



# The Crossroads

Bethel United Methodist Church, Oswego  
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## *A Word From Our Pastor...*

To the Church at Oswego: A little Bible study.

The Lord has need of a people who will be the Church at Oswego. The community also has need of a people who will be the Church at Oswego.

The Lord calls us, even prays for us to be a united people in relationship with himself and the Father (Jn. 17:21-23). People, who have been baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Cor 12:13), so united that we are members of one another (1 Cor. 12:5). God wants us to be a purposed people (Mt 28:19-20) (Mt 24:14). We, as individual members of the Church, have various callings that enable the church to carry out its mission in this community (Eph. 4:11-16). However, the overall Mission of the Church is to operate in the world as the Body of Christ (Eph 1:23). I believe this tells us, that we are together to take up the mission of Christ, to be a people who through our living, bring Christ into our community.

Peter tells us that we should be ready at all times to give a reason to every person for the hope we have (1 Pet. 3:15). Jesus tells us that if any of us are ashamed of him before the generation in which we live he will be ashamed of us before the Father (Lk. 9:26). In short, to be the Church at Oswego, we must all be ready at the very least to speak about Jesus and the hope we have in him.

Our community needs us to be the Church at Oswego. Those who do not know Jesus as savior need to hear a united voice from us that says there is hope in Christ for all (Rom. 10:13) and that it will remain so to the very end (Rev 22:17). Hope because God so loved the world (Jn 3:16) that he came into the world as a man (1 Tim 3:16 & 1 Jn 4:1-3) he lived a life without sin (2 Cor 5:21) and yet died on a cross bearing the sin of the world (1 Pet 2:24). He did that so that our lives could be changed (2 Cor. 5:21). They need to know that because of relationship with him eternal life abides in us (1 Jn. 5:12). They need to know that Grace is for forgiveness, restoration to relationship with God, transformation of our lives into new creations (2:Cor 5:17-21) and it is also for daily life (2 Cor. 10:13) and opportunity to serve God and our community (Eph 3:20-21).

Having used scripture to show the reason, the necessity and the possibility of witnessing for Christ. I now want to use a Tennesseeism on you. "Can't never picked no corn". Translation the harvest will remain ungathered as long as we find excuses for why we can't reap it.

The Church at Oswego may be composed of people who call themselves Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, or Pentecostal. Yet it is none of those names that make them the Church, the Body of Christ. It is Christ who is the head of the Church and it is him that we live and move and have our being. This community needs us to be that.

Pastor Tim

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 Sunshine Club  
6:30 Bible Study

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00 Charge conference her at Bethel

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Men-N-Ministry in FLC - speaker is Greg Riley, Lyttleton Street UMC

We will meet Wednesday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00. Our speaker will be Richard Pring, US Air Force veteran, who will inform us of the many interesting places he's been stationed.

Tri-County Home Health nurses will administer flu shots during our Nov. Meeting (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>) for anyone who wishes. Both meetings are open to all and are followed by a covered-dish lunch.



## Children's Corner

During the morning of September 23<sup>rd</sup> the children baked and packaged 8 dozen cookies for Shaw AFB's appreciation dinner.

Our children have returned to school and we need to pray for them as they have new classes and teachers. Please pray for each one of our children this school year.

With returning to school each child has started after school activities. Kate, Marsha, and Lydia have tried out for The Nutcracker that will be performed this fall. Mark your calendar so you can see these girls dance. We have many dancers in our children's department. Kate is taking tap and jazz, Olivia is taking tap, and Lydia is active in tap and ballet. Kate is also continuing with her piano lesson and we are looking forward to her spring recital. Camdyn spends time learning new dance steps, while Lydia preforms in her gymnastic classes. When she is not dancing Lydia spends her Wednesday evenings with Awanas. Sawyer is keeping his family busy with his soccer practices and games.



The first weekend of October the children will be making placemats for the upcoming Woman's Kairos Weekend.

This fall the children will be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes. If you would like to give them money to shop and fill a box or two, please see LouAnn or Fran. We are requesting the money by Oct. 20 so we have time to shop and pack the boxes.

Other upcoming activities will be announced at a later date. Please check the bulletin each week.

**Needed: someone who is willing to help with the children's Christmas program. Please see Fran if you are willing to work with our wonderful children.**

Sunshine Club

## October Missions

We collected \$1,263 for Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering. Thank you for opening your hearts and wallets to this.

Bethel Family,

It is time for Kairos, God's time for the women of Camille Graham Correctional Facility. Your prayers, cookies and Green Agape\$\$\$\$ are needed. \$5 purchases a meal for a resident. Prayer continues for 24 hours from Thursday, October 11 to Sunday, 14. Prayer sign up sheets are available in the sanctuary and in Sunday School classes. Have cookies or salties in the church office by Tuesday October 9 at 12:00. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Blessings, because of what He did for us on the cross.

Linda Barnard

*"And you shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
Matthew 19:19*

**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** project is right at the door. The boxes have come but have not been put together yet. Julie Wagoner will set up a time for that, and it will be announced so you can come help if you wish. As you fill your box this year, remember we cannot include toothpaste or candy anymore. Please don't put the postage for your box inside the box!! Put an envelope marked as such on the outside or in the collection plate. More on this in November newsletter.

Thanks to all who provided cookies for Shaw Appreciation! Jo Anne Morris is very appreciative for our doing this.

Stella McCoy

If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter, please let me know by either calling the office at 803-469-2452 or emailing me at [bmethodist@ftc-i.net](mailto:bmethodist@ftc-i.net)

## Emanuel Soup Kitchen

We have a queen size mattress and box springs set which was in the parsonage. If you are interested in putting in a bid for it, call Billy McCoy at 803.406.9204

### BYG Activities

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 BYG  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 BYG  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 BYG  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 BYG

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct 3 Regina Burns  
Anna Lynn Skinner  
Oct 4 Andrew Miles  
Cas Winkles  
Oct 7 Viktoria Eaddy  
Oct 10 Doug Robinson  
Adville Weatherford  
Oct 12 Kate Skinner  
Oct 13 Britton Beatson  
Bob Hanes  
Oct 14 Julie Wagoner  
Oct 17 Bobby Lowder  
Oct 22 Kathy Lower  
Oct 24 Fran Marshall  
Oct 27 Wesley Spann  
Oct 28 Ryan Pring

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct 3 Joe & Linda Bailey, Jr.  
Oct 10 Jerry & Gloria Connor  
Oct 16 Lynn & Kathy Saintsing

## October

Beef Stew 5 pans (recipe below)

Rice 6 pans (4 c. uncooked rice per pan)

Green Beans 5 gallons

Strawberry Sheet Cake 6 (9 x 13) pans  
(strawberry cake mix and strawberry icing)

### Beef Stew Recipe

5 or 6 pound chuck roast (cut into small pieces)

Potatoes

Celery

Onion

Carrots

Beef broth

Place beef into the pot and cover with water. Add salt and pepper then cook on medium heat until done (about 1 and half hours).

To thicken, brown 1/2 cup flour in butter or oil, add to beef and broth.

Add chopped potatoes, onions, carrots, celery. (cook until vegetables are tender).

Use your own judgment as to how many vegetables to use, add more water or canned beef broth if necessary.

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In *Luke 14:12*, Jesus said: "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your relatives or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."