



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

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

- 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

- 20th, Collecting “Take Out Tuesday” Visa Gift Cards for Veterans
- 30th, MEAL Time Chili Cookoff

TEAM TIGER received a little over \$1,500 from **THE VAN BUREN FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**. A Big Thank You to the Van Buren Fire Fighters for supporting Team Tigers.

TEAM TIGERS NEEDS: Pizza or tomato sauce (canned--no glass jars, please), Buttermilk biscuit mix, Potatoes--instant, scalloped, au gratin, etc. 1 lb bags of rice. One child is allergic to Red Die #40. He needs items like Original Gardettos, Golden Oreos, Slim Jim

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. (5:00 – 6:00 PM)

“THE STORY” study continues after the Worship Service on Sunday Mornings. They are currently studying the life and ministry of Jesus. They have a chair reserved for you.

THE BELLEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE is Saturday, December 7th. Open Arms plans to put a float in the parade again this year.

Red and White strings of small LED lights are needed for this year’s float.

PASTOR DAN declined the Call to Open Arms. The Board of Directors will decide what next step to take at their meeting on Monday, the 21st. Pastor Larry will continue serving as the Pastor at Open Arms.

A STAFF EMERGENCY FUND has been set up to help Staff Members when they are facing a financial emergency. One of our teachers has to replace a Well. Estimated cost including permits is \$15,000. You can donate online by going to the online offering page on the church website and click on Staff Emergency Fund. <https://www.openarmscenter.com/> Donations may also be dropped off at the church office or placed in the Sunday offering baskets. Specially marked donation envelopes are available at the office. Funds raised will be used to directly pay bills or expenses. Thank you for supporting our great staff members.

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.

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 19th. The Worship Planning Team will decide on which movies to use at their meeting on the 21st. Please only G and PG rated movie suggestions. 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**

NOVEMBER MESSAGE THEME: "Next Steps." What are the next steps we should consider as Christians and as a family at Open Arms at this crossroads?

- 10th, Where Are We?
- 17th, Who's On My Rope?
- 24th, What's Our Next Step?

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