



The Wood-Burner



Woodburn Presbyterian Church Newsletter March -April 2021



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**Pastoral needs?
call Pastor Scott
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Or

Mary Sue at (910) 371-9614

Leave message



Woodburn's Memorial Garden

Beautiful Spring of 2019

If you would like to help maintain our beautiful garden please see Pat Cross

910 371-2404

Pastor Scott's Musings

Well, this is good news for many of you, a News Letter. Thank you, brother John Crowder, and a big shoutout to brother Rodney McCoy for getting our internet web site going. Everything in God's time, you all have been so very patient and true to your call as perishers of Jesus Christ here at Woodburn. Mary Sue is such a blessing and she will get our pew pads in order once we get out of this Pandemic. If we have them in the pews, they have to be wiped down each and every week. We have done without a great deal, but God is always faithful and He has allowed us to carry on.



My entire ministry at Woodburn has been during the pandemic, we are all looking forwards to getting our church back to normal.

"A response to the pandemic"

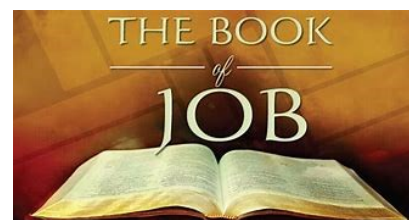
The God of Christianity is a purposeful God not taken to arbitrary acts of violence. His actions are not irrational expressions or whims, nor evil. We do not know why this virus has taken place. There

is no easy answer to the why, but we Christians know we serve a God of life, abundant life in the hereafter. The book of Job and the ninth chapter of John's gospel tell us this. When inexplicable disasters occur, we must say with Luther, "Let God be God."

When Job cried out, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21b). Job did not like what was going on in his life he was biting his lip and gripping his stomach as he said those words. But Job, as we should remained faithful to God.

Whatever else this world is, it is fallen. Suffering is inseparably related to sin. That is not to say that all suffering is a direct result of sin. We need to understand suffering and sin are in the same ballpark. As long as evil men against nature, we will have things like the pandemic. We are to take of this world and instead we abuse it and exploit it. When you can read John chapter 9, it will give you a solid teaching on this subject.

The world is not yet redeemed. We, who are of Christ look for a new heaven and a new earth, and sing of it – Beulah land, sweet Beulah land. We yearn for a land without tempest, flood, or earthquake; we will find that in the sweet by and by. Such yearning to see Jesus and be home provides a hope that is an anchor for the soul.



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This newsletter begins again after a period of suspension due to the covid virus We really need your input as to what you need to have in this newsletter. send me your message at 910 520 3720 or email me at thelnr.crowder@gmail.com

Email comments at thelnr.crowder@gmail.com Or call 910 371-9921 Would you like to help with this newsletter? Call me



Just like our bell tower we are weathering the storm of COVID 19

Woodburn Website

The Woodburn website, (Woodburnpcusa.org) has been revised and updated. We also have a “You Tube” channel, and Facebook page. The worship services are

uploaded to our web page most Sunday afternoons.

Typically, it is also linked to the Facebook page. . If you have access to the internet please check it out and let Rodney know if there are problems, concerns and suggestions to improve the site.



The church has also upgraded its internet accessibility in locating more boosters throughout the church buildings and the fellowship hall. Our internet router and wifi is a secured site and you need a password to access this service.

More information please call Rodney at 910 371-3055 or email him at mcco1951@gmail.com

APRIL Birthdays

MARCH Birthdays

- 4 – Charles Miller
 - 5 – Sue Bollinger
 - 9 – Rosemary Shepherd
 - 9 – Barbara Silva
 - 17 – James Williamson
 - 21 – Jack Chadwell
 - 23 – Jane Miller
 - 28 – Ashley Ligenzowski
- Anniversaries

- 5 – Jane & John Crowder
- 7 – Elizabeth & Claude Gamble
- 7 – Viola & Earl Jones
- 22 – Angela & Lee Sanders



- 4 – Kelsey Sanders
 - 5 – Betty Lou Chadwell
 - 9 – John Crowder
 - 17 – Mary Sue Floyd
 - 20 – Doris Hayes
 - 20 – Mia Ligenzowski
 - 21 – Matthew Manning
 - 22 – Barbara Smith
 - 23 – Maria Hill
 - 23 – Jim Morris
 - 24 – Naomi Burkhammer
 - 24 – Nancy Smith
 - 28 – Veronica Zinkham
 - 29 – Olivia Williamson
 - 30 – Todd Butler
- Anniversaries

- 13 – Constance & Scott Reeves
- 15 – Betty Lou & Jack Chadwell



What's wrong with this picture? No Children— Because we've not had many children in the past several month the playground is need of a major makeover. We need to renovate the equipment before we start using the again.. any takers? Contact Building and Grounds committee 910– 371-9921 . We will probably need to relace the wooden structures and install new mulch.

FEMA Announces \$140 Million for Emergency Food and Shelter Program

By FEMA External Affairs

FEMA announced \$140 million in funding will be available to communities across the country to assist with feeding and sheltering.

Congress made \$125 million available for Fiscal Year 2020, and this year the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board is including an additional \$15 million from funds that have not been used from prior grant years. FEMA awarded the \$125 million to the National Board, which is now allocating the funds, combined with the additional \$15 million, to qualifying jurisdictions (counties and cities).

Program funding assists local organizations dedicated to feeding, sheltering and providing critical resources to people with economic emergencies, including our nation's hungry and homeless populations. These funds are designed to help people with non-disaster related emergencies and can be used for a broad range of services, including mass shelter, mass feeding, food pantries and food banks, utility bill payments to prevent cut-offs, rent/mortgage payments to prevent evictions/foreclosures and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions.

Eight percent of this year's allocation will be made available to states that will make funding determinations to aid people in jurisdictions with needs that may

not be reflected in the National Board's qualifying formula. The National Board is chaired by FEMA with representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army and United Way Worldwide. United Way Worldwide, selected by the National Board as its Secretariat and Fiscal Agent, is also responsible for the daily administration of the EFSP.

EFSP funding is allocated to qualifying local jurisdictions based on a formula using the most recent national population, unemployment, and poverty data.

A state-by-state list of the eligible jurisdictions and award amounts is available at the United Way

Woodburn will probably be applying for this grant for helping our local food pantries and Manna Ministries



FEMA

From the Desk of Nancy Smith

10 Verses about Fear and Anxiety to Remind Us God Is In Control

by Debbie McDaniel,
I Believe Contributing Writer

Worry, anxiety, fear . . . can overwhelm us with a thick shadow of darkness, controlling our every move and decision.

So much crazy going on around us today – wars, conflicts, violence, crime, natural disasters, terrorism, economic unemployment, uncertainty, disease, death. The list goes on . . . long.

There actually is a lot we could potentially worry about. Yet reality tells us that so much of what we spend our time worrying about never even happens. Living under the weight of the “what-ifs” is a hard place to dwell.

There is power through reading Biblical scripture because they're God's words.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18

“When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.” Psalm 94:19

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

“An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.”

Proverbs 12:25

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:34

“Humble yourselves, then, under God's mighty hand, so that he will lift you up in his own good time. Leave all your worries with him,

because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7

“Tell everyone who is discouraged, be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue . . .” Isaiah 35:4

“Immediately he spoke to them and said, ‘Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.’” Mark 6:50



Why Did We have to Move Our Sign?

Not long-ago Woodburn was notified that the old sign was in the town's new planned right of way for Village road and that we had to move it.

The church had a few months to consider our options. It was decided that we would take the old sign down and re-construct a sign as it was built many years ago. Neil Schilling and a few others took on the task of demolishing the old sign and constructing a new one. It is now apparent that work will begin soon on widening the road and installing a new multi-purpose walkway and bike path. We do believe that this improvement will increase the safety of the area and allow for more foot traffic access to the church.



Flags have been installed marking the right of way the boundary of the right of way for Old Ville road.

CLERK'S CORNER

By Kathy Blair

SESSION REPORT

In our February 20, 2021 Session Meeting, we welcomed our new Ruling Elders. I know you share our excitement in having Pam Butler, Nancy Smith, and Janet Morris join us! I also wanted to convey that we, as a Session, have adopted a new Committee structure to better support this church. They are (1) Finance/Stewardship/Personnel, (2) Grounds/Cemetery, (3) Congregational Life, (4) Worship, (5) Christian Education, and (6) Membership/Outreach. These committees perform the same services as before, they have just been re-aligned. Finance/Stewardship/Personnel will be chaired by John Crowder and Patricia Cross. While John and Patricia will work together on this committee, John will be primarily responsible for Finance and Stewardship (which for now, will include Grounds/Cemetery); while Patricia will be primarily responsible for Personnel. Community Life will be chaired by Nancy Smith. Worship will be chaired by Janet Morris. Christian Education will be chaired by Pam Butler. At this time, Membership/Outreach does not have a chair. Our next meeting is Saturday, March 20, 2021.



L-R Jim Morris, Pastor Scott, Pam Butler, Janet Morris and Nancy Smith sworn in on Feb 28, 2021

Stewardship, Financial Report /Building and Grounds

With the COVID 19 pandemic still with us we are “weathering the financial storm”. Although our tithing can be better, of course -but by the grace of God we are holding our own . We even installed a new roof on the garage. The building fund was used to repair this roof.

In a effort to hold the utility cost down we have started a better thermostat monitoring program in that the temperature will be set at 64 in the buildings that are not in use. Sunday mornings the thermostats will be set at 70 and then turned back after services are over.

As a reminder if you want to give to the memorial fund in the name of a loved one please indicate on your check what it's for and who are you giving it for either in the memory of or honor of a loved one .

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HONORING OUR VETS					
U.S. ARMY	Harold G. Lewis	Harold F. Williams	Robert H. St. John	Charles D. Condit, Sr.	
Henry Adams	Paul Lewis	V.S. "Doc" Williams	Harold F. Williams, Jr.	William L. Parker	
E. Bruce Chubbuck	Thomas David Long, Sr.		Walter "Bobby" Williams	U.S. MARINES	
John D. Condit, Sr.	Zola Vance Patton		Johnnie Williams	George Craig Collier, Jr.	
Thomas Field	E. Chester Phillips	U. S. NAVY		Johnnie Lewis	ARMY DELTA FORCES
T. L. "Sam" Gandy, Sr.	C. Clifton Kuhn, Sr.	John W. Collier		Glenn R. Webber	Johnnie Wheeler
Ronald Hayes	Donald J. Runkel	Glenn Field		U.S. COAST GUARD	
Frank Hersh	Lee C. Swanson	Keith Stewart	Don "Walter" Hix, Jr.		ARMY B-20 AUDUBON
Billy Howard	Phyllis Turner	Oliver Primm, Sr.	Paul M. Hays	U.S. AIR FORCE	James R. Cross
H. Thurston Lewis	Earl Vaughan	John Shea	Johnnie Goffard Patton	Harold B. Chubbuck	

Remember our Cemetery Fund?

Our Church has had two internments in the last few months Jane Cook and Nelson Best. The cemetery is an independent budget and no general operational funds are used to improve, operate or maintain the cemetery. We are looking to keep on improving the cemetery in clearing the trees between the cemetery and the ballfield. There is approx. \$1600 in the fund and we anticipate the need of approx. \$6k more to finish with the fencing the signage and more of the landscaping that's needed.

Thanks for your help!

