

Over the Coffee

November – Thanksgiving, OSU football, Daylight Savings/Standard Time, Veterans Day, The Reign of Christ Sunday and end of the church calendar year, plans for Christmas... that time is finally here. Let us enjoy it and make the most of it!

The Common Lectionary Readings closing out Year A are as follows:

Nov. 5 Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Nov. 12 Joshua 24:1-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 19 Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 26 Ezekiel 34:11-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

The messages this month will come from the gospel readings for the Matthew passage of the day and the sermon titles will be: Nov. 5 - “The Place for Hypocrites”, Nov. 12 - “Keeping Watch”, Nov. 19 - “Being Faithful with What We Have”, Nov. 26 - “What It All Comes Down To”.

Even though the first Sunday of Advent is in December this year, we will have our traditional “Trimming of the Tree” and getting the church ready for the Christmas season early – on November 19th at 3:30 pm. Come and share a coffee and snack and help us.

We will honor Veterans on November 12th. The Columbus Baptist Association (CBA) will have a meeting at the New Life Baptist Church on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Tim McCarthy is our representative to the CBA and you can see him if you would like information on this event and if you plan to attend. We will cancel the Wednesday Bible study on the 22nd, the day before Thanksgiving, so that everyone will have time to plan for family and holiday events.

Let us keep one another in prayer. The passing of Bud Petersen this past month is a reminder to us that we all have a limited time with the fellowship of North Baptist (even if it is 50 years like Bud) – and that we are called to use that time to carry each other’s burdens till we are called away to something more glorious. When the candles are lit on Sunday morning and all is set up, I think of Bud and give thanks.

Pastor Cy

November Anniversaries

[No Treasurer's Report]

Lance & Anne Kestersen - 11/1

November Birthdays

- Marilyn Lewis - 11/5*
- Judye Barrington - 11/6*
- Nancy Gay - 11/8*
- Karl Hildebrand - 11/8*
- Nancy Morris - 11/8*
- Terry Moore - 11/11*
- Matthew Ryan - 11/11*
- Tate Michael Green - 11/12*
- Terri Callahan - 11/13*
- Mark Callahan - 11/18*
- Beverly Dowler - 11/18*
- Bennie Smith - 11/18*
- Leroy Croxton - 11/19*
- Marcus Steele - 11/20*
- Debbie Smalley - 11/21*
- Linda Thompson - 11/23*
- Rita Hallam - 11/25*
- Faith Hildebrand - 11/28*

Assistance with Utilities and Groceries

Anyone having trouble paying bills or feeding a family may be referred to the Clintonville Resource Center for assistance. Individuals or families must live north of Hudson Street and south of Worthington, west of I-71 and east of Route 315, and must bring an ID and proof of address (such as a utility bill in their name) to CRC between noon and 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. CRC is located at 3222 North High Street, Columbus, OH; phone: 614-268-3539. Also, if anyone needs special assistance please do not hesitate to bring your situation to the attention of Pastor Cy.

Financial Secretary's Report

CATEGORY	OCTOBER
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$6,602.55
MISSIONS / DESIGNATED	
WMO	725.00
OTHER / DESIGNATED	
Fellowship Fund	113.00
Gift (donation)	5,000.00
CBA Reimbursement	25.00
CBA Meeting (food)	480.00
Petersen Memorial	100.00
Puerto Rico Aid	300.00
Parking Donation	50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$13,395.55
- Bette Martin	

Missionary Visit

North Baptist Church was honored to host a visit on Thursday evening by two IM missionaries – Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovanetti and their two daughters, Carolina and Daniela. This family is currently on home assignment raising support for their continued missionary journeys. I mention “journeys” specifically because, as described by Mayra, they have had quite an interesting journey since accepting God’s call and embarking on missions.

Mayra was born in Puerto Rico and Carlos was born and raised in Columbia, South America. The couple first met while attending a conference in the U.S. They were married in 1989 in Puerto Rico. Their first child, Alberto, was born in Pennsylvania. Their next, Carolina, was born in Florida. After serving briefly in Israel, Spain, and Chile (where Daniela was born) their latest assignment was in the country of Nicaragua. As missionaries, Carlos and Mayra emphasize theological education and write curriculum material for use in seminaries. While in Nicaragua they worked with the Baptist Theological Seminary in the program of informal theological education at churches throughout the country.

This couple has served IM since 2000. Alberto is now in college. Carolina is in her last year in high school (actually home school) and Daniela is not far behind her. Carlos and Mayra are raising support (both prayer and financial support). For more information, please go to internationalministries.org or email Carlos and Mayra at BoniGiova89@internationalministries.org. Also, contact cards can be found on the table in the narthex. You can also speak to Steve or Ann Waltman who have been acquainted with these missionaries for a number of years.

Tim McCarthy

BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

- November 5 - Ezekiel 12:1-14:11
- November 12 - Hebrews 11:1-16
- November 19 - Psalm 118:1-18
- November 26 - Proverbs 28:15-16



Jan Snowball for Tim McCarthy

Ann Judson Circle

The Ann Judson Circle met at Nancy Bootes' home with 15 members and one guest present. The circle business was conducted and Carol Miller shared a devotion on how duct tape, like faith, holds things together. Program guest speaker Pastor Cy Broughton discussed how Johannes Gutenberg's newly invented printing press helped disseminate the doctrinal articles of the Reformation. A mixed snack and dessert prepared by Nancy and Rita Hallam were then enjoyed before adjournment.

The circle will next meet at the church on November 14, 2017.

Homegoings

Niels "Bud" Petersen, 78, passed away on October 13, 2017 after battling illness in and out of hospitalization over the past year. He was a long time member of North Baptist Church and will be greatly missed and remembered for his quiet strength and helpfulness in many ways.

Scott Kidwell, 44, son of Jim and Ellen Kidwell, passed away from a massive heart attack on October 10th, 2017. The Kidwells are former members of North Baptist Church, and cards may be sent to Jim and Ellen at 1238 Mayflower Way, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Prayer Needs

Katie Brigham - heart problems
Harold Castor - assisted living in Friendship Village
Kidwell family - passing of son Scott on October 10th
Dave Miller - Parkinson's disease, physical therapy
Petersen family - Bud's passing on October 13th
Kathryn Ritter - requests prayer
Cedric Shields - assisted living in Wesley Glen
Debbie Smalley - recovering at home
Bill Vargo - requests prayer
Pat & Bill Whittington: Pat's recovery at home from injuries and in-home hospice care for her and Bill
Marilyn Yost - back pain
Marilyn Yost's nephew Tom Yost - healing of remaining cancer



NBC Adult Christmas Party



Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Please come share the joy of Christmas with Terry and Judy once again this year.

This is our 30th year of hosting our Lord's birthday party. (Terry wants it to be a surprise party! ☺)

We will provide the meal and place.

You provide items for CRC.

Once again, items needed for CRC:

Canned goods, cereal, hats, gloves & scarfs for men, women, boys & girls

WHERE: Terry & Judy's house

619 Center Woods Drive

DATE: Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP by Sunday, November 26th, 2017

Directions

Take Morse Road to Indianola and turn north onto Indianola, or take Lincoln Avenue to Indianola and turn south. Follow Indianola to Indian Summer Drive on west side and turn into Indian Hollow subdivision. Go to the first street (Mehrman Way) and turn left, then go to the next street (Center Woods Drive) and turn right. The address is 619 Center Woods Drive and the house is on the left (south) side of the street.



JOHN CALVIN LEADS GENEVA REFORM

KEN CURTIS, PH.D.



"There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice." Those words were penned by a man who has been accused of generating a joyless Christianity. He is remembered as the man who taught predestination, an idea repugnant to many modern minds. Yet those who know Calvin well regard him as a

saint. And they aren't surprised that he made such a statement about colors and grass.

Born in France in 1509, Calvin was exceptionally brilliant. Initially he intended to be a priest, but he entered the field of law, studying at different universities, including Paris.

MAJOR CLASSIC AT 27

About 1533 Calvin had a "sudden conversion." He said: "God subdued and brought my heart to docility." Apparently he had encountered the writings of Luther. He broke from Catholicism, left France, and settled in Switzerland as an exile. In 1536, Calvin published the first edition of one of the greatest works ever written, *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*. At the age of twenty-seven he had already produced a major systematic theology, a clear articulation of Reformation teachings.

His writings impressed Guillaume Farel, the Reformer of Geneva, Switzerland. Farel pressed Calvin to come and help the Genevan reform. Geneva was to be Calvin's home until he died in 1564 (except for a three-year period when he was exiled from there, only to be invited back to leadership).

While there, his workload was staggering. Calvin pastored the St. Pierre church, preaching in it daily. He produced commentaries on almost every book of the Bible. He wrote dozens of devotional and doctrinal pamphlets, carried on vast correspondence, and trained and sent out scores of missionaries. (He managed to do all this while constantly battling various ailments, including migraine headaches.)

The reformer wanted Geneva to be like the kingdom of God on earth. He had his work cut out for him. The Genevans had had notoriously lax morals before his coming, and they often balked at his attempts at improving morality. But Calvin's influence was everywhere -- in schools, notably, but also as a kind of overarching presence, because he urged excommunicating church members whose lives did not conform to spiritual standards. And every citizen of Geneva had to subscribe to his confession of faith that had been adopted by the city council.

A SCHOOL FOR MANY NATIONS

Geneva became a powerful moral magnet, attracting Protestant exiles from all over Europe. The Scot, John Knox, described Geneva as "the most perfect school of Christ since the days of the apostles." Through his moral authority, Calvin truly reformed Geneva. And through his French and Latin writings - the *Institutes* in particular - he gave Protestantism amazing vigor.

What is so grand about the *Institutes*? For one thing, no other Reformer ever stated Protestantism's beliefs so clearly. Luther wrote much, but never in one book did he bring all key beliefs together. Calvin's book -- which he kept enlarging throughout his life -- covered all the bases.

THAT DIFFICULT DOCTRINE

Book III of the *Institutes* has received much attention. In considering the Holy Spirit, Calvin examined the doctrine of regeneration -- that is, how are we saved? He claimed that salvation is only possible through the grace of God. Even before creation, God chose some people to be saved. This is the bone most people choke on: predestination. Curiously, it isn't particularly a Calvinist idea. Augustine taught it centuries earlier, and Luther believed it, as did most of the other Reformers. Yet Calvin stated it so forcefully that the teaching is forever identified with him. Calvin said it was clearly taught in the Bible.

For Calvin, God was -- above all else -- sovereign. Like all the Reformers, he hated the way Catholicism had degenerated into a religion of salvation-by-works. So Calvin's constantly repeated theme was this: You cannot manipulate God, nor put Him in your debt. If you are saved, it is His doing, not your own.

THE FRUITS OF ELECTION; THE RIGHT TO REVOLUTION

God alone knows who is elect (saved) and who isn't. But, Calvin said, a moral life shows that a person is (probably) one of the elect. Calvin himself was intensely moral and energetic, and he impressed on others the need to work out their salvation -- not to be saved but to show they are saved. This emphasis on doing, on acting to transform a sinful world, became one of the chief characteristics of Calvinism.

In emphasizing God's sovereignty, Calvin's *Institutes* lead the reader to believe that no person -- king, bishop, or anyone else -- can demand our ultimate loyalty. Calvin never taught explicitly that men have a "right" to revolution, but it is implied. In this sense his works are amazingly "modern."

FAR-REACHING INFLUENCE

Countless volumes have been written about Calvin's influence, some applauding the man, others regarding him as a puritanical fiend. But it is safe to say that few Christians have been more brilliant, more energetic, more sincere, more moral, more dedicated to the church's purity.

Calvin's theology imported better than many other brands of Protestantism. It found a home in places as far apart as Scotland, Poland, Holland, and America. His spiritual descendants make up the World Alliance of Reformed Churches based in Calvin's Geneva. This worldwide alliance consists of 178 denominations with over 50 million adherents in more than 80 countries.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Calvin married Idelette, a young widow. Calvin described her as "the faithful helper of my ministry" and "the best companion of my life." They had a son. Sadly, his wife died young, as did their son.

[Adapted from Christian History Institute's book, *100 Most Important Dates in Church History*, published by Revell.]

<http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1501-1600/john-calvin-leads-geneva-reform-11629963.html>