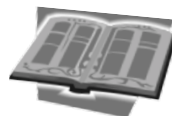


The Bluff Hall News

September 2021



Pastor's Thoughts

As I prepared to write this article I realized there were a lot of illustrations I could use, but my most recent experience was at a local donut shop. As a treat for starting off the year on a high note, I decided to take Wes to get a donut. At first I thought we'd just drive through, but then I realized if I did drive through I would not know what donuts they had available. So we parked and went in and gazed on rows and rows of delicious donuts. I am always amazed by the variety of donuts on display in a donut shop. I think the only place that has more variety than a donut shop is the world of man. Think about it; there are all different sizes and shapes, different skin colors, difference in physical appearances, and more. At the same time like a donut shop there is one Maker of all mankind. Look at these words recorded in Genesis 1:26-27.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (ESV)

This verse tells us that God made every human being in His image. Every person is an image bearer of the Almighty God. The person working at the checkout counter bears the image of God. The person mopping the floors was created in the image of God. The person who is annoying you, the one who cut you off or is driving too slow, and yes even your enemy carries the image of their Creator God. Have you ever thought about this? How would remembering that every person on this globe is a creation of God change the way you interact with him or her? I believe that if we allow the Spirit to help remind us that every person is an image bearer of God it will change the way we treat them. May we look at our neighbors, coworkers, community members, and yes even those who drive us crazy as people created in the image of God.

To God be the Glory!



Looking for a way to get involved on Sunday?

We are always looking for people who can help lead the announcement/prayer times during Sunday service once a month or so. See Pastor Richard for more information.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 am Sunday School: Will resume Sunday, Sept. 12 following worship



Prayer Needs



New, Recent, & Updated Requests:

- Situation in Afghanistan
- Drought and wildfire situation in country
- Renee Spencer - Battling Covid
- Leroy and Virginia Brinkman - Health
- Bob Cutforth - Health
- Brent Cutforth - Healing
- Eddie Johnson - Recovery from surgery
- Kay Thomure - Recovery
- Marilyn Speckhart - Recovery from knee surgery
- Gail Otiker - Health
- Earl Boone - Health
- Briggs Schaffer - Health
- Roger Hannel - Health
- Joni Eppersen - Cancer treatment
- Warren Loos - Cancer treatment
- Darla Powers - Health and wisdom in treatment
- Lozelle Schmidt - Cancer treatment
- Hayley Hickerson - Cancer treatment
- Sherry Zaerr - Cancer treatment
- Those battling cancer

Military:

Seth Miles, Henry Dodd, Ryan Mena, Erik Mena, Dustin Speckhart, Blaine Brown, Gary Velasquez, Lucas Velasquez, Kason Spratt

If you have any prayers concerns, please let the prayer chain know by contacting Pastor Richard.

Date	Sept. 5 th	Sept. 12 th	Sept. 19 th	Sept. 26 th	Oct. 3 rd
Children's Message	Shannon	Mary	Penni	Shannon	Katie
Announ. / Prayer	Bill	Tim	Geoff	Bill	Tim

Deacons for the month: Greg and Kenny S.

Flowers: Diana, Katie, Susan, and Debbie

All scheduled volunteers have the freedom to decline service due to health concerns.

Bluff Hall Outreach Mission

If you would like support Bluff Hall Missions, please use the envelopes in the pew-backs and place in the offering plate at the back of church. Interested in giving to the Myanmar Corn Project, see Mary Fairchild. Please be in Prayer for Ahdi and Family during the Coup in Myanmar

Also if you have a neighbor or know someone that the church might be able to serve in our community, please let the Missions Team know. - Thank you!

Ongoing Requests:

- Joan Groh - health and test results
- Betty Speckhart
- Virginia Echternkamp
- Howard Dodd - Health
- Ross Loos - Health
- Ralph Venvertloh - Health
- Tim Davis - Continued health
- Robert Brown - Battling cancer
- BJ Cutforth - Health
- Janice Walbring - Recovery
- Marvin Meyer - Cancer treatment
- Myanmar ministry
- Those in our community battling cancer.
- Those in our community grieving the loss of loved ones.
- Those who gave us our freedom.
- Our local, state and federal leadership

Praises:

Marvin Meyer is currently cancer free, the Lord has done great things.

Service

Live Stream

For those who wish to remain at home or who are unable to join us check out our live stream. You can find our youtube channel by searching bluffhallefc at youtube.com or a link can be found at bluffhallefc.org/sermons.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Wedding Shower	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Deacon Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Women's Fellowship	30		

Happy Anniversary

Sept. 7 Byron and Donna Wittler

Sept. 19 Howard and Debbie Dodd



Sept. 1 Jerry Thomure
John David Kaiser

Sept. 3 Peggy Kinder

Sept. 7 Elizabeth Warner

Sept. 11 Rodney Kinder

Sept. 12 Shannon McGee

Sept. 17 Wanda Speckhart

Sept. 23 Cindy Mena

Sept. 25 Katie Thomure

Sept. 29 Donna Wittler



The Walk to End Alzheimer event will be held September 25th at Moorman Park. If you would like to join in this cause please contact Leona.

Women's Fellowship News

Ladies of Bluff Hall, the next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 7pm for a general meeting.

Church Chuckles

Please welcome Pastor Don, a caring individual who loves hurting people.

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a bring and buy sale.

Highlights of the August 18th Quarterly Meeting

Prior meeting minutes read.

Church Account Balances: Checking \$16,534.55; Security Plus \$24,160.63; Memorial \$8,863.38; and CD balances of \$40,000 and \$22,000.

Pastor: Starting new sermon series on "The Sermon on the Mount".

Cemetery Committee: Sold ½ an old lot.

Trustees: Still working on bids for roof. Completed some fall projects.

Women's Fellowship: Elected officers, discussed turkey supper for this year, and planning a wedding shower.

Sunday School Superintendent: Discussed fall event. Sunday School starts back up Sept 12th.

Community Outreach: Checking account balance \$2675.64. Working on blessing the teachers with some supplies.

Rest of groups had no news to report at this time.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussed purpose of council meetings. Next meeting will be conducted more in accordance with constitution.

Next Council Meeting will be November 10th at 7 pm.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be October 12th at 7 pm.

Announcements

- Wedding Shower for Pastor Richard and Laurel Sunday, September 5 following worship.
- Deacon Meeting following worship Sunday, September 12.
- Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 12 following worship.
- Women's Fellowship meeting Wednesday, September 29 at 7pm.

Looking Ahead

Oct 1 - Budget Meeting

Oct 12 - Quarterly Meeting

Sermons Online

Miss a Sunday? Want to listen to a message again? You're in luck!

Sermons can be found online through our website:

bluffhallefc.org/sermons

Sunday's messages typically post on the following Tuesday.

Please pass along any information you have for the newsletter. It may be emailed or called-in to Pastor Richard. Thanks!



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