



The Vine & the Branches

November 2014

James 5:13-15:

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

Prayer works! I am reminded of this often – lets make November a prayer month, for we have so much to be thankful for, and we can not take it for granted! Thank you, Jesus, for salvation and for You!

Karen Maas, editor

*A special friend is God's sweet gift
A friend can give your faith a lift
A friend is there to pray for you
A friend is always tried and true
A friend is there to hold your hand
A friend will always with you stand
A friend is there to make you smile
A friend will go the second mile
A friendship is a two-way street
A place where both your hearts will meet
A friendship lasts through good and bad
A source of joy when life is sad
If you're in need of such a friend
You'll find Christ's love will never end
I guarantee He'll meet your need
He is a precious Friend indeed*

*Bob Gilmore
10-12-14*



PRAYING TOGETHER

Every Sabbath morning, 8:45am, join us in the Prayer Room before Sabbath School and church. It provides us with a time to come together in praise and thanksgiving, and present the needs of members in prayer each week. The Prayer Room is the classroom across from the Mothers' Room, in the back of the church foyer. – Donna Schacher

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From the Pastor's Keyboard:

Dear Church Family,

There are many things that attract our attention today. From bad news to cool new electronic gadgets, from face book to entertainment, we are assailed with things that bid for our attention. In today's generation, it is impossible to keep up on everything that is going on in the world, church, and even in our families. We are experiencing an information super highway overload. While there are good and bad things that can be learned, my real concern is that our ears may be becoming dull from the effect of too much information. It is easy now to say, "I have heard that before," or "who cares," or "it will soon be obsolete." I would like to suggest to everyone that while it is fun and necessary for us to have some of this information come to us, we all have to learn how to filter out the bad and filter down the flow. What I mean is this, that one must choose the eternal rather than the novel, or the exciting, or the societal agenda of society. The words of God bring life, hope and faith, the words of everything else are secondary. Don't let your ears grow dull from information abuse. Take the time you need to let the words of God flow freely into your heart. Let the words of God wash over your soul. Let the words of God be meditated upon. Let the words of God refresh your soul. Then, if you have time, tap into that super highway and enjoy a snack, but let your main diet be of God. Have a great month.

Love & Prayers,
Pastor Ballard

NOVEMBER RECIPE:

Spiced Apple and Butternut Squash Soup

By: Jaime Hartman

<http://gutsybynature.com/2013/10/04/spiced-apple-butternut-squash-soup/>

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons coconut oil
1 small onion, chopped
2 small or 1 large apple, peeled and cut into cubes
1 medium (about 2 pounds) butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into cubes
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
a pinch of ground cloves
a pinch of ground allspice
1 quart (4 cups) vegetable broth (not chicken) ☺
salt and pepper to taste
Sage leaves for garnish (optional)

Instructions

In a large saucepan, melt the coconut oil over medium heat.
Cook the onions until they are soft and beginning to brown (about 7 minutes).
Add the apples and squash and cook until soft (about 10 minutes).
Add the spices and toss until fragrant.
Add the broth and bring to a boil.
Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.
Use an immersion blender to puree soup until very smooth, or carefully transfer to a standard blender and puree in batches (you may wish to let the soup cool for a few minutes first).
Salt and pepper to taste.
Ladle into bowls and garnish with sage.



PATHFINDERS – NOVEMBER

01 – 2:00-4:00pm, meeting, dress uniform

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08 – 5:30 pm, Shamburger Supper!!!!

15 – 2:00-4:00pm, meeting, field uniform



Pathfinder Teen Retreat last weekend; Sabbath morning.

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursdays in the AM – Classic Conversations

Every Thursday through December 11, 2014 (except November 27, Thanksgiving), Home Schooled students are provided with an opportunity for socialization and fun lessons.

November 2 – Women's Ministry Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, 11/2, at 9:00am at Elizabeth Edgy's home. Pancakes and scrambled eggs will be served – bring your favorite breakfast dish to share and join your sisters-in-Christ for a morning of fellowship.

November 8 – Shamburger Feed Pathfinder Fund Raiser

Saturday 11/8 at 5:30 pm, following vespers, in the Fellowship Hall, join the Pathfinders in their Annual Shamburger Feed. Shamburgers with all the fixin's, Tater Tots, and Apple Cider will all be for sale to raise funds for the Pathfinder Club. Stick around after for **Old Fashioned Game Night** fun for the whole family.

November 9 – Women's Ministry Craft Day

Sunday 11/9 at 2:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gather to make your own Christmas Cards. Come and join the fun!

November 24 – Binding the Wounds Class

Monday 11/24 at 7:00pm at the home of Kay Heath. There will be a light potluck supper of soup and salad provided. Please bring a light and healthy dessert.



November Birthdays

01	Tori Dean
02	Scott Bernard
04	David Karkov
04	Donna Schacher
10	Ely Rendon
11	Ken Coppernoll
12	Bud Miller
13	Michayla Auvil
15	Mike Harford
17	Brandon Karkov
19	Jennifer Whitley
21	Ed Keightley
25	Katie Ellis
27	Ryan Cate
30	Heather Fogarty

November Anniversaries

29	Dan & Laurie Bynum
29	Bill & Teresa McCart

