

# NORTH BENTON CHURCH

# NEWS



## North Benton Presbyterian Church

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Dear North Benton Church Family,

Happy October to you all. What a beautiful start I had this morning walking in the brisk (50 degrees) fallish air. I know that fall is not officially here yet as I write this but it will be when you are reading this.

Some people have believed that God created the world beautifully and then stepped away from it. But that idea does not match what we see each day—especially in autumn. Fields ripen, trees glow with color, and the air turns crisp. Psalm 19:1 reminds us, ***“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.”*** The skies do, and so does the earth. Fall calls our attention to the wonder of God’s creation. Each changing leaf, gathered harvest, and sunrise on a cool morning reminds us that the Lord is still at work, sustaining and beautifying all He has made.

Yet as beautiful as autumn is, Scripture points us to an even greater wonder. Ephesians 2:10 tells us, ***“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*** The changing season displays God’s artistry in creation, but this verse reminds us that His FINEST work is not found only in forests, fields, or skies. By grace, God is also creating something beautiful in us.

We are His workmanship—His handiwork, His creation, His masterpiece in progress. In Christ Jesus, God does more than forgive us; He shapes us for lives that reflect His love. Just as the trees

bear witness to the Creator in their color and the harvest bears witness to His provision, our words, kindness, service, patience, generosity, and faithfulness can bear witness to the new life He is forming in us.

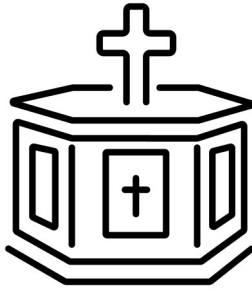
This month, as we enjoy the wonders of fall, let us also remember the wonder of being made new in Christ. God has prepared good works for us to walk in—not to earn His love, but because we have already received it. Received so much that we can’t hold it all in. There are neighbors to encourage, burdens to help carry, children to teach, prayers to offer, acts of mercy to share and a God to worship for sure. Each opportunity is a path God has prepared before us. It is a good path. God speaks through the Prophet Jeremiah saying, ***“I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”*** (Jeremiah 29: 11)

May October open our eyes to both kinds of beauty: the beauty around us in God’s creation and the beauty within us through God’s recreating grace. And may our church family walk together in the good works He has prepared for us, so that others may see His handiwork and give Him glory.

May God continue to bless you,

*Pastor Herb*





For October, we will continue our sermon series looking at Faith through the lives of the heroes of our faith. As we look at them, we see that in many ways they were like us. Here are the sermon titles, scriptural basis and themes for October:

**October 4, 2026.** Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Hebrews 11: 5-6 tells us of the faith that Enoch had as recorded in Genesis 5:21-24. "Enoch: Faith that Walks with God" is the title of the sermon that deals with how faith pleases God.

**October 11, 2026.** Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. "Noah: Faith that Obeys Before It Sees" is the sermon based on Hebrews 11:7 and Genesis 6: 9-22. The world has a very loud voice that is always in our ears. But faith listens to the quiet voice of God and obeys.

**October 18, 2026.** Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. We know the ultimate destination of our earthly journey but the way we get there is not always fully known. Abraham: Faith that Follows God's Call" is a sermon that addresses that in Hebrews 11: 8-10 and Genesis 12: 1-9.

**October 25, 2026.** Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. We know that nothing is impossible with God. God makes promises and God keeps them, even when it seems inconceivable. "Sarah: Faith that Trusts God's Promise" is the sermon that considers the faith of Sarah.

## October 2026

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 10/2 Michael Collins  
Tom & Heidi Phillips  
Jim & Margaret Hilles
- 10/3 Joshua Fuffier
- 10/5 Doug Shields  
Ethan Evans
- 10/8 Gary & Beth Leininger  
Cindy Gaines
- 10/9 Anthony Collins
- 10/12 Nicole Kampfer
- 10/13 Roger Pritchard
- 10/14 Ted & Marvilla Miller
- 10/15 David Franklin Jr.
- 10/19 Jennifer Tedrow
- 10/23 Jamie Pierce
- 10/24 Marian Gainor  
Ava Evans
- 10/26 Michele Randlett  
John Paul Bates
- 10/28 Marvilla Miller  
Savanna Fisher
- 10/29 Barb Martin  
Michele Baldwin
- 10/30 Marcus Phillips

## OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

**August 2026**

|         | Offering | Attendance |
|---------|----------|------------|
| 8/2/26  | 1566.00  | 43         |
| 8/9/26  | 1665.00  | 43         |
| 8/16/26 | 685.00   | 43         |
| 8/23/26 | 1350.00  | 35         |
| 8/30/26 | 375.00   | 32         |

## DEACON GREETERS

**October 2026**

Jodi Weibush

Sherry Kelly



## CONTINUED PRAYER

Dan Rowe, Denton Herron, James Hilles,  
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,  
Emily Winters, Maeo Bates,  
Carol Schiffler, Chris & Alicia Gamble

## FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

**October 2026****Carol Schiffler****Doug & Debbie Shields**

## MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

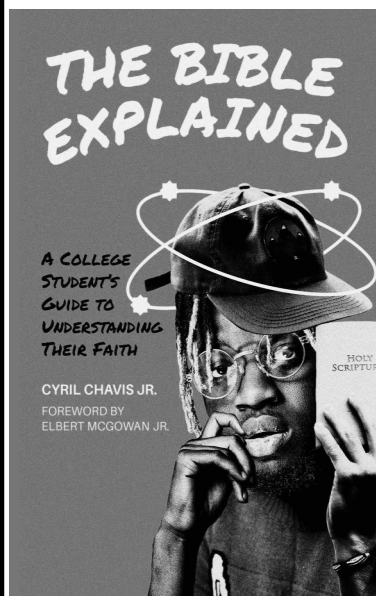
Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School



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## Book Review



College is a key time of life. You are figuring out who you are and what you believe. Among the variety of different spiritual systems on the college campus, chances are that you have considered Jesus. You have heard contradictory opinions about Christianity, so you want to learn for yourself. You want to get to the source, the Bible.

Opening up the Bible is easy; the hard part is understanding it. You know that the Bible is the place to go for answers, but you are frustrated. The Bible has dozens of books, multiple genres, numerous different authors, and hundreds of pages. You need a guide to help you understand.

### CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**LAMP** — In Bible times, lamps were small but essential sources of light, especially during the dark hours of night. Scripture often uses the image of a lamp to represent God's guidance, truth and wisdom. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," reminding believers that God's Word directs each step of life. Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids also connects the lamp with wisdom and spiritual readiness (Matthew 25:1-13). In addition, the lamp is sometimes used to symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the gift of life itself. Because of these meanings, the lamp has become a lasting symbol of God's guidance, faithful living and the light of Christ shining in the darkness.



### Favorite Recipes of Old

*Recipes are chosen at random from the North Benton Church "Favorite Recipes" cookbook.*

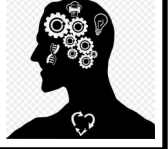
#### **MEATLOAF** *Sylvia Hammond*

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-1/2 lb. ground beef, more or less | 1 egg                   |
| 1 tsp. salt                         | 1/4 cup diced onion     |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper                     | 1/2 cup chopped pepper  |
| 1 tsp. basil                        | 1 cup oatmeal, uncooked |
| 1 cup tomato juice                  |                         |

Mix all ingredients together. Put in casserole and top with ketchup. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



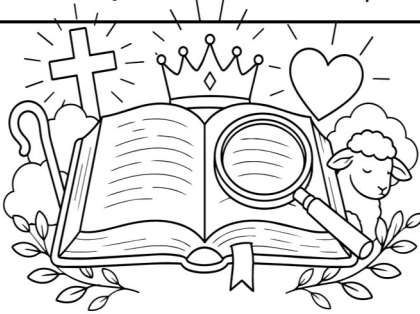
# Engage Your Mind



## Puzzle!

### NAMES OF GOD

every name of God tells us something about his power, love and care for his people. Use the Scripture clues to uncover just some of these special names.



F \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:9)

A \_\_\_\_\_ and O \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 1:8)

I A \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 3:14)

Y \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 6:2-3)

G \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 14:19)

G \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 17:1)

R \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 18:2)

J \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 75:7)

F \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 18:2)

H \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40:25)

Answer key: Father, Alpha and Omega, I AM, Yahweh, God Most High, God Almighty, Rock, Judge, Fortress, Holy One



### A Family of Prayer

Acts tells us about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman soldier who worshiped God and prayed with his family. God used Cornelius to help Peter learn an important truth: God welcomes everyone who loves Him and does what is right.

Solve the math problems using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter for each answer. Write each letter on the blank to discover what Cornelius and his family did.

#### GRID

|   |   |
|---|---|
| A | B |
| 2 | 4 |
| C | D |
| 6 | 5 |

#### KEY

a = 7 e = 8  
i = 10 o = 9  
u = 11 y = 6

"H e \_\_\_\_\_ nd \_\_\_\_\_ ll h \_\_\_\_\_ s f \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_  
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ v \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ nd  
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G \_\_\_\_\_ d-f \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_ ng; h \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ v \_\_\_\_\_  
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_ sl \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ th \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_ n  
A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

n \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ nd pr \_\_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_\_ d t \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ d  
A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D

r \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_ rl \_\_\_\_\_ ." \_\_\_\_\_ cts 10:2, NIV  
A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

**The faces of children are  
proof enough of God.**

# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                | Tuesday                   | Wednesday          | Thursday                                        | Friday             | Saturday                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                        |                                       |                           |                    | 1<br><br>Psalm 61                               | 2<br><br>Psalm 62  | 3<br><br>Psalm 63               |
| 4<br><b>Birthday Sunday</b><br><b>World Communion</b><br><b>Coffee &amp; Pastry</b><br>9:30 Worship Svc<br>10:45 Searcher's<br>Class<br>10:45 Deacon's Mtg<br>Psalm 64 | 5<br><br>Psalm 65                     | 6<br><br>Psalm 66         | 7<br><br>Psalm 67  | 8<br><br>7:30 pm<br>Session Mtg<br><br>Psalm 68 | 9<br><br>Psalm 69  | 10<br><br>Psalm 70              |
| 11<br>9:30 Worship Svc<br>10:45 Searcher's<br>Class<br><br>Psalm 71                                                                                                    | 12<br>Columbus<br>Day<br><br>Psalm 72 | 13<br><br>Psalm 73        | 14<br><br>Psalm 74 | 15<br><br>Psalm 75                              | 16<br><br>Psalm 76 | 17<br><br>Psalm 77              |
| 18<br>9:30 Worship Svc<br>10:45 Searcher's<br>Class<br>10:45 Chili & Soup<br>Luncheon<br><br>Psalm 78                                                                  | 19<br><br>Psalm 79                    | 20<br><br>Psalm 80        | 21<br><br>Psalm 81 | 22<br><br>Psalm 82                              | 23<br><br>Psalm 83 | 24<br><br>Psalm 84              |
| 25<br>9:30 Worship Svc<br>10:45 Searcher's<br>Class<br>Psalm 85                                                                                                        | 26<br><br>Psalm 86                    | 27<br>4-H<br><br>Psalm 87 | 28<br><br>Psalm 88 | 29<br><br>Psalm 89                              | 30<br><br>Psalm 90 | 31<br>Halloween<br><br>Psalm 91 |



We are taking donations of candy for the annual “Trunk or Treat” event. Please leave your donations in the narthex.

On October 31st we will be having our First Annual Church “Trunk or Treat” event following the Community North Benton Halloween Parade. We are hoping to have as many people as we can to come and participate. If you would like to participate, you will need to bring your treats to pass out and park your car in the parking lot near the Fellowship Hall. Please be there by 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st if you plan to participate. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Gaines or Jamie Pierce. (Decorating your trunk is optional.)

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**"A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord"**

## **GENTLE ANSWERS WITH GOD'S HELP**

"Close it up. I've seen enough." Those were the words of an older, experienced beekeeper to me one afternoon when I was learning how to tend a hive. My movements had been quick and forceful, causing vibrations that alarmed the bees and resulted in a growing swarm around my head. Even though I was trying to care for them, I was only making them angry. My friend proceeded to show me the importance of moving "softly," using gentle motions that were less likely to disturb the bees. Today (years later), when I go into a hive, my motions are so much smoother that my wife tells me it almost looks like I'm dancing.

Sometimes difficult conversations are like dancing with bees. When others are upset and emotions are tense, reacting angrily only makes matters worse. As King Solomon

observed, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). Responding kindly and peacefully to those who are irritated or unreasonable may take time to learn. But because gentleness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit at work within us (See Galatians 5:22-23), with God's help we can make progress in it.

These days I'm learning to pray for wisdom and gentleness whenever I go into a hive or a difficult conversation. When we walk with God into tense moments, our "help in trouble" is never far away (Psalm 46:).

*- James Banks*

**How can God help you react gently to someone who's angry? What will you say to someone who needs a gentle response from you today?**

## **PRAYER**

**Dear Jesus, please help me to gently share Your love in the ways I respond to others today.**

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