

Fun Times

MEMORY VERSE

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." John 6:29

WHAT TO READ WHEN...

If you cannot have your own way, read : James 3.

HEBREW NAMES OF GOD

El Yeshurun

God of Israel Deuteronomy 33:26

THE BIBLE

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Definition: Most commonly said at funerals, it is a reference to the cycle of life. We come from the ground, and return to it at death.

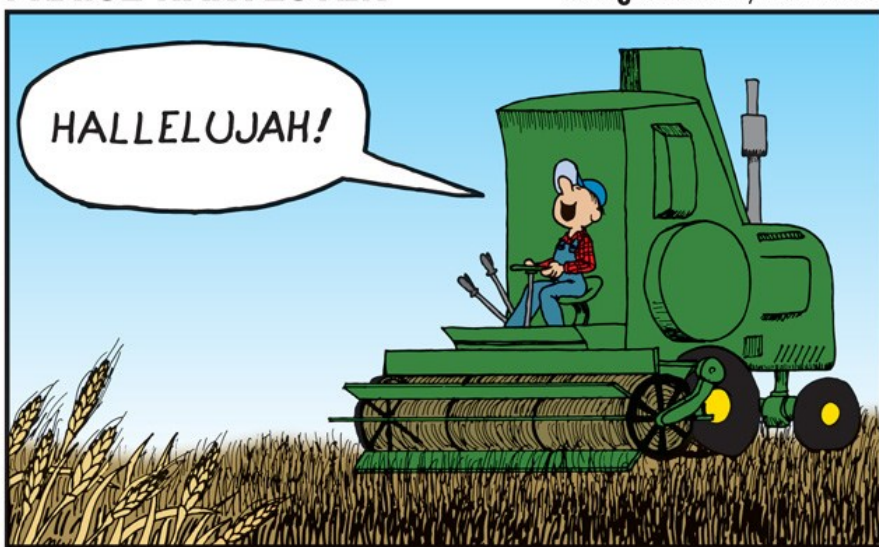
Genesis 3:19 (NIV) "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

The best way to go to sleep at night, instead of counting sheep count your blessings.

PRAISE HARVESTER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. — PSALM 67:5-6 NIV

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Fruit Cocktail Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup cane sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 15.25 oz can fruit cocktail
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp butter flavoring
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup pecans, chopped coarse
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°. Sift the first three ingredients together. Add the fruit cocktail (juice and all) to the flour mixture and mix with a large spoon. Add vanilla and butter flavorings. Beat the eggs & add to the mixture. Pour batter into well-greased and floured pan (about 8"x12"x1 1/2"). On top of the batter in the pan, sprinkle the pecans and brown sugar. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

TOPPING IF DESIRED: 1 stick butter, 1/2 can angel flake coconut, 3/4 cup sugar (half white half brown). While the cake is baking, combine the topping ingredients in a sauce pan. Bring to a boil, then cook for 2 minutes. Spread mixture over the cake while both are still hot. - Linda Boone

Dingbats

Can you figure out the Bible sayings below?

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NOTHING NEW _____
WORL _____

Connection Point

United Baptist Church ~ OCTOBER 2024

United as One Body in Christ



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

We are approaching the busiest season of the year. At the church, our calendar has already filled up for the next few months. As we approach the holidays, things get even busier and more chaotic. I want to take a moment to remind you to rest in God in the midst of it all. Psalm 46:10 is a verse that many of you may be familiar with. It reminds us to "be still and know that I am God." I encourage you to read the whole psalm as you ponder this reality. It speaks of God standing as our refuge in times of chaos and even war. Verse 2 portrays imagery that is more than just a busy day, but a time when our world is falling apart. It describes a time where the things we thought were solid and secure (the mountains) are shaking and falling apart and the things that are scary and we do not understand (the sea) are raging out of control. Yet, God is described as a refuge, a flowing river, and a fortress amid it all. I hope that as you face the times where you feel like your world is falling apart that you would find comfort in the words of this psalm and be able to be still and know that He is God and that He will always be your solid rock and refuge. This month, take some time to reflect on what it means that God is your refuge. Don't let the chaos hide the reality of God's faithfulness.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeremy

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

The prayer focus for this month is **HOSPITALS**

Here are some specific ways you can pray:

Patients - Pray for healing and recovery for the patients that are currently admitted.

Staff—Pray that administrative staff would make decisions that would be beneficial to both their employees and their patients. Pray that the doctors and nursing staff would have the wisdom needed to make decisions that will be best for the patients. Pray for all those who are working hard to keep our hospitals running.

Family/Friends - Pray for peace, patience, and rest for the friends and families of those admitted in the hospital.

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Join Us

~ Sundays ~

Bible Study 9:30

Service 10:45 am

Nursery provided

~ Wednesdays ~

Meal 6:00

Bible Study 6:30

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## Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am to Noon &

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Closed Fridays

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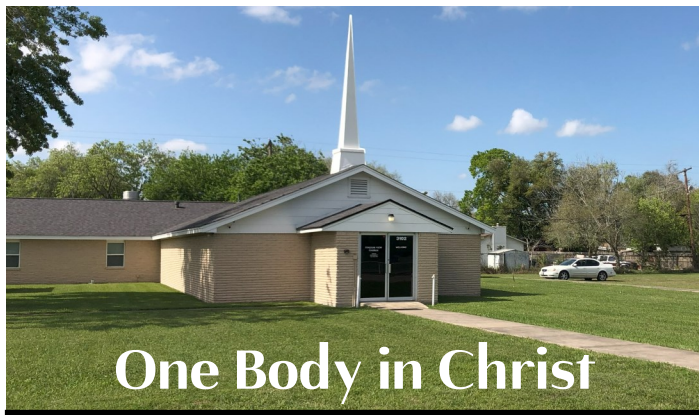
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# One Body in Christ

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, October 1

National Night Out Block Party

### Saturday, October 5

4:00 OCC Kick-Off Rally

Vanderbilt Baptist Church

5:30-8:00 Pregnancy Help Center Banquet

Northside Baptist Church

### Monday, October 7

6:30 Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, October 9

6:00 Potluck Meal

6:30 Business Meeting

### Thursday, October 10

5:30 Finance Committee Meeting

### Friday, October 18

Cooking tamale meat

### Saturday, October 19

Making tamales for fundraiser

### Sunday, October 20

5:00 Annual GBA meeting at Northside

### Tuesday, October 22

Noon & 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting



## Call To Action



Help with one of our missions' projects this month. We have a lot of opportunities! National Night Out Block Party is on Tuesday, October 1st. This month we will be collecting change for the Pregnancy Help Center. Pick up a 'baby bottle' from the church to collect the change in. They are also having a banquet on Saturday, October 5th. There is a great chance to learn about what they are doing and have some great food! Ask the office for information if you want to go to this banquet! Also on October 5th, Operation Christmas Child is having a Kick-Off Rally. This will be at Vanderbilt Baptist Church starting at 4:00 p.m. They will have a speaker talking about his experience when he received a box as a child! Two great opportunities to learn more about mission work in our area on the same day! Our Guadalupe Baptist Association will have its annual meeting on Sunday, October 20, at Northside. There will be a meal at 5:00 p.m. with booths to look at and people to talk to, and a meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. This is a great chance to learn what our association and the churches in our area are doing. There is a lot going on! Make plans to attend or help with at least one thing this month.



National Night Out Kickoff Party!

## CHURCH NEWS

On Wednesday, September 11, we served a meal to the faculty at STEM Middle School after their meeting. We had fajita meat, rice, beans, homemade tortillas, chips, dips, and deserts. About 35 STEM employees were served.. A big THANK YOU to everyone who cooked and helped out.

This month we will be cooking meat for tamales on Friday, October 18 and making the tamales the next day. These will be sold for \$15 per dozen as a fundraiser to support our Serving Hands and Vision funds. Serving Hands money helps church and community members who find themselves in times of need. So far this year, we have helped with gas to get people to doctor appointments, water bills, hotel rooms, electric bills, and groceries. The Vision fund will help with items we will need after the expansion is completed. We will have tickets available. Tamales will be available beginning November 4th. You can schedule your pickup by contacting the church office.

At a special called business meeting on Sunday, September 22, we voted in three new members! Welcome to Louis Tuttle and Liz and George Isaac. Because the city is behind in approving the site plan, we did not have that information ready to vote on. The pastors gave an update from the Improvement Committee on where we are in the process and where we are headed. We have to wait for the city's approval. Then we can complete the process of getting quotes and vote to move forward!

The National Night Out Kickoff at DeLeon Plaza was a great success! We passed out about 200 bags of popcorn, handed out glow-in-the-dark bracelets, cards advertising our Block Party on October 1st, and had drawings for gift cards! We talked with a lot of people and had a great time!

## Needs for the STEM Teachers' Lounge

We are collecting items for the teachers' lounge at STEM Middle School. There is a box in the hallway to place the items in. These are items they will need throughout the year.

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|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1 lb of medium blend coffee | coffee cups   | creamer (all flavors) | coffee pods |
| dishrags/sponges            | Post-it notes | sugar                 | Sweet-n-Low |
| paper towels                | red pencils   | salt/pepper packets   |             |
| disposable bowls & utensils |               |                       |             |

## All About Us

### \*Membership for August\*

Total Membership 92

### \*Financials 2024\*

Income: \$72,333 Expenses: \$77,555

### \*Average Attendance for August\*

Worship : 60 Online : 10  
Sunday Bible Study : 31

### \*Financials for August\*

Income: \$8,417 Expenses: \$10,042

A copy of monthly financials are available in the church office if you want a copy.

Welcome  
New Members

Louis Tuttle  
George & Liz Isaac

## — Notice —

Melanie will be out of the office October 17-31 for knee surgery. She will be working part of the time in the office and part of the time from home for a few weeks following that as she recovers. Bobbi Ellinger will be helping out in the office a few days a week while she is recuperating. Please have a little grace for us during this period. If no one answers your phone call to the church, leave a message or call one of the staff members' cell phones. And you might want to call before dropping by to make sure someone is there.

**Dingbat Answers: Nothing New Under the Sun; World Without End**

# “3 Opportunities the Trials of Life Bring”

By Michael Kelley



The older I get, the more convinced I become that much of life is about responding.

That's the because the older I get, the more I see how much of life is actually out of our control. We do what we can to be proactive, prepared, and anticipatory of all different kinds of issues, but none of that preparation will ever make us completely ready for the things that happen to us every day. And every day, nearly without exception, we encounter something unanticipated. Something unexpected. And, in many cases, something troubling.

The question, then, is always how will we respond. What will we do in light of the various trials that come our way through the week? What will we do with the argument in the relationship? With the suddenly disgruntled coworker? With the distressed child or the unexpected financial downturn?

Because the trials are many and varied, it doesn't do much good, I don't think, to try and plan out in advance exactly how we will respond in every scenario; that's a fool's errand because, again, it's impossible to know exactly what to expect. But we can make general plans. That is, we can think about the general attitude and posture we want to take whenever these trials come our way.

Now to be clear, by “trials” I do not mean the kinds of trials that truly do upend your life. I don't mean the trials of tragedy; of life and death; of dramatic realignment. At least for the purposes of this article, I mean “trials” in a smaller sense – those unexpected irritations and interruptions that cause us a measure of grief. What will our disposition be when those inevitably come our way? To this, we look to 1 Peter for some council:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:3-9).

*Continued next month!*

# October 2024

**United Baptist Church**  
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## Regular Weekly Schedule & Events

### Sundays

9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.  
Worship

### Wednesdays

11:00 a.m.  
Women's Discipleship  
6:00 p.m.  
Meal  
6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study

### Saturdays

9:00 a.m.  
Men's Discipleship  
10:00 a.m.  
Drive Up Prayer

### Saturday, October 5

4:00 Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off Rally at Vanderbilt Baptist Church  
5:30 Pregnancy Help Center Banquet at Northside Baptist Church

| Sun                                                                | Mon                      | Tue                                              | Wed                                        | Thu                                 | Fri                                                   | Sat                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                    |                          | 1<br>National Night Out Block Party<br>6:00-9:00 | 2                                          | 3                                   | 4                                                     | 5<br>Pregnancy Help Center Banquet<br>OCC Kick-off<br>*Linda Jonckers |
| 6                                                                  | 7<br>6:30 Church Council | 8<br>*Linda Hartman                              | 9<br>6:00 Potluck<br>6:30 Business meeting | 10<br>5:30 Budget Committee Meeting | 11<br>*Christina Garrett                              | 12                                                                    |
| 13                                                                 | 14                       | 15                                               | 16                                         | 17                                  | 18<br>Cook Tamale Meat<br>*Roy Roberts<br>*Bo Tillery | 19<br>Make Tamales<br>(They will be available beginning Nov. 4th)     |
| *Glenda Roberts<br>*Dean Wetherbee                                 | 20                       | 21                                               | 22                                         | 23                                  | 24                                                    | 25                                                                    |
| Lord's Supper<br>5:00 GBA Annual Mtg at Northside<br>*Brian Munday |                          | Noon / 6:30 Prayer meeting                       |                                            |                                     | ♥ Dean & LaVonne Cooper                               | *Louis Tuttle                                                         |
| 27                                                                 | 28                       | 29                                               | 30                                         | 31                                  |                                                       | *Birthdays<br>♥ Anniversaries                                         |

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