



## SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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# VISIONS

The newsletter of  
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church



## FROM THE PASTOR

**Joe Kenaston, Senior Pastor**

Dear Friends,

Worship is a part of our DNA. The early church saint, Augustine, (who lived 354 to 430 and was bishop of North Africa) said that “a Christian should be an Alleluia from head to foot.” My week is missing something critical if I am not in worship. I feel like I am not connecting to God, my faith is not being challenged and supported, and the voice of my joyful praise of God is diminished. I go to worship (besides it being my job – ha, ha) because it completes my week and lifts me into the next. If I am going to be an alleluia from head to foot, then worship needs to be a part of me.

Worship is also about God. We gather to praise God, to sing to God, to listen for God, to pray to God, to hear and reflect on God’s Word, and when I receive communion, I experience the grace and presence of God. I need each one of you to be a part of the worship experience, too. It connects us to God and to each other. Worship binds us together in ways that encourage and support us. Worship grounds us in life: ours, each other’s, and God’s. Worship is our expression and experience of joy. Worship helps us to become an “Alleluia.”

King David is an example of worshiping with his entire being. In 2 Samuel 6, David moves the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. The Ark was

created during Moses and Aaron’s time, and it traveled with the Israelites as they wandered for forty years in the wilderness. In the period of the Judges, it was captured by the Philistines and then returned to the Israelites and kept at the house of Abinadab. David has it moved to Jerusalem to a tent of worship that he has erected. As the Ark is moved, there is a great worship celebration which includes dancing by David, singing, playing of instruments, sacrifices, offerings, and banquets.

At Forrest Burdette, we are blessed to have great worship. Our music is a beautiful blend of the best of traditional hymns, choral pieces, and contemporary praise choruses. The attractiveness of the sanctuary lends to the joy of worship. The sincerity of the prayers and centrality of the Word adds to the worship celebration. The waters of baptism and the gift of communion are high moments in the sanctuary. The laughter, smiles, and fellowship let us know that we are at home in God’s house. In October, our worship will continue with the theme “Living Like a King” and using my study book based on David.

Our worship helps us be an “Alleluia!” from head to foot. I look forward to being an “Alleluia!” with you on Sunday!

Love and joy, Joe



### UMW Fall Festival



Plan now to attend the Fall Festival with arts, crafts, vendors, hot dogs, barbeques, and lots of goodies as well as country store items! **Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to assist in the kitchen on Saturday. Baked goods are needed for the Festival as well. Please bring them by Friday, Nov. 1, marked clearly for the Fall Festival.

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 6, 2024  
2:00 p.m.

Please join us for an annual Grant tradition...

**Pumpkin Carving & Hot Dog Roast**

Gather at 2:00 p.m. to carve pumpkins.

If needing a ride, meet at church at 1:00; the van will leave at 1:15!

Eat around 3:00 p.m.

Followed by a hayride and plenty of time to socialize.  
S'mores before leaving!**Please bring:**

- Lawn chairs
- A pumpkin to carve
- Your favorite pumpkin carving tools
- Please see sign up sheet in the Connection Center at church for food/drinks

Directions to the farm:

From Teays Valley, go to Route 35 North and get off at the Buffalo/Eleanor exit. Follow the old Route 35 (now 817) toward Point Pleasant about 9 miles. You will see Harmony Baptist Church on the left (large tan church). Turn right onto Southside Lane right before you get to the church and follow the lane toward the river. Take the second left to the white house. We gather at the barn behind the house.

Address is 2104 Southside Lane, Southside, WV (for GPS).



Look forward to seeing you!

Ed, Brenda, Jeremy, Danielle, Ella, and Bryson

**Cathy Daley, Director  
Children's Outreach Ministries (COM)**

Hi, all! COM is as busy as ever. We recently hosted a grandparents breakfast, and I believe both the children and the grands had an enjoyable time. All the children are settling into their new classrooms well, and we are getting back into the "school year" groove of things.

If you would like some cuteness to brighten your day, October 30th may be the day to get it! We will be having a Halloween Parade around the church block, at approx. 10:00 a.m. Feel free to come and "oooh & awwe" at all the costumes.

As always we thank you for your support and ask for your continued prayers for the program, our staff, children, and families.

♥ Have fun, and make a difference. ♥

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

At Forrest Burdette, we are thankful for our Sr. Pastor Joe Kenaston and our Pastor Emeritus Ellis Conley! Joe & Ellis, thank you for your faithful ministry among us. You are appreciated, and we lift up you and your families in our prayers.

**Luke Spurgeon  
Minister of Youth & Young Adults****FB Youth Update: Exciting Fall Ahead!**

We've had a fun fall so far! On September 25th, the Nine Rivers District held a youth get-together. Although the turnout wasn't what we expected, we still had a great time. We're looking forward to more gatherings in the future, so keep an eye on the E-connection and bulletin for updates!

October brings some exciting events! We're hosting a Youth Fundraiser Chili Cook-off after church on **October 13th**. Please bring your chili that morning, and everyone is welcome to stay and support our youth by tasting and voting for the different chilis. If you're bringing a chili, let Luke Spurgeon know to secure your spot.



We also encourage the youth to help with the church's Flick-or-Treat Night on **October 27th** at 5 PM. It's a great opportunity to get involved! Sign up at the Connection Center to decorate a table for the children's trick-or-treat time (decorating a table is like decorating a trunk when we had outdoor trunk-or-treats).

Just a heads-up: I will be in California from **October 27th to 30th** for a youth leader conference at Fuller Institute in Pasadena.

Looking ahead to November, we'll be attending the Fall Workshop from **November 22nd to 24th** at Jackson's Mill in Weston, WV.

I want to take a moment to thank the entire church for making my first few months at Forrest Burdette such a smooth transition. Your support means a lot! Let's keep the fun going this fall!

**Children & Family Ministries  
Spreading the Good News!**

Here's what we're doing in October for Children's Church:

**WEEK 1**—This week, kids learn how **Samuel anointed David** to become king after Saul. **BIG IDEA:** God, you're with me when I feel weak. **BIBLE:** 1 Samuel 15:1-23, 16:1-13



**WEEK 2**—This week, kids learn about the faith **David** needed for his battle with **Goliath**. **BIG IDEA:** God, you help me overcome big things. **BIBLE:** 1 Samuel 17:1-50

**WEEK 3**—This week, kids learn about the friendship of **David** and **Jonathan** and the growing fears of **Saul**. **BIG IDEA:** God, you comfort me when I'm afraid. **BIBLE:** 1 Samuel 16:14-23, 18:1-16

**WEEK 4**—This week, kids learn how **David** chose to **spare Saul's life** while hiding in a cave. **BIG IDEA:** God, help us live in harmony. **BIBLE:** 1 Samuel 24

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp." — Psalm 147:7 (NIV)

## October Worship

Have you picked up a copy of Pastor Joe's study book, "Living Like a King: The Story of David," yet? Make sure to get a copy in the Connection Center! By the end of October, we will conclude our sermon series on David. Please read the scripture to prepare for worship, and invite someone to join you as we continue to walk with Christ, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

10/6/24	1 Samuel 24	Living Like a King: Sharing Mercy
10/13/24	2 Samuel 11-12	Living Like a King: Confession and Forgiveness
10/20/24	2 Samuel 6:12-20a	Living Like a King: Praising God is Joy-Filled
10/27/24	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chron. 29:26-30	Living Like a King: Bringing David to Life



## JOY Fellowship (55+)

You're invited to JOY Fellowship on **Thursday, October 17, at 12:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. JOY Fellowship, a group for our older adults (55+), meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, September through May. We'll share a covered dish meal and hear about the BackPack Buddies ministry. Those who are able can stay to pack food bags after lunch! Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

## Generosity for Ministry

Following is financial information for August 2024:

August Contributions Received.....	\$46,331
Monthly Receipts Needed .....	\$69,895
Deficit.....	\$23,564

### Mortgage Balance:

August 2024 Payments on Mortgage*.....	\$12,137.65
Funds Received, August 2024 .....	\$13,664.88
Over Budget.....	\$1,527.23

\*The mortgage payments are not part of the Operating Budget. Contributions to the Building Fund pay the mortgage each month.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, October 25, 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. @ FBMUMC**



Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "hurricane.com" to schedule an appointment. The need for donations is great. Would you like to volunteer at this event, or do you have questions? Contact Jo Bess (304-545-0096).

## OCC Shoebox Remaining Needs

We will be packing our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on **November 9**, at 9:00 a.m., with set up for the packing party on November 8, at 6:00 p.m. You're welcome to volunteer one or both times! **We still need musical instruments, washcloths, combs, and size 8 boys t-shirts for the boxes.** Are you interested in going to Charlotte to be part of shoebox processing? We're going December 8 after church and will return on Tues., Dec. 10. Contact Ellen Bowie if interested.



## Volunteers Needed to Decorate and Staff a Table at Flick-or-Treat

Similar to decorating the trunk of a vehicle for a Trunk-or-Treat event, we're going to have decorated tables in the gym at our Flick-or-Treat event on October 27! Would you like to decorate one of our tables with a special theme, bring treats, and then pass them out to the children that night? If so, please sign up at the Connection Center or talk to Pastor Joe. As they say, "The more, the merrier!"

## Counting Down Our Top 10 Hymns and Praise Songs ... and YOU get to pick the music!

Forrest Burdette will be having a special music service on Sunday morning, November 17, at 10:30 a.m. What is your favorite hymn or praise song? What are your three most beloved songs? You get to vote on October 6, 13, & 20. Unlike a regular election, in this contest you can vote as often as you want. You can drop your selections in the offering plate or at the back of the church. You can use this QR Code ^ and vote electronically. On November 17, we will use the congregation's top ten hits in worship. Will your favorite make the top ten? Will it make it to #1? This will be a fun and exciting service, so vote in the next three weeks and then be here for the countdown!



## Food Packing Event

Forrest Burdette is hosting a food packing event, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Cross Catholic Outreach, on **Sat., October 19, 8:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.** Several teams of people will be filling boxes with 60,000 nourishing meals in the gym that day. **We have been challenged** to put a packing team together from our church (all food & supplies provided). If you want to be on our team, contact the church office (office@forrestburdette.com, 304-562-5903). This event is for all ages, a whole family event. "Join the movement to feed the hungry through the love of Christ!"

## October Birthdays:

- 1 Jill Newman
- 2 Evelyn Gregory, Stephen Jones, Kevin Marra, Harold Quigley
- 3 Amy Golden, Nick Oxley, Casen Proffitt, Nate Vance
- 4 Jill Coulter, Meredith Thompson, Heather Wyatt
- 5 *No birthdays on record today*
- 6 Julie Harris, Hannah Spiker
- 7 Harper Hutchison, Ian Ogle, Sherry Smith, Jerry Wolfe
- 8 Tyler Halstead, Kim Neville
- 9 Mark Davis, Ruel Elliott, Claudia Fizer, Katelyn Stone
- 10 Benjamin Oxley
- 11 Campbell Bartkowski, Rick Estep, Tori Nesmith
- 12 Brian Faulknier, Melinda Wooddell
- 13 Matthew Brown, Garrett Dilley
- 14 Richard Lane, J.D. Philyaw, Aaron Vickers
- 15 Andrew Dean, Kathy James, Alyssa Marinacci
- 16 Jane Collins, Meredith Greene, Olivia Keen, Debbie Romine
- 17 Meg Barker, Ginny Cunningham, Jack Sturgeon
- 18 JoAnn Kennedy, Joe McMillion, Cheryl Riedel, Jan Rowsey, Amber Vickers, Courtney Young
- 19 *No birthdays on record today*
- 20 Sidney Peal, Billie Jo Rowsey, Barbara Simmons
- 21 Geary Burns, Julie Conley, Joy Mitchell, Becca Wilson
- 22 Crista Hall, Ashlee Johnson, Sydnie Johnson

- 23 Carley Bryan, Davey Freeman, Jamie Herman, Tori James, Sandy Vargo
- 24 Bruce Colella, Jeff Haynes
- 25 Sheri Anderson, Maria Surface
- 26 Cathy Ellison, Rylee Harrison
- 27 Roy Warren
- 28 Brad Fittro
- 29 *No birthdays on record today*
- 30 Lisa Fawcett
- 31 Abigail Howat, Jennifer Johnson



## October Anniversaries:

3 Danny & Sandee Simms	21 Brad & Ginger Sergent
5 Aaron & Shannon Gooden	22 Jeff & Billie Jo Rowsey
11 Jim & Debbie Kahre	23 John & Evelyn Martin
14 Matt & Jeanie Jarvis	29 Terry & Sandy Hanning
15 Brian & Heather Cortellesi	29 John & Shannon Lawman

\*\* Birthdays and anniversaries are generated from our church database. Please call the office if you are not listed (304-562-5903).



*Have you remembered the church in your will?*



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10:30 a.m.  
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