be outside so ALL animals are welcome. Please have your animal on a leash or in a carrier for their safety during the blessing.





Tuesday, 10:00am November 14th

Meet at church. Travel to Southern Supreme, Bear Creek
Church Bus will be available