



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Operation Christmas Child

Our August items are school supplies such as pencils, sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, and markers. Please pick up a few items and put in the box in the Narthex.



Rally Day

Rally Day will be September 12. Please put this date on your calendar. There will be lunch and activities at the Fellowship Building following the Worship Service.

Back to School Bash



There will be a Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, August 21. More details to come later.



Name: _____



August Word Search



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| AUGUST | AUGUSTUS | FRIENDSHIP DAY |
| SUMMER | ORANGE | POPPY |
| VACATION | LEO | HOT |
| SCHOOL | VIRGO | POOL |
| PERIDOT | GLADIOLUS | SARDONYX |



August Birthdays

1 Donald Suggs
1 John Godfrey
1 Mike Thomas
1 Dustin Thomas
2 Pete Sturm
4 Cameron Wells
5 Caroline Hardy
6 Ann Kelly
7 Connor Gardner
9 Sandra Batchelor
10 Ruth Morris
10 Richard Thompson
10 Sandra Cotten
14 Jerry McNeill
14 Scot Garneau
16 Linda Berryman
20 Elba Annis
21 Laura Jones
21 Adam Thompson
23 Ayden Griffin



August Ministry Assistants

Acolytes: Aug. 1: Thomas Lankford; Aug. 8: Abby Johnson; Aug. 15: Griff Griffin; Aug. 22: Ayden Griffin; Aug. 29: Thomas Lankford.

Deacon on Call: Aug. 1: Barbara Norris; Aug. 8: Brittany Griffin; Aug. 15: Shannon Godfrey; Aug. 22: Chris Godfrey; Aug. 29: Mary Griffin.

Flowers: Aug. 1: open; Aug. 8: open; Aug. 15: open; Aug. 22: Mary Griffin; Aug. 29: open.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Johnny Watson

Bible Readings for August

Aug 1: Ps 57-59; Rom 4
Aug 2: Ps 60-62; Rom 5
Aug 3: Ps 63-65; Rom 6
Aug 4: Ps 66-67; Rom 7
Aug 5: Ps 68-69; Rom 8:1-21
Aug 6: Ps 70-71; Rom 8:22-39
Aug 7: Ps 72-73; Rom 9:1-15
Aug 8: Ps 74-76; Rom 9:16-33
Aug 9: Ps 77-78; Rom 10
Aug 10: Ps 79-80; Rom 11:1-18
Aug 11: Ps 81-83; Rom 11:19-36
Aug 12: Ps 84-86; Rom 12
Aug 13: Ps 87-88; Rom 13
Aug 14: Ps 89-90; Rom 14
Aug 15: Ps 91-93; Rom 15:1-13
Aug 16: Ps 94-96; Rom 15:14-33
Aug 17: Ps 97-99; Rom 16
Aug 18: Ps 100-102; 1Cor 1
Aug 19: Ps 103-104; 1Cor 2
Aug 20: Ps 105-106; 1Cor 3
Aug 21: Ps 107-109; 1Cor 4
Aug 22: Ps 110-112; 1Cor 5
Aug 23: Ps 113-115; 1Cor 6
Aug 24: Ps 116-118; 1Cor 7:1-19
Aug 25: Ps 119:1-88; 1Cor 7:20-40
Aug 26: Ps 119:89-176; 1Cor 8
Aug 27: Ps 120-122; 1Cor 9
Aug 28: Ps 123-125; 1Cor 10:1-18
Aug 29: Ps 126-128; 1Cor 10:19-33
Aug 30: Ps 129-131; 1Cor 11:1-16
Aug 31: Ps 132-134; 1Cor 11:17-34



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Sent to Serve: The Gospel According to Mark

Earlier this month, I began a new sermon series on Mark. The crucial verse in the entire gospel is Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus stresses the importance of followership (discipleship) throughout Mark. The following is an excerpt from a paper I wrote several years ago. Although written in a military context, I believe it is applicable for all who profess Jesus as Lord. In one instance, a former Reservist turned Active-Duty Chaplain (for anonymity, we will call him Bruce) was scheduled to preach his first 11:00 Sunday morning service at the Base Chapel. Bruce's former primary vocation was serving as Senior Pastor of a local church. In that position, no one told him how long he was allowed to speak. However, for the military chapel service, he was told to limit his sermon to 20 minutes. This was unacceptable to Bruce, and he disputed the time limit with his supervisor, stating that he could not deliver his message in that time allotment. That was not an option, and he reluctantly succumbed to the authority over him. In their excellent journal article, Latour and Rast state, "we might characterize effective followers in these terms: individuals with high organizational commitment who are able to function well in a change-oriented team environment. Additionally, they are independent, critical thinkers with highly developed integrity and competency. Thus, effective followers exhibit loyalty to the boss by endorsing organizational vision and priorities." Bruce lacked the humility to set aside personal preferences and do what was required for the good of all involved. Because of his former civilian position, he struggled initially to submit to the procedures set in place by those in authority. If this attitude is not addressed and corrected, Bruce will struggle with his transition to the military. We must understand that change is inevitable, and how we respond to it will determine our success. Many times, we seek to do what we want instead of what God wants. Shallow Well Church must seek God's will, not our own, if we desire to be salt and light in our community. This is achieved by submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We will learn more about this as we continue through Mark's gospel. Please pray that we can be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and that His will be done.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eric

