



West Corinth News

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Pastor's Corner:



What a great and exciting month it has been here at West Corinth. For the first time in six months, we gathered around the dinner table and celebrated Heritage Day. The food was delicious and the songs sang by Brother Dean as well as Brother Tim & Sister Sondra Pope were absolutely wonderful.



However, for me at least, the greatest part was simply looking around and seeing the smiles on the faces and the conversation that flowed as the people of our church once again came together in sweet fellowship. All the turmoil that is taking place in our country seemed to take a back-seat (at least for a little while) while we simply enjoyed one another's company.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the extreme hard work of our Activities Committee and our Kitchen Committee in the planning and flawless execution of everything. It is easy for many of us to just come, sit down, and enjoy everything. Then, we'll rise up to go home for a nap after a full stomach without realizing all the hard work that takes place, much of which is behind the scenes. For instance, the room had to be set up and decorated, the meal had to be planned and ordered, and the meal had to be picked up and brought to our church. While we sat and ate, many stood and served us throughout the dinner. Tables had to be cleaned, trash had to be taken out, dishes had to be washed, dried and stored, and the room had to be vacuumed. Those serving on our committees left to go home at least 1-2 hours after us. Here is the shocker.....not only do they not complain, they sign up to do it again the following year FOR OUR BENEFIT. On behalf of the church I just want to say "Thank You" to all of you who made this a very special time for the rest of us.

In closing, I want to remind you to pray for our missionaries as they seek to serve God around the world by sharing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We just hosted Steve and Freida Bishop of Lloyd Morgan Revivals who are faithfully serving in many different countries as well as here in the US. In addition, Brother Jeremy Hall will be speaking to our church January 17th in the am service. This year has been a difficult time for many including our missionaries. Some have had to come home and seek to serve God in a different capacity while others have seen their funding cut. The purpose of the church is to share the Good News which we do locally, but we also have the ability to share this Good News around the world through our missionaries. May we never get so busy or caught up that we forget to pray and support them.

God Bless, Pastor Robert

October, 2020

Let's Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to...

Bonnie Fowler - 3rd
Jerry Archer - 10th
Ed Cox - 16th
Emma Leazer - 20th
Tracy Collins - 21st
Gary Goers - 21st
Nancy Barrier - 26th
Bennie Springs - 28th
Wilma Pinkerton - 29th



Happy Anniversary to...

Gary & Joyce Goers - 7th
Howard & Valerie Bowen - 11th
Mike & Carolyn Sims - 14th
Tim & Sondra Pope - 18th
Billy & Laura Williams - 30th



To God Be the Glory

Mark your Calendars

October 2:

Drive Thru Event for
Parents' Night Out

October 4:

Sunday night services resume

October 11:

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 18:

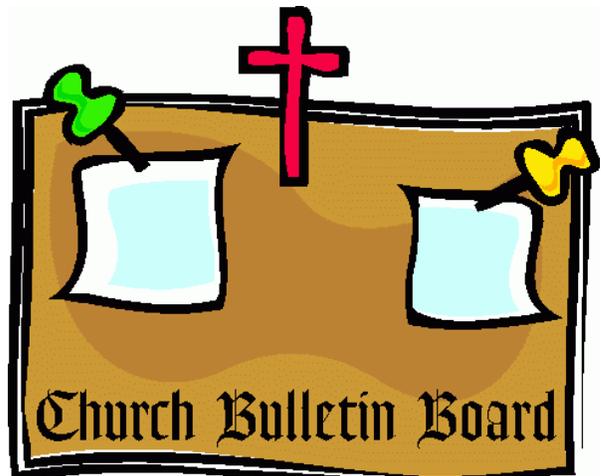
Quarterly Business Session
Fellowship Meal (Evening)

October 20:

Properties Committee Meeting
7:00 PM

October 24:

Senior Citizens' Fall Gathering
4:30



Parents' Night Out:

We are excited to announce that while we are not yet ready to resume our program in the traditional format, we will be hosting a "drive-thru" on Friday, October 2, from 6:00 - 7:00pm for all our children and parents. As each car pulls through the parking lot, the children will receive a 'blessings bag' containing their October lesson, activity sheets, crafts, and candy. We are excited to see our children and encourage the parents to bring them if only for a short drive-thru greeting. Letters have been mailed to our families encouraging their participation. Hoping for clear weather and a great turn out!!



Pastor Appreciation:

Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be October 11. We will enjoy lunch after the morning service. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex so that we may get a head count. The meal is being prepared by Brother Larry Smith so no one will need to prepare or bring anything. Let's show Pastor Robert and Karen how much we appreciate them.. See you there!



This Month's Big Shout-Out:

This month, the big shout out goes to.....*drumroll, please....*

Our choir and Minister of Music ...



Thank you, choir members and Dean, for your dedication and commitment to make our worship services more meaningful. We are grateful for your willingness to share your time and talents as you lead us to worship through music. We appreciate you.



Michael and Felicia Hayes

How long have you been a member at West Corinth? *Felicia and Michael: We became members on February 17, 2013.*

What has changed at our church since you joined? *Felicia: a beautiful new addition was added to our church and a lot of new members have joined. Michael: multipurpose building was built and the church has grown.*

What can the youth do to serve the members of our church? *Felicia: I would tell the youth to find an elder in the church and ask them for one piece of advice and wisdom. It will benefit you and bless them. Michael: Visit the shut ins and encourage them.*

What is your favorite hymn? *Felicia: "I Bless Your Name" and "I Will Rise" are my favorite gospel songs. My favorite hymn is "Without Him." Michael: "Softly and Tenderly"*

What is your favorite church event:
Felicia: Fifth Sunday Singing;
Michael: Singing Christmas Tree

What is your favorite TV show?
Felicia: I rarely watch TV but when I do, it is HGTV with "House Hunters" being my favorite.
Michael: Jeopardy and Columbo

What is your favorite Bible story?
Felicia: The Resurrection of Jesus
Michael: the story of Paul's conversion

What is your favorite food? *Felicia: seafood and Chinese; Michael: Mexican, Chinese, Italian*

Do you have any hobbies? *Felicia: crafting, beading, wreath designing, and writing poetry;*
Michael: reading and collecting books

How has West Corinth affected your life?
Felicia: I am taught the truth from the Bible. I am blessed and encouraged here. Michael: Given the opportunity to serve as a deacon and Sunday School teacher has been rewarding.

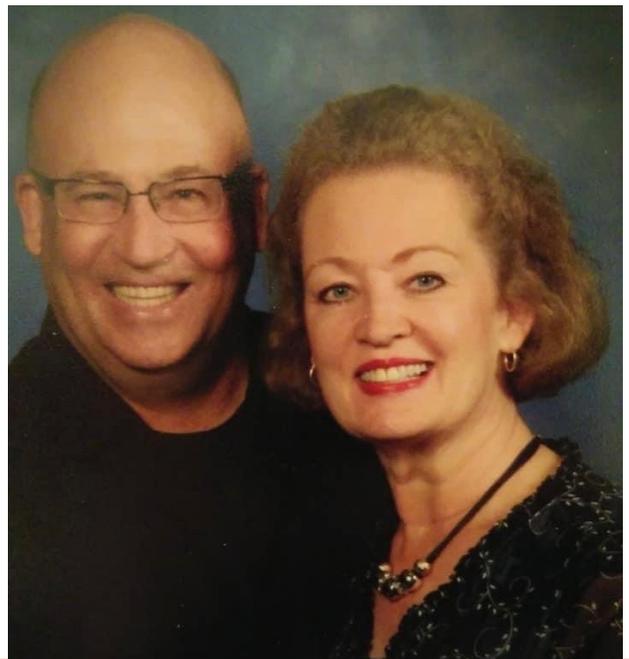
How old were you when you were saved?
Felicia: 14 years old and attending Eastway Church of God in Charlotte; Michael: 13 years old at Camp Caswell Youth Camp

Where did you grow up? Have you always lived in NC? *Felicia: in Fayetteville, NC; Michael: Hope Mills, NC; Felicia & Michael: Yes, most of my life.*

What types of jobs have you had? *Felicia: banking for the past 28 years (Wells Fargo). Michael: Navy, retail management and security*

Do you have any hobbies? *Felicia: crafting, beading, wreath designing, and writing poetry; Michael: reading and collecting books*

What is your favorite West Corinth memory? *Felicia: when the congregation toured the new church for the first time. Michael: When Brother Bob Lyons ordained me as a deacon.*



Senior Adults:

Calling all Seniors! Come celebrate with us at our Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 24th, at 4:30 in the multipurpose room! Dinner will be provided. Not sure of the menu yet, but we aren't cooking! Time to treat ourselves! Be sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we will have a count for the caterer! -Linda



Our church at work: Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped ensure our recent drive to assist the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes was a huge success. We were able to collect a variety of items. The table below shows a total of each item collected. All items have been delivered to the Rowan Baptist Associational Office where they will be picked up and delivered to the Children's Homes. Many gave financial donations, and we were able to purchase even more supplies. In addition, our church is sending a donation of \$1,000 to assist with expenses.



Collection Totals:

Cases of Tide pods:8	Laundry Detergent: 17
Dryer Sheets:12 boxes	Bleach/Cleaner: 6
Kleenex: 11 boxes	Bath Tissue: 3 packs
Dish Detergent: 20 bottles	Rolls of Paper Towels/ Napkins: 40
Spray N Wash/Shout: 20 bottles	Packs of Paper Plates: 2
1 Food Lion Gift Card	

Left: This is the collection of items two weeks into our drive. More items were added, and the stack grew. Well done, West Corinth!



Fellowship Meal:

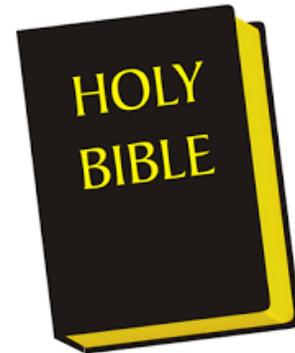
We will have our quarterly fellowship meal on Sunday, October 18, after the evening service. There will be a sign up sheet for this meal (as well as for Pastor Appreciation). The meal will be provided by the church and will include spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. Cupcakes and cookies will also be provided. Mark your calendars.



Know Your Bible:

Did you know these expressions originated in the Bible?

- “the skin of my teeth” (Job 19:20)
- “holier than thou” (Isaiah 65:5) -This phrase was originally used by Isaiah to describe the obstinate people who arrogantly reject the Lord.
- “a drop in the bucket” (Isaiah 40:15) -This phrase was used to describe the nations surrounding Israel, compared to the Lord’s power.
- “the blind leading the blind” (Matthew 15:14)
- “to fall by the wayside” (Luke 8:5) -This phrase can be found in the Parable of the Sower.



Coming in November:

The annual church security training is scheduled for Saturday, November 2. The training will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at approximately at 12:30 PM. Lunch will be served. If you have any questions, please see Sam Gregory.



Just for fun:

Q: What did Noah have to learn before he began building?

A: Ark-itecture



Q: How did Noah get the horses to gallop toward the ark?

A With rains