

Campbellsburg Christian Church

Newsletter

A Family of Faith, Hope and Love

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Along the Journey

I shared this story with you during a sermon. Some wanted me to share it and so here it is. I hope it blesses you and you share it to bless others. Enjoy!

– *Pastor Deke*

OLD BEN'S PRAYER

A Priest passing through his church
In the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the altar
To see who came to pray.

Just then the back door opened,
And a man came down the aisle,
The Priest frowned as he saw the man,
Hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was torn and shabby,
And his coat was worn and frayed,
The man knelt down and bowed his head,
Then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed at precisely noon,
The Priest saw this man,
Each time he knelt just for a moment,
A lunch box in his lap.

Well, the Priest's suspicions grew,
With robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop and ask the man,
'What are you doing here?'

The old man said he was a factory worker
And lunch was half an hour
Lunchtime was his prayer time,
For finding strength and power.

I stay only a moment
Because the factory's far away;
As I kneel here talking to the Lord,
This is kinda what I say:

'I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU, LORD,
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHERS FRIENDSHIP
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.

DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
SO, JESUS, THIS IS BEN,
JUST CHECKING IN TODAY.'

The Priest was feeling foolish,
Told Ben that it was fine.
He told the man that he was welcome
To pray there anytime.

'It's time to go, and thanks,' Ben said
As he hurried to the door.
Then the Priest knelt there at the altar,
Which he'd never done before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love,
As he met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed down his cheeks,
He repeated old Ben's prayer:

'I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU, LORD,
HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN,
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHERS FRIENDSHIP
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME,
JUST CHECKING IN TODAY.'

Past noon one day, the Priest noticed
That old Ben hadn't come.
As more days passed and still no Ben,
He began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him,
Learning he was ill.
The hospital staff was worried,
But he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Ben was with them,
Brought changes in the ward.
His smiles and joy contagious.
Changed people were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand
Why Ben could be so glad,
When no flowers, calls or cards came,
Not a visitor he had.

The Priest stayed by his bed,
He voiced the nurse's concern:
No friends had come to show they cared.
He had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up
And with a winsome smile;
'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know,
He's been here all the while.'

Every day at noon He comes here,
A dear friend of mine, you see,
He sits right down and takes my hand,
Leans over and says to me:

'I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU, BEN,
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,
SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP,
AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN .

I THINK ABOUT YOU ALWAYS
AND I LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY,
AND SO, BEN, THIS IS JESUS,
JUST CHECKING IN TODAY.'

From the Bench of the Organ Grinder

Have you ever heard of praying the
Scriptures or Psalms?

I have heard of it, but have never done it (at
least I thought I had not)!

One thing I have done is praying words of
songs, hymns, Choir Anthems, etc.

Several years ago, there was a Choir
Anthem that I prayed while driving to work each
day. It was "Order My Steps in Your Word." It talks
about letting God guide you in and where you go,
What you say, And what you do. Very
Meaningful! And very important in one's Christian
Life!

There is another that I pray often, even
today: "Create in me a Clean Heart, O God." The
Words are: "Create In me a clean heart, O God, and

renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away
from your presence: and take not they Holy Spirit
from Me. Restore unto me the Joy of thy Salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach
transgressors thy ways: and sinners shall be
converted unto Thee." Psalm: 51:10-13. David's
Great Prayer," so I actually was praying a Psalm!

Much of our Church Hymns are also
scripturally based too. Think on them and see if
you can find any in particular that stands out and
speaks to you!

Blessings,
The Organ Grinder,
John

Scripture of the Month

Keep me safe, O God, for in You I take
refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart
from You I have no good thing." **Psalm 16:1-2**

August Calendar

August 1st thru 3rd: 2024 Regional Assembly of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky
Mount Sterling, KY

August 2nd: *Happy Birthday* – Jim Wolfe

August 3rd: *Happy Birthday* – Matt Sprague

August 4th: Call to Worship – Kim Mullikin

Elder – Kim Mullikin

Deacon – Linda Schulten

Musician – John Ball

August 6th: *Happy Birthday* – Alice Lyle & Ben Lyle

August 7th: Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.

"The Christian Story" Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday – Erin Bush

August 8th: *Happy Birthday* – Brandon Thomas

Mattingly

August 9th: *Happy Birthday* – Vince Moore

Happy Anniversary – Denny & Jane Brown

August 10th: Tri-County Disciples Youth –

Movie, Games & Pizza –

Bedford Christian Church – 4:00 p.m.

August 11th: Call to Worship – Tracy Carpenter

Elder – Tracy Carpenter

Deacon – Jill Bohman

Musician – Cheri Simpson

August 12th: *Happy Birthday* – Karen Todd

August 13th: *Happy Birthday* – Kelsi Simpson

August 14th: Supper Club A.D.M.er's –
Jewell's on Main – 100 E Main St,
Warsaw, KY – 6:30 p.m.

August 18th: Call to Worship – Chet Lawrence
Elder – Chet Lawrence
Deacon – Patricia Carpenter
Musician – John Ball

August 19th: *Happy Birthday* – Jill Bohman &
Levi Truman Mobley

August 24th: *Happy Birthday* – Caroline Shrader

August 25th: Call to Worship – Amanda Hornback
Elder – Kevin Mullikin
Deacon – Amanda Hornback
Musician – Cheri Simpson
4th Sunday Luncheon following Worship
Happy Birthday – Lydia Shrader

August 27th: *Happy Birthday* – Sherry Cooper

August 28th: Lunch Bunch A.D.M.er's –
Lawson's Junction – 8170 Main Street,
Campbellsburg – 11:30 a.m.
Happy Birthday – Declan Grady Orr

August 29th: *Happy Birthday* – Will Lyle

August 30th: *Happy Birthday* – Marie Mattick

September 1st: Call to Worship – Linda Schulten
Elder – Kim Mullikin
Deacon – Linda Schulten
Musician – John Ball
Happy Birthday – Oakley McVicker

September 2nd: **Labor Day**

September 4th: Choir Practice 🎵 – 6:00 p.m.
"The Christian Story" Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Info

As of July 31st:

Balance in the Checking Account: \$ 30,431.27
(includes \$4,000.00 transferred from Memorial Fund
for HVAC repair – Total repair was \$7,880)
Total Offerings for the Month: \$ 4,723.00
Balance in the Memorial Fund: \$ 28,915.90
(includes \$25.00 in Memory of Linda Wolfe)

Tri-County Disciples Youth

August 10, 2024, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Movie and Games @ Bedford Christian Church

Tentative Agenda:

- Games and Ice Breakers
- Pizza
- Movie, "Unsung Hero"

- Discussion about the movie
- Separate devotional times for Grades 1-5, Grades 6-12, and Adults. (We want parents to come to inform them of what we are doing and our hopes for their participation in the process.)
- Point Person – Rev. Keith Oditt, Bedford Christian Church, Interim Minister

A.D.M.er's

This month's **Supper Club** outing will be held on Wednesday, August 14th, at **Jewell's on Main**, 100 E Main Street in Warsaw at 6:30 p.m.

This month's **Lunch Bunch** outing will be held on Wednesday, August 28th, at **Lawson's Junction**, 8170 Main Street in Campbellsburg at 11:30 a.m.

Please let Kim or Pastor Deke know if you plan to attend either of these outings so we can give each of the restaurants a heads up that they will be having a group. Also be sure to speak up if you need a ride to either outing!

Outreach & Evangelism

Campbellsburg Kids' Kitchen –

Another school year is upon us. The first day of school for Henry County is August 14th which makes it time to think about restocking our supplies.

Our church will continue to be responsible for *Fruit Grain Bars, Pepperoni Snacks, Jif-to-Go, Ramen Noodle packets, Pringles, Pudding Cups, Individual Goldfish, Individual Cookie Packs, Cheese Dips Snacks, and General Mills Snack Bars*. Thanks in advance for your contributions.

We are going into our 14th school year of this wonderful outreach.

Luncheon

Be sure to join us for great food and fellowship at our 4th Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, August 25th. Please bring your favorite pot-luck dish and join great food and fellowship. As always, drinks will be furnished.

With Our Sympathy

The following obituary is from the website of Grayson Funeral Home.

Jerry McVicker, 81, of Sellersburg, IN passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Autumn Woods Health Campus in New Albany, IN.

Jerry was born on July 17, 1943, in West Palm Beach, Florida, the son of Charles Grover and Elsie Pearl McVicker. He retired from General Electric Appliance Park in Louisville, KY. after 35 years of service. Jerry served in the United States Army National Guard for six years, was a faithful member of Christ Community Church of the Nazarene in New Albany, IN, enjoyed bowling and was an avid Indiana University Basketball fan.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Joyce McVicker; children, Anita Tate (Mark) of Sellersburg, IN and Mike McVicker (Meghanne) of Memphis, IN; Papa to **Garrett (Bayleigh)**, Alex, Kaitlyn (Jacob), Hannah, and Ember; Great-Papa to **Jessalyn, Oakley**, and **Lily**; several nieces, nephews and other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Roger McVicker, and grandson, Austin McVicker.

Life Celebration services were held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at Grayson Funeral Home in Charlestown with burial in Charlestown Cemetery.

May God comfort all those who mourn.



Prayer Concerns

*Please See Newsletter in Church for
Specific Prayer Concerns
Due to Confidentiality*

All our military personnel

Our Church

Our Nation

OUR WORLD