



OPEN ARMS CALLED Pastor Dan Meckes on Sunday, September 22nd. Please pray for Pastor Dan as he considers where the Lord wants him to serve.

OCTOBER MESSAGE SERIES: “Things to Think About Before the Election”.

The purpose of this series is not to tell you how to vote or who to vote for. The purpose is to help give us a Christian perspective before we vote.

- 13th “Expat Christians” based on 1 Peter 1:1-18
Because we belong to Christ, we are living here as foreigners.
- 20th “New ID ... New Purpose” based on 1 Peter 2:1-12
We are God’s Chosen People filled with the Light of God’s love for all people.
- 27th Reformation “Living by Faith” based on Romans 3:19-28
We live by faith in Christ during these challenging times.
- November. 3rd “Why Are You Afraid?” based on Mark 4:35-41
Faith helps us to put our trust in God to calm the storms in our lives

SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sundays New Testament study in “The Story” Bible
- Wednesdays 252 for grade school youth
- 12th, Harvest Festival
Van Buren Fire Department Pancake Breakfast to help support Team Tigers
- 13th, Float in Belleville Christmas Parade Planning Meeting
- Start collecting “Take Out Tuesday” Visa Gift Cards for Veterans 27th
Last Day to Sign up to attend Circuit Forum with Jason Hanson Oct. 26th
- 30th, MEAL Time Chili Cookoff

THE OPEN ARMS HARVEST FESTIVAL is Saturday, October 12th, from 10:30 to 1:00. The festival is free and includes a hayride, games, bounce house, petting zoo and trunk or treating.

TEAM TIGER UPDATE! Team Tigers is providing food for 40+ children who attend Tyler Elementary School. Your Help Is Needed to fill or deliver backpacks. Contact Dana or Brandon Underwood for more information.

THE VAN BUREN FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST begins at 9 AM on the 12th. Part of the profits will be given to Team Tigers.

THE NEXT MEAL TIME is Wednesday, October 30th. We are planning a Chili Cookoff. A signup sheet to provide chili and other needed items is at the Welcome Center. MEAL Time is a free meal for Daycare and Church families, neighbors and friends.

“**THE STORY**” video series meets after the Worship Service on Sunday Mornings. They are currently studying the life and ministry of Jesus.

THE BELLEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE is Saturday, December 7th. Open Arms plans to put a float in the parade again this year. A planning meeting will be held after the service on this Sunday. You are invited. Contact Bayo for more information. godswill66@hotmail.com
Red and White strings of small LED lights are needed for this year's float.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -- Tuesdays, at 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room. Please bring your Bible to our sessions.

- Oct. 22nd - "Reeling in the Trophy Fish" - looks at what it takes to be successful, and what is really involved in achieving successes.
- Oct. 29th - "The Monster that got Away" - talks about our failures and regrets and how they seem to get bigger as time passes - just like that fish that got away.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the worship service.

THE CIRCUIT CONVOCATION featuring former Lions Kicker Jason Hanson is Oct. 27th followed by an Oktoberfest meal. This Sunday is the last day to register at the Welcome Center.

252 KIDS for Kindergarten through 5th graders meets on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Registration fee is \$20. Contact Tom Griffin at tgriffin@umich.edu for more information.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE? Pastor Larry is planning a series of messages in December using Christmas Movies. If you have a suggestion, please email him by October 17th. The Worship Planning Team will decide on which movies to use at their meeting on the 21st. Please only suggest movies rated G and PG. Thanks.

YOU CAN DONATE Visa Gifts cards between now and November 3rd to give to Veterans at the Wayne County VA for their “Take Out Tuesday” meals. Plans are to deliver the gift cards by Veterans Day, November 11th. Suggested amount for each card is \$25.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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