

Alburnett/Prairie Chapel Parish News - October 2019

The Home God Wants for His Presence

It was perhaps the greatest opportunity ever. God tells Moses that he wants to come to his people and dwell right in the middle of their camp. Not on the outskirts. But right in the middle of where they were living.

You might wonder, "What preparations would a people need to make for God to live in their midst?" Would it be like getting ready for weekend guests or someone special coming to dinner? You feel compelled to make sure your home looks as good as possible. You want to make a good impression and you want your guest to feel welcome.



God anticipated the question and told Moses what needed to be in place for his coming. First, he wanted to be close to them but there was the problem of sin that created a breach between them. So, God provided Moses with instructions about the practice of sacrificing, offering a covering for the people's indiscretions before a Holy God. Sin is serious stuff, not to be taken lightly, and the sacrifice of unblemished animals was necessary to give the people a picture of sin.

Second, he wanted to stay close to them. Moses was given the blueprints for the building of the Tabernacle. You could say it's a big word for "tent." A portable place of worship. And he wanted to camp out right in the middle of where they were camping. God wanted to be close to his people.

But he also wanted them to be close to each other. So, he declared a third thing to get ready. He gave them Ten Commandments concerning relationships. The first four commandments focus on how we are to demonstrate our love to God. The second set of six have to do with how to show love to other people. In seeing these relationships of love, it was God's desire that people would come to know Him too.

Jesus said the same in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. . . By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

God gave the Israelites guidelines so that, when they sought to live by them, other nations would see them as different and know that they were God's people. God gave us Jesus so that, when we live like him, others will know that we are his people.

For those who know him, God took care of our sin through the sacrifice of Jesus. He tabernacles in the hearts of those who have drawn near to him. Could it be then that the degree to which we are obedient to him in this command to love each other is the degree of his presence we will find among us? It could be our greatest opportunity ever. See you in Church as The Story Continues.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon



Looking for the **Birthday / Anniversary** list???
The list can be found in the church foyer.

There are printed copies of the Newsletter at both churches. At Prairie Chapel copies are located in the Narthex. At Alburnett copies are by the doorway (in wall holder) beside the refreshment table. Please provide your email address to ensure a copy is sent to you.

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS - forward any newsletter articles to the following email address:
AlbPCNEWS@Gmail.com

Alburnett

Help Needed to Run PowerPoint For Worship Service

Are you looking for a place to serve? We need some help with audio visuals for our worship service. We currently use PowerPoint to project our worship images and text. Perhaps you have used PowerPoint at work and it is the same application for the church. You load the file and then advance the slides as we progress through the service. We will schedule a training session to show you exactly how to do this. Interested? Let Pastor Jon know, and we'll take it from there.



Sunday School meets during Worship at 10:30am.
The theme is **THE STORY** coordinating with the worship theme.

MISSIONS

During the month of October Missions will continue to support the Alburnett Community Schools Backpack Program. Each month a list of specific items will be requested or people may purchase items from the main list.



OCTOBER LIST

Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Plastic Fruit Cups

ONGOING MAIN LIST

Spaghetios, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Plastic Fruit Cups, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Boxes of Raisins.

Pop Can Collection

Our Youth are collecting pop cans. This fund raiser is to help offset the expense of SUMMER GAMES in Grinnell.

Prairie Chapel

Ever want to donate but forgot your checkbook? Like most young adults we use checks as a payment method less and less. So, the Finance Committee searched for the best tool to help our friends and members to give easily and at their convenience.

GivePlus, by Vanco, is the tool we choose. It is an easy and secure way for our congregation to give how and when they want. Vanco is trusted by more churches than anyone else. Vanco utilizes the most advanced technology and follows the most stringent guidelines to ensure all your information remains secure. So, for those times when your away or don't have a checkbook or your away, you can still make your donation.

We have instructions that can be made available to you by requesting them from Kevin Banisik at Kevin.Banasik@csbiowa.com or Jarod Bowman at jarodbowman@metro-motorsports.com. In addition, either of these members of the Finance Committee can assist you in creating your login, installing the app on your device or learn how to donate through your home computer.

Special thanks to the Finance committee in doing the research to find a company that offers the lowest cost, a secure application, and user-friendly access to online giving, Easy-Fast-Secure!

[Online Giving Link](#)

Soup Supper October 20th, 5-7pm

Menu-Chili, turkey noodle, corn chowder
Ham salad, or turkey sandwiches
Veggie tray
Our famous apple cake or pumpkin bars
Free will offering to help support our mission projects.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW will meet Thursday October 17th at 1:00pm

Sharon Bowers will present the Program/Devotions. Hostess: Carlene Reinhardt. Business to discuss includes final plans for Soup Supper and InGathering Projects (Work days - October 3, 10, 17, 24, 30 at 9:30am)



Trunk and Treat after church on Oct. 27 for the kids. We ask that those participating in giving out the treats decorate their trunks, back of their trucks or vans in some way, but it's not mandatory. We also ask that the kids do not dress in scary costumes.

Sunday School meets at 10:15am. The theme is **THE STORY** coordinating with the worship theme.

We are in serious need of a preschool/ kindergarten teacher for

Sunday School. If you enjoy being with children and have the passion of Jesus Christ in your heart so much that you want to share it with these children, please contact Kathy Clemens (377-0949). It's only 45 more minutes, well spent, of your Sunday morning.



Community Club --Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 in the church basement. Bring food to share and your own tableware. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck. Hope to see you!

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