

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Reflections

Scott is good friend, and classmate, from high school. He loves the beach, and therefore the sun. He recently posted on Face Book that beginning February 8, the sun sets after 6:00 pm and will continue to set after 6:00 pm until November 6, 2022. Of course, that means each day for several months there will be more and more light. I'm sure there is some place to look up the setting sun schedule, but I'll take Scott's word for it.

With February being African American History Month, Scott's observation got me to thinking about a well known quote from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness!

Only light can do that!

Hate cannot drive out hate!

Only love can do that!"

I was told by a pilot, who flies small planes, that his first night time flight was from Saginaw, Michigan to Atlanta Georgia. He had to stop about halfway for fuel. Lexington was halfway and had the cheapest fuel. It was in the middle of the night, no moon, most of the stars were hidden, and the rural area was dark. He realized easily he could have lost all sense of direction in the darkness. He radioed air traffic control at the Lexington airport and asked for some additional help in landing. He said they were extra ordinarily helpful. He has long remembered that night and the air traffic control agents that helped him.

Darkness can be a symbol for many things—pandemic, war, chaos, hunger, inadequate shelter, emotional or physical abuse, addictions, loneliness, diseases that whither the body or mind away, and the list goes on and on...including hate—which may be at the root of, not all, but many experiences of darkness. There is a lot of darkness in our world today. Some of the darkness is beyond our control. Prayer for light may well be the best way for us to address it. However, in many experiences of darkness, you and I have a great deal of opportunities to work toward change.

Light, on the other hand, is a symbol of hope, new beginnings, a new day, even new life. Light

causes trees and flowers to grow and bloom. Light enables us to see where we are going. Even the smallest light on a dark night can calm our fears and lessen our anxiety. And, often traveling with a smaller light can lead us to more light—like switching from parking lights to high beam headlights on a dark night. And, love is always a source of emotional and spiritual light. Just as light will drive out darkness, love will overcome hate.

Even though each day in the coming months will only bring a few minutes of additional light—it will be cumulative, more light and more light, day after day. I challenge you to think of these additional moments of light as additional opportunities to express your love, each day—for God, for others and for yourselves. Such a cumulative amount of love could change your life.

Tomorrow, says my friend Scott, will be a brighter day!

Peace,

John

P.S. One way you can bring light into darkness, is to bring non-perishable foods for our Back Pack Ministry.

Scripture of the Month

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Financial Info

As of January 31st:

Balance in the Checking Account: \$ 36,042.76

Total Offerings for the Month of January: \$ 4,666.00

Balance in the Memorial Fund: \$ 19,435.90

February Calendar

February 2nd: **Groundhog Day**

February 5th: *Happy Birthday – Josh Barnett*

February 6th: Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter

Elder – Tracy Carpenter

Deacon – Garrett McVicker

Guest Musician – Wayne Sparrow

February 13th: Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin

Elder – Chet Lawrence

Deacon – Bayleigh McVicker

- February 13th (continued);
 Guest Musician – Cheri Simpson
 Installation of 2022 Board members
 Board meeting following Worship
- February 14th: **Valentine's Day**
- February 20th: Call to Worship – Jill Bohman
 Elder – Marie Mattick
 Deacon – Linda Schulten
 Guest Musician – John Ball
- February 21st: **Presidents' Day**
- February 24th: *Happy Birthday – Chet Lawrence*
- February 27th: Call to Worship – Jessalynn McVicker
 Elder – Kim Mullikin
 Deacon – Jill Bohman
 Guest Musician – Cheri Simpson
 4th Sunday Luncheon following Worship
Happy Birthday – Ann Coombs
- March 2nd: **Ash Wednesday** – Lent Begins
 Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30 p.m.
 Guest Musician – John Ball
- March 3rd: *Happy Anniversary – Robert & Becky
 Bush*
- March 6th: Call to Worship – Patricia Carpenter
 Elder – Tracy Carpenter
 Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
 Guest Musician – John Ball

1/30/22 Congregational Meeting

An amendment was made to our by-laws decreasing the minimum number of required deacons to 4 from the current requirement of 8. New Board members for 2022 (Elders - Marie Mattick & Kim Mullikin and Deacons - Jill Bohman, Bayleigh McVicker & Garrett McVicker) were approved. And the 2022 budget was passed. All motions passed unanimously.

Board

Installation of 2022 Board members will take place during our Worship service on Sunday, February 13th. We will hold our first 2022 Board meeting following worship. This will be a brief meeting to elect new Board officers and begin the new church year.

Outreach & Evangelism

Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen –

The **Backpack Ministry** is continuing to bless children at Campbellsburg Elementary School and food is needed! Our church is responsible for the following items that are packed on a weekly basis: *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snacks, Jif-To-Go, Ramen*

Noodle packets, individual Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dip Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars. Our next packing date will be **March 9th**.

4th Sunday Luncheon

How about your favorite hamburger meat dish?? Meatloaf, spaghetti, chili, slider or what ever makes you happy. Don't forget dessert if you have time. Sweet and unsweetened tea will be provided.

Please join in food and fellowship immediately following our worship service on Sunday, February 27th, and invite someone to come with you!

Submitted by: Jill Bohman

Thank You

January 2022

*Dear Campbellsburg Christian Family,
 I would like to thank you for the wonderful
 Christmas gift that was given to me.*

It was a nice surprise!

*I have a couple of my "Hobby" projects that I
 can use the money for.*

Again, thank you!

*In Christ,
 John Ball*

Among Our Own

Anita Lynn Neal, 72, passed away Tuesday, February 1st. Anita was a retired secretary for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and member of Campbellsburg Christian Church. Preceding her in death were her parents: John and Willie Belle Tingle and her daughter, Stephanie Gibbs. Survivors include her husband of 42 years; J. W. Neal; grandchildren, Carrington Kinslow, and Christopher Gibbs; family member Brian Cody; and Winston her dog and companion. Cremation was chosen. There will be no services, as Anita's choice. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to all of her family.

Prayer Concerns

Please See Newsletter in Church

For Specific Prayer Concerns

Due to Confidentiality

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Search Committee

Our Nation

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