



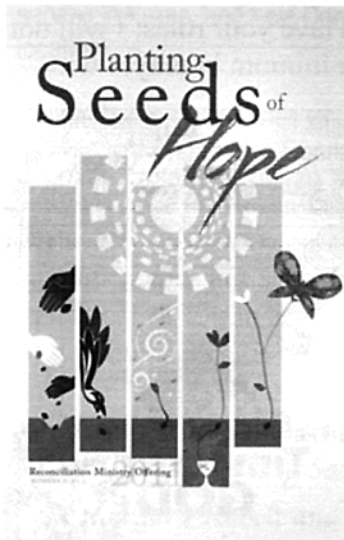
CROSSING POINT

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The 2011 Reconciliation Offering will be received in congregations on September 25th and October 2nd. Reconciliation Ministry Offering is used to fund our Church's mission priority to become a pro-reconciling/ anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across difference. Funds from this offering provide Youth and Young Adult camps, training programs for leadership development, and resources to promote small group study and community-building.

Dawn's Ditties

Back to school time is upon us, we see the school buses, we see the children riding to school. As a new "parent" of a 9 year old, I get to experience the joy of waking a child up in the morning and having him get ready for school. This 9 year old boy is not a great morning person. He has to be woken up several times; he has to be encouraged to do his morning routine and not to get sidetracked by the bed or the remote control trucks. And unfortunately me, as mom, am not a great morning person so I have to remember to be upbeat and not drag my feet myself.

Sometimes in our relationship with God, we are like that 9 year old boy, we don't want to wake up, we don't want to do our morning routine with Him or we get sidetracked away from Him. Does any of this sound familiar? God is so ever present in our lives but at times we aren't present to Him. We say we will pray, we say we will read our Bibles, we say we will spend time with Him and worship and praise and honor him but what happens at times....life. Life, things happening; a phone call, that movie that comes on TV that we have waited to see, a sale at are favorite store, or the perfect weather for a drive or to go fish. We need to put God as a priority, our first priority.

With our 9 year old we have a calendar in his room, his rules and an award sheet. On the calendar are the upcoming events, the rules having his do's and don'ts, and his award has what happens when the rules and upcoming events are followed. Try that in your walk with God. Set up a calendar; time to pray, time to read, time to study. Have your rules; I will not watch TV while reading my Bible, I will spend 15 minutes at the minimum in prayer with God. Reward yourself when those things are done.

In our precious relationship with God, we don't get a summer break or early release. We must live constantly in His presence.

Blessings and praise to you all,

Dawn Marie



Operation Backpack



Hunger doesn't take a break. What a sobering thought! When I heard those words recently they stopped me in my tracks. We've all seen pictures of starving children throughout the world. What's even more sobering is the thought that children are going hungry on a regular basis right here in our own community.

There is a high percentage of children in the Bowling Green R-1 School District that rely on free or reduced-cost meals. For some of these children, weekends are filled with hunger and despair – due to a lack of adequate food to eat. A group has recently formed to help meet the nutritional needs of children over the weekend. For now, we are calling ourselves Operation Backpack. The goal is to provide bags filled with nutritious, kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare foods that are sent home with at-risk children on Friday afternoons to insure that the child does not go hungry during the weekend. Staff members at the Bowling Green and Frankford Elementary schools will identify the students that would benefit from this program.

If you've been listening to Dawn Marie's sermons recently, you've heard a lot about "being the hands and feet of Christ". Your support of Operation Backpack is an excellent opportunity to put the idea of "being the hands and feet of Christ" into practice right here in our own backyard. We figure that it will cost \$5-6 per week to provide food for a child during the weekend. At this time we are seeking pledges and prayers to support this program. Pledge forms (one is available on this page) and additional information are available from Katherine Branstetter at the Bowling Green church and Marion Branstetter from New Harmony.

OPERATION BACKPACK COMMITMENT

Name _____ Address _____ Phone # _____

The cost is \$5-6 a week per child. I commit to: (Check all that apply)

\$25/month x _____ child(ren) = _____/month

\$20/month _____ \$15/month _____ \$10/month _____ One time gift of \$ _____

I will help with: Prayer for this ministry _____ Shopping _____

Community awareness _____

(This is an ongoing commitment just like for a child of your own. Please keep your organization's coordinator informed if for some reason you cannot fulfill your commitment.)

THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER

Ten little members in a line.
One disliked the minister, then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members offered to work late.
One forgot her promise, then there were eight.
Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven.
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
Seven loyal members got into a fix.
They quarreled over projects, then there were six.
Six members remained with spirit and drive.
One moved away, then there were five.
Five steadfast members wished there were more.
One became indifferent then there were four.
Four cheerful members who never disagree,
'til one complained of meetings,
then there were three.
Three eager members! What did they do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.
Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done.
One joined a sports team, then there was one.
One faithful member was feeling rather blue,
Met with a neighbor, and then there were two.
Two earnest members each enrolled one more,
doubling their number, then there were four.
Four determined members, just wouldn't wait,
'til each one won another, then there were eight.
Eight excited members signed up sixteen more.
In another six verses, they'll be
a thousand twenty-four.

Borrowed from the
Kennewick First Christian Newsletter



Strawberry Salad

Mix together 2 ½ cups broken pretzels and 1 ½ sticks melted butter. Put in the bottom of a 9" x 13" pan,

bake for 10 minutes in a 400° oven and let cool. Combine 1 cup granulated or powdered sugar, 1- 8 oz. package cream cheese and 1- 8 oz. container of cool whip. Pour over cooled pretzels.

Dissolve 2 small packages of strawberry jello in 2 cups of boiling pineapple juice. Add two small containers of frozen strawberries. Stir until mixture begins to jell and pour over cream cheese mixture.

Cover and refrigerate.

Easy Fruit Crumble Crock Pot Recipe

Ingredients Fruit Large Tin - approx 2lb (825g) peach halves Medium Tin - approx 1lb (450g) pineapple pieces. 2 tbs apricot Conserve (Jam) 1 tsp rum

Topping 1 cup (90g) bread crumbs 2 tbs all-purpose flour (plain flour) 1/3 cup desiccated coconut (or shredded) 3 oz (90g) butter 1 tbs honey

Method 1. Drain fruits and reserve ½ cup of juice. 2. Put fruit in Crock Pot. 3. Combine reserved ½ juice with all other fruit ingredients and add to crock pot. 4. Cover and cook for 5-6 hours on low. 5. For the topping. Melt butter

and honey together. Either in a small pan on the stove top or for a few seconds in the Microwave. 6. Next combine all topping ingredients in a bowl, stir to distribute butter evenly. 8. Sprinkle the topping on top of the fruit. 9. Cover and cook for a further 2 hours on High. 10. Serve with your choice of cream, custard and ice-cream.

Notes Serves 6-8 Delicious cold the next day. Recipe taken from *A Crock Cook*

Eight Gifts That Do Not Cost a Cent

THE GIFT OF LISTENING...

But you must REALLY listen.
No interrupting, no daydreaming,
no planning your response.
Just listening.

THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...

Be generous with appropriate hugs,
kisses, pats on the back, and handholds.
Let these small actions demonstrate the
love you have for family and friends.

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER...

Clip cartoons.
Share articles and funny stories.
Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...

It can be a simple
"Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet.
A brief, handwritten note may be remembered
for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...

A simple and sincere,
"You look great in red," "You did a super job,"
or "That was a wonderful meal"
can make someone's day.

THE GIFT OF A FAVOR...

Every day, go out of your way
to do something kind.

THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...

There are times when we want nothing better
than to be left alone.

Be sensitive to those times and give
the gift of solitude to others.

THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION...

The easiest way to feel good is
to extend a kind word to someone.
Really, it's not that hard to say,
Hello or Thank You.

- Contributed by Katherine Quinn



BG Men's Breakfast Group is on a break until **October 2**.

Wednesday, September 7 will be New Harmony's monthly fundraiser at Crystal's. Bowling Green's fundraiser will be on **Wednesday, September 28**.

BG Fundraiser

Bowling Green will be selling homemade cinnamon rolls and coffee at the Heritage Festival on **Saturday, September 10**.

NH Board Meeting

New Harmony will have a board meeting on **Sunday, September 11** at 8:00 a.m.

BG Board Meeting

Bowling Green will have a board meeting **Sunday, September 11** following worship services.

The youth group will begin their meetings on **Sunday, September 11** at 5:00 p.m. at New Harmony Christian Church.

NH Fish Fry

New Harmony will have their annual fish fry on **Sunday, September 18** at 12:30 p.m.

NH CWF

New Harmony CWF will meet on **Wednesday, September 21** at 6:30 p.m.

BG Ladies' Breakfast Club

The ladies will meet for breakfast at Crystal's on **Saturday, September 17** at 8:30 a.m.

BG to Host Cluster 4 Meeting

On **Monday, September 26** Bowling Green will host *Dessert, Coffee & Conversation*. This meeting is for all ministers and board chair/leaders in the Cluster 4 area.

BG to Host Blood Drive

Bowling Green Christian Church will host a blood drive on **Friday, September 30 from 2 PM – 7 PM**. We will be setting up appointments on **Wednesday, September 21**.

BG & NH Bible Study Begins After Summer Break

Bowling Green will meet on **Tuesdays**, beginning on **September 13** at the parsonage. New Harmony will meet on **Thursdays**, beginning on **September 15** at New Harmony Christian Church. Both groups will meet at 6:30 p.m.



Tanner Ahart, Bob & Mary Baskett, Debbie Beckman, Melba Benn, Julie Bittle, Terrace Boudinier, Alta May Boyd, Nellie Branstetter, Tim Brehm, Jeff Brown, Ryan Collins, Brandy Cox, Lisa Crow, Betty Daffron, Anna Damell, Brittney Damell, Marlene Davenport, John Deters, Zandra Dowell, Maxine Ele, Scott Epperson, Doug Eschelman, Brenda Eskew, Kim Fisher, Laura Fletcher, Ethel Fry, Don Fulsom, Edith Gates, Betty Gay, Pam Glaspie, Harold Hamm, Bill Haines, Michael Hatfield, Debbie Hodges, Leon Holcumbrink, Janette Kobe, Emily Lane, Charlene Lawson, Cody Leavell, Chris Lenorad, Joe Lewis, Carly Lovell, Harriet Litchfield, Abbi Lucas, Bertha Marshall, Frances McDannold, Richard McPike, Matthew Medlock, Cindy Mehler, Marilyn Millan, Karen Miller, Ansel Niemeyer, Roy Owens, Tom Owens, Jonathon Penn, Geraldine Price, Dana Reading, Betty Scherder, Nancy Schildmeier, Frank Scott, Lindell Scott, Darlene Sealy, Lucille Sellers, Leanne Spengler, Gloria Swon, Stephanie Terrill, Bill Traynor, Gene Traynor, Mary Margaret Vogel, Don Watts, Brenda Wells, and Jean Willis

Remember the Middle East, all the Washington Park Area, the earthquake victims in Japan, and the tomado victims in Joplin and the victims of the Oslo, Norway bombing and youth camp shootings

Also remember our members who are traveling and the men and women of the armed forces. (Jeff Brown, Brian Long, Ben Rolls and Patrick Strand are all serving in the Middle East, Steven Lyle Hurd serving in Korea, and Levi Dorris serving onboard ship, unknown location)

Remember our loved ones who can no longer be here to worship with us: Richard Branstetter, Donna Pearl Butler, Dora Mae Clifton, Ruby Freeman, Betty Moore, Ruby Parsons, and Josephine Worthington



the families of

LaNora Barrick, Jeff Betz, Madge Bonneville, Carmen Bufford, Susan Fisher, Helen Gillette, Darryl McCall, Peg Sachs, Kenneth Sisson, Katie Tate, Gary Rybolt and the Special Forces serving aboard the helicopter that crashed in Afghanistan

SEPTEMBER



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kay Reading
- 3 Hunter Jurotich
Carol Marshall
- 4 Reid Glenn
- 5 Donna Butler
Bonnie Perkins
- 6 Joyce Luebrecht
- 8 Jeanne McCurdy
- 13 Brandon McCurdy
- 14 Trudy Shaw
- 16 Julie LaBrier Scherder
- 17 Camden Fisher
Travis Fisher
Jim Wells
- 18 Ed Jurotich
Bill Wilson
- 22 Cheryl Hopke
Phyllis LaBrier
- 26 Frank Berlin
- 8 Joe & Julie Scherder
- 11 Marion & Jackie Branstetter
- 13 Tom & Kathie Branstetter
- 17 Sonny & Jeanne McCurdy
- 29 Greg & Kim McCollum

Please let the office know if there are any corrections or additions to this list. Thank you!

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