



Fall is Here!-Finally

The Wood-Burner

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worship with us!*

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PUBLIC FRUIT IS THE FIRST PLACE TO MAKE YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). Public fruit is the first place to make your light shine. Love is not merely a private and secret affair. It always involves other people and so it becomes public. It is a public fruit.

The Fruit of Hope is the second fruit we are the display. The second observation about love that shines is by living in a constant fruit of hope, hope that over flows so your drinking from your saucer. We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven., Paul told the Collisions.

The third fruit that makes our light shine is when we are living out and knowing the Fruit of the Gospel. This fruit includes the hope laid up in heaven understanding the grace of God in truth. Our lives are to be lived as evidence that we know Jesus and love Him. Love is a fruit of hope. And love is a fruit of the gospel. We show the world our love through our works, works that bear love of God and love of our fellow man.

“And by the grace of God the result will be the visible fruit of love.

✦ We will be more patient, more kind.

✦ We will be less jealous, and boastful, and arrogant, and rude.

✦ We will not just seek our own advancement but will strive to do to others what we would have them do to us.

✦ We will not be so irritable.

✦ We won't be so prone to keep an account of wrongs or return evil for evil.

✦ We will be inclined to bear all things and endure all things for the sake of our neighbor.

✦ We will not speak about our neighbor's faults without first going to the neighbor ourselves.”

✦ We will return good for evil, and use our discretionary time not by maximizing our fleeting comforts but by devising ways to be a blessing to the lost and suffering. More and more our whole lives will take on an overflowing and other-directed spirit.”

(From Desiring God, John Piper)
This is the fruit we bare when we are in the Spirit in our everyday life, or on a mountain top experience, this is love. And this love will transform you and your family and the church, and, as Jesus says, the world will see your good deeds and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).



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Outreach Committee (Good) NEWS

So, some very exciting news is happening this month. 6, yes 6, new members are joining our church in September. In the last 14 months, a total of 13 people will have joined Woodburn. God is working in amazing ways at our church.

Our newest members are Ellie Edwards, Bonnie Hill, Gloria Kidd, Terry & Gisela Pickett and Ginny Tebo-Grimes. I met with the new members prior to their joining and can tell you they come with enthusiasm, excitement and some great new ideas. Several of them have already assumed responsibilities such as Gloria Kidd working on our landscaping, Ginny Tebo-Grimes singing in our choir and Bonnie Hill taking a lead role in the upcoming Yard Sale.

One of the things they all agreed upon was that Woodburn is a very friendly church. So, If you have not had the opportunity as of yet to meet our new members personally, please take the time to do so.

Please keep in mind, although there is a specific Outreach Committee, let all of us do our best to encourage others to visit our church where they will find the Spirit of God, the Word of God and the people of God.

I am hopeful all of us will pray that God will continue to lead our Pastor, our Session, our new members, and our entire congregation as we look ahead to what we hope is a bright future for our church.

Barbara Birkenheuer



Mission News from Woodburn

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE a Success!

In August, thanks to Teri Mercer and Jane Miller, the committee delivered 16 boxes of school supplies to each of the two schools we were supporting, Belleville Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. They were shocked at the amount of supplies the drive generated and were so grateful to receive them. Our congregation and the community responded so generously to the need that both of these schools face each fall. A BIG thanks to you all for supporting this effort.



Also, we have asked Kris Allen to come and give us a "Minute for Missions" update during our service the last Sunday of this month. A Fellowship Hour will follow the service so that congregation members can talk to Kris personally to answer any questions you may have or just to say "thank you" to her for all this ministry does for our community.

Please continue to support this ministry by bringing non perishable food to church on Sunday. A basket is placed by the piano for your donations.

MANNA MINISTRY Month

September is Manna Ministry Month. Although we donate to this ministry continuously throughout the year, this month is especially critical. As we have all noticed, the cost of food has sky rocketed therefore causing many families, some for the first time, to find themselves not being able to afford the simple food basics. Manna Ministries reaches out to these families.



Manna , since 2008 is going strong and is supported by over 100 groups, businesses and others.

JAKE SHEPARD .. A MAN WHO LOVED JESUS AND LOVED LIFE

Editors note: As I begin to write about this incredible, aviator, businessman, husband, father, and author I am humbled to the fact that Jake lived in the period that all of us “baby boomers” must realized how lucky we are to have parents that lived through this period in history. As I am -the result of my father coming back from WWII and one of the lucky ones. There were many that did not come back. I try to explain to my kids and grandkids how and why we call their “grands” and “greats” the “greatest generation.” They endured the hardships that only we can imagine just to make sure their children will have a better life than they did. The hardships of the depression and the great war. I do encourage (we)—the baby boomers to tell the story to our kids so they will hopefully have a better appreciation of the life that their grandparents lived for them. JC

Jacob “Jake” Nathaniel Shepard like many of our parents grew up in the depression in NC and was the only son of a family that were members of a very family oriented Lutheran church in Greensboro NC. He graduated at age 15 and started working various teenage jobs and finally for Blue Bell.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Jake took a leave from Blue Bell to join the Army Air Corps at the age of nineteen, receiving his pilot’s wings at Stewart Field, NY. Originally trained on a B-24 bomber, he arrived in England in November 1944, assigned as pilot of a new B-17 dubbed “Bottle Baby” in the famous 401st Bombardment Group of the Mighty Eighth Air Force at Deenethorpe Air Base. He and his crew contributed centrally to the Allied victory in Europe with two dozen combat missions to Germany, including two daring bomb-runs on heavily defended Berlin, and was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. His active duty ended in September 1945, but he then completed ten years of USAF Reserve service. He was a lifelong follower of aviation and USAF activities, including as a board member of the 401st Bomb Group Association and other veterans’ organizations, and as an honoree for Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. He remained in the air force reserve as a captain.



Like many he returned to US and went to college under the college GI bill and received a BS degree in mechanical engineering from NC State in 1949. He remained with Blue Bell and rose to corporate VP. He was with Blue Bell for 36 years.

Married for 47 years with seven children and six grandsons. His wife died of lung cancer in 2002 and then remarried to Rosemary whom he met while at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church in Wrightsville Beach. Some of us lucky ones met Jake who he and Rosemary attended Woodburn for years when he moved to Winnabow.

Why Poetry? Jake was a deeply religious man who deeply loves Jesus. He wrote his first poem in 2005 for a stewardship campaign for his church which led him to author many poems and published his poems. Some of his poetry has been published as hymns. One of his and Rosemary’s favorite is called “I Have a friend in Heaven” became a Hymn that is copyrighted in the US Registry.

It is very difficult to add all the poems and prayers Jake wrote but a couple verses that caught my eye is in his second book.

Like a Shepard Be your Guide

“ I often call on Jesus when I need some good advice
I get down on my knees and pray to him in Paradise
Even though I know He’s busy He always takes the time
To listen to me while I make my case and doesn’t change a dime!”

A Plan for Today

Speak to Jesus right away when you wake up each day
Let Him know you’re still around. He’ll hear you when you pray.
Tell Him all about your problems and ask for his advice.
Don’t wait until your troubles mount and you can’t pay the price.”

Jake Passed away in March of this year.
What a incredible man ! and Life!

Credits:

“Let a Shepard be your Guide” Book of Poems and
“Good Morning Jesus”
Wilmington star News Obituary
Rosemary Shepard

Know someone that is/ was an inspiration to you. Let me know I would love tell his or her story.
John C

Building and Grounds Task Completed and More Planned !

We are blessed—Charlie Wilson —Talk about the energizer bunny!! Charlie and his wife Cathy joined our church last year and they have been a blessing ever since.

Charlie is a permanently disabled veteran and served in the army and in Vietnam. Although his health issues are great, he has worked extremely hard repairing and replacing worn out electrical and plumbing issues many times donating his own money and all his time for these projects. A license plumber and electrician he and Cathy moved from New York and resides in Waterford , Leland.

Awhile back Charlie was asked if he would help with the building maintenance and repairs committee. Well, that is all it took—just to ask—

These are some to the repairs/ task he (along with some help) he and others who helped have completed.

*Floored and wired (with some help) the attic in the sanctuary to add light on the stain glass picture in the back of the sanctuary.

*Pressure washed the entire church including the sidewalks

* Installed (with some help) the sound panels in the fellowship hall.

*Dusk to dawn lights on the outside of the fellowship hall including sensor lights on the west side. Also, controllers with timers.

*Exit emergency light in the backdoor of the sanctuary.

*Ladies lounge toilet replaced

*Repaired the men’s urinal in the fellowship hall rest room

*Replaced and repaired toilets in the lady’s rest room in the fellowship hall

*Replaced all the lights in both the fellowship hall AND sanctuary with energy savings LED lights. (Classrooms are still to come). Some of the large fixtures had to be repaired in the sanctuary.

*Garage. Re wired the whole building and installed new LED lights AND replaced the garage door latch and lock.

Other items to be completed by the B&G committee.

Relocating the sound microphone panel to the back of the sanctuary. Wiring purchased –waiting on cooler weather –will have to run wire in the attic.

We are truly blessed that we have such talented people and those that are willing to donate their time and skills for the work of the Lord through WPC.

God is Good!—Your Tithing at Work! Treasurer’s Report Jan-July 2022 Thank You!

Special Offering Balances for Woodburn Treasurer’s Report 2022 Jan-July 2022 , John Crowder Tres.-

Fellowship Hall Improvements --- \$1950 Check Written to ATS Acoustics \$1997.39

Memorial Gifts- (Jan-Feb) \$830.00

Balance of the Building fund– total--- \$17,502.50

Angel Fund (Pastoral Discretionary fund) --\$870.42

Adult Sunday School --\$1521.68

Bereavement Fund --\$250

Cemetery Fund \$1510.12 balance

Vacation Bible School -- \$ 312.50

Salvation Army Collection –Jan 2022--\$200

2Cents per meal—(2022) \$377.00

Manna Ministries (2022) \$560.00

One Great hour of Sharing — \$25.00

Music –General \$900.00

Piano Fund —\$100 (August)

Hymn Books —(\$1300) Aug

We now have enough for 1/2 cost of the 2 HVAC units needed. These units are over 40 years old and we’re start-

ing to have problems with it. The decision is to replace both .. Please continue to donate—thanks

Summary (unaudited)

This is an overview of the financial position of Woodburn Presbyterian Church

The balance of the Checking account for the church as of July 30, 2022, in \$67850.02 (unaudited)

Please see a comparison of July’s 2021 expenses vs. July’s 2022 summary. The average monthly giving based on the totals for the seven months 2022 is equal to \$8,786.67. The average expenses were \$10,100.38. The average monthly giving for 2021 was \$7401.77. The average monthly expenses for 2021 was \$8121.60.

The total budget approved by the session for 2022 is \$120,000. Total spent is at \$76,333.85 (Aug) which is close to the 66.7% of the total.

On behalf of the Session they want to thank you our church family in continuing to support these projects and support the financial needs of the church.

Have you tried “On-line Giving?” Its simple and EASY!!

Internet Giving options

Go to www.woodburnpcusa.org and click on GIVE at the top of the web page, and that will take you to the giving page.

All you need is a credit card, bank card or PayPal account

•When giving, the amount given can be designated.

(You DO NOT need a PayPal Account!) There is a drop-down menu for this.

- after completion, an email will be automatically sent as a receipt. A receipt will also be forwarded to the church AND you so that the information can be recorded for tax purposes. A fee is paid by the church.

If you need assistance with this, please call Rodney McCoy 910 371-3055 or John Crowder 910 520 3720