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Yield: The Fourth Step in Effective Prayer

Psalm 37:4 provides us the “Y” in the acronym P-R-A-Y, the four elements to effective prayer we have been discussing over the last few devotionals.

Here is what Psalm 37:4 says, “Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.”

Now the Hebrew word for delight in this verse literally means to become soft or pliable. This means that “delighting” in the Lord is assuming a yielded posture before God.

So the “Y” in P-R-A-Y stands for yield. The question is: How do you practice yielding to God when you pray? Yielding is when you stop talking, and you wait, listen, and seek to hear from God.

In my own practice of prayer, I will often bow before God and ask Him, “God, is there anything You want to say to me? Do You have any instructions for me? Is there anything You want me to change?”

Then I silently wait for Him to speak to me.

As you assume this posture of being yielded and waiting quietly before Him, you will be surprised at some of the things that come to your attention: “You need to spend more time with your daughter,” “Take your wife out on a date,” “Bake your neighbor a pie and build a bridge over which the gospel can travel,” “Spend more time praising Me,” “Show your gratitude and appreciation for those who have been helping you in your life.”

You will indeed hear from God if you ask Him to speak into your heart, and wait silently before Him.

That is the last element of effective prayer: praise, repent, ask, yield. Your prayers can indeed be effective if you commit to these four principles. That is how to P-R-A-Y.

By Baless Conley

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Empowered by the Spirit, We will reach out in Love and Fellowship; Teaching and Making Disciples.

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World Outreach

By Dave Harlow, World Outreach Chair
(Amy Abbott and Mary Caress also on the committee)

Mission Trip

Last month I told you about my plans to go on a mission trip to New Orleans. I told you that I was going to Metairie, La. Also, I told you that I wanted to know if older workers could do anything. It was an experience that I will never forget and one of the best weeks of my entire life! It was an experience filled with drama, suspense, and feeling of doing something important in my life.

There were 15 of us on the trip from Ohio. We met at a Columbus church to board our vans for New Orleans at 8am. Outside of Cincinnati, we picked up 5 more workers. We were mostly retired workers, but had 2 journeyman carpenters, one plumber, 3 ministers [one retired and 1 in the pulpit and 1 director of music and education]. Most people had never done any manual work before. I have a background in industrial arts, but would never pass myself off as a pro. I have built a house, years ago, for speculation and finished our home of 47 years plus oodles of construction experiences. It is enough to give a person enough experience to know a lot, but



The first day we drove to Decatur, Al. This is where the first drama began. Vans use lots of gasoline and as we were just in Tenn. decided to stop and fill up. To our surprise, there wasn't any gasoline in Tenn. There wouldn't be any until we were in Al. We had to return to Ky. and fill up. The next event, we went to a Bar B Q for supper. Our youngest worker contracted food poisoning. We didn't know about it until the next day. Sunday we drove to Edd and Mary Pat's church. It was a good experience. About 8pm, we were in Metairie. We were housed in the fellowship hall at the FCCDOC, Metairie. Mission trip workers cook their own food. Most of us settled in, while some went to a grocery store to buy food.

6:30 Monday, we were up eating a prepared breakfast, cooked by 3 people, packed our lunches, and left for our assignment at 7:30. We had to drive through N.O. rush hour traffic to St. Bernard Parish on the east side of N.O. On our way, we went to the Ameri-corps office for instruction and general background information about the city of Chalmette. Chalmette was where we would work. Before Hurricane Katrina, there were 27,000 houses. After the hurricane, only 5 were habitable.

Today, 3 years later, 2 out of 3 houses await repairs. Chalmette is a middle class city. It had 75% home ownership at the time. What happened to Chalmette is unreal. The city is 7 miles from the Gulf of Mexico and close to the Mississippi River. A wall of water 30 feet high came in off the Gulf. By the time it reached Chalmette it was 10 feet high. The water stayed at that level for 3 weeks! Everything was ruined in houses and stores nothing escaped damage. The soil in the N.O. area is largely clay which holds water. Every house has been stripped down to the studs. All wiring has been replaced. 500 houses at this time are awaiting work crews to rebuild the insides. You know what? Only 20 are being worked on due to lack of volunteers. Churches are literally rebuilding N.O. Everywhere we went, when people found out why we were in N.O. they'd say, "God Bless You". The DOC have every reason to be proud of our denomination. Our Week of Compassion organizes mission trips, pays for an on site coordinator, provides host churches funds to pay their costs.

We were assigned Harold Wheat's house. Being the most experienced drywall-er, I was sort of the foreman. We drywall-ed and mudded the 3 bedroom house and have it ready for painting and flooring. Mr. Wheat's family has been living in a Fema trailer for almost 3 years. 2 children, wife and Harold.

If you don't buy flood insurance, I encourage you to do so. What about Beneva and our sister churches sending a work crew? I'm going back in February. I'm needed! Everyone learned how to cut, measure and tape. They are all "Pros" now.

Half of our crew was sent to another house to finish a painting job a professional contractor had been paid to do, but skipped town. The people couldn't have their flooring and appliances, bathroom fixtures, etc. installed. There was a lot of cheating by contractors. The houses waiting to be repaired were under insured or not insured at all. Chalmette hadn't had a flood in many years and wasn't considered to be in a flood plain. Fema gave every home owner a check for \$18,600 to use for reconstruction. Unfortunately, many people spent the money for other "things". When you are really poor, that was a lot of money. Some people have been taught that the government will always take care of them. Don't bet on that. Next month, I'll report on the plight of the lower ninth ward.

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In my discussion about the hurricane damage, I mentioned our young worker, Megan, became ill. Megan was taken to a hospital Sunday night because of the food poisoning. She was admitted and had a series of tests. One test found a tumor on her lung. God works in mysterious ways. Had she not had food poisoning, the tumor may have not been discovered in time.

Rev. Amy Gopp has been appointed the new head of the Week of Compassion. She had been an Associate Director for 3 years. We had Amy as an outreach speaker 2 or 3 years ago here at Beneva.

In her new position, Gopp will continue Week of Compassion's long tradition of ministering to those in need across the United States and Canada and around the globe. She will lead the on going work of the Week of Compassion, which serves as the relief, refugee, and development ministry fund of the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ]. In partnership with more than 3,200 congregations across North America, the ministry annually channels more than \$2.5 million for world-wide humanitarian needs.

"Week of Compassion has been one of the Disciples most effect ministries", commented Gopp, who notes that she has been associated with WOC for about 12 years. "I will basically continue to build on the success created by my dear colleague Johnny Wray and work to continue the ministry".

Keeping you informed -
Your outreach team-
Amy Abbott, Mary Caress, and Dave Harlow †

Thanksgiving Special Offering

The Thanksgiving special offering will be used for the Disciples Mission Fund. A gift to DMF helps support Regional and Area ministries such as summer camp and conference, Disciples Women and Men's Ministries, Search and Call, Pastoral Care to congregations and pastors, and many other faithful ministries of our regions. Additionally, DMF provides vital services through the General Church such as program resources, commissions for young adults and youth, stewardship, education, overseas missionary support, Pension Fund services to name some of the uses of the funds collected. Please be generous. The offering will be taken November 16 and November 23rd. †

Recycling Fundraiser

Do you have old cell phones sitting around your house? Bring them to church! In an effort to raise much-needed funds for our church, as well as do our environment a favor, we are conducting a drive for used electronic items. Through this program, we send out the items so they can be recycled in the proper way, and our church receives a bit of money for each item sent. If you have: Cell phones, Digital cameras, iPods, Laptops, or used Ink Jet cartridges, we want them! No accessories please, and if an item is broken we still receive money. Ask your friends, neighbors, and even local businesses for items to be recycled. We can all make a difference in the life of our church and our environment through this exciting drive! †

Interested in a home visit with Pastor Bobby, or a cup of coffee at the church? Please contact him at **400-7349** (cell) or the church at **924-8713** to arrange a convenient date and time. †

Joshua's Men

November 3rd — 7:00 pm

As always, ALL men are invited to the monthly gathering of Joshua's Men. We will meet on Monday, November 3, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM for fellowship with our brothers in Christ, Prayer, praise songs and a working meeting to help establish and formalize the direction in which this ministry is headed. This meeting will also include a sample of training that you can expect to profit from by attending. Please join us and add your unique perspective to the growth of God's men in service to Him and His Glory.

Our last meeting in October provided introduction and information from the Core Team of volunteers that is working to help establish a directional flow for the ministry.

The goal for our ministry is to increase our numbers as God sees fit and to establish a set of concrete activities scheduled at least six months in advance. While this goal has not been yet reached, our first scheduled activity will be a breakfast on November 8th at 8:00 AM with a "surprise" group from the church body that will be serving. Please plan on being there as your body and soul will be fed!

For more information or questions please contact Steve Dziadik at 941-228-8605. †

Youth: Mark your Calendars!

By Corry O'Carroll

We have some exciting events coming up, and December is going to be filled with fun, so mark your calendars!

November 21st: Game Night

December 6: Make A Gift will be an opportunity for you to make a Christmas gift for Mom and Dad. If there is anyone who would like to help create a 1:1 ratio of kids to adults, it would be great for the little guys. More information will be coming out through youth groups.

December 13th: Our annual treat, Breakfast with Santa. This has been a great outreach to the community from Beneva Christian Church. Please let Olevia or Corry know if you are interested in helping.

December 22, 23, 24: We will be hosting our traditional Live Nativity. For those who are new to our congregation, this is when the youth do a re-enactment of the birth of Christ outside on the corner of Beneva and Proctor.

If anyone can help with any of these activities please contact Corry O'Carroll 915-3206 or Patricia Poquette 780-2300

CYF Assembly is January 23-25, 2009

Beneva Youth please put these important dates on your calendars. We hope for a great attendance. †

Sunday Morning Youth Programs

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Starting on October 26, 2008 all infant and youth up to Grade 3 are to go in the nursery during adult bible studies between 9 and 10 in the morning.

Grades 4 thru 12 will still be meeting between 9 and 10 and attending church services starting at 10:30 a.m. Ann Sullivan will be teaching this class for the month of November.

Rhea Davies will start teaching children K thru 3rd grade after the children's moment in fellowship hall in the worship & wonder room.

Nursery attendant for the month of November will be Lisa Morrison. †

Our Bucket Garden

Many thanks to Troy's Tropics on Proctor Rd and Scott Paint Corp for their donation of pots and buckets for our garden, it is off to a great start. If you have not had a chance to visit it yet the garden is located just in front of the garage. The youth have planted vegetables that will be handed out at the Food Pantry. †

Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone for your support of the youth's garage sale on October 18th, we made over \$1000. The funds will be used to help restock the Food Pantry shelves and fund the youth program for the winter. Keep cleaning out your closets because we will have another sale in the spring to fund our summer program. †

Congregational Game Night

It's time to break out your family's favorite board game and join us for Beneva Game Night! Before the holiday rush kicks in full force, we will be having an old fashioned board game night on November 21st starting at 7pm. If you no longer have games at your house, that's all the more reason to come anyway. We have spent the summer collecting games for the Thursday Night Chill. Test your skills with the youth, or even better, teach them your favorite game. Refreshments will be served. †

Nursery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during Sunday worship. The nursery is located to the left of the Sanctuary and is for children up to 5 years old. We would like to have enough people volunteer so a person only is out of church services one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. We are not gender biased, men are welcome; teenagers are also welcome in addition to an adult. Please contact Patty at 780-2300 or Corry at 915-3206. †

Sunday Bible Classes

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Adult bible studies are held every Sunday between 9 and 10 in the morning in Fellowship Hall before church services at 10:30 am.

Haven't tried a class? Come and join us and see what we're learning. †

Hungarian Bazaar

The Kossuth Club, part of the Hungarian American Cultural Association, is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale in our Fellowship Hall on November 15th from 10:00am—4:00pm. There will be a variety of beautiful and intriguing traditional Hungarian items on display for sale; including handcrafted embroidery, pottery, folk art, wooden carvings, ceramic ware and more! You won't want to miss out on the Bake Sale, where you will find many delicious home-made Hungarian pastries to enjoy! Items will be reasonably priced and only cash can be accepted.

The Bazaar is a benefit for the Kossuth Club's Education Fund, which provides scholarships to college-bound seniors of Hungarian descent in Sarasota and Manatee Counties as well as to Hungarian minority students in Central Europe. Come show support and liven up your Saturday with an experience of the Hungarian culture! †

Beneva Scholarship Fund

By Kathy Bearden & JoAnn Kelly

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship has been awarded to Angie Poquette, who is attending Argosy University. Angie is the daughter of Patty and Garland Poquette.

We again wish to thank all who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Any who wish to contribute can find envelopes in the pews.

The Beneva Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for continuing education for any youth or adult in the church. Please contact Kathy Bearden or JoAnn Kelly if you have any questions or need an application.

The money for the scholarships is from interest earned from investments made through the Christian Church Foundation located in Indianapolis. These funds are from contributions made by members of the congregation and from people donating in memory of a loved one.

Congratulations to Angie! Another thank you to all you have donated money to the Scholarship Fund. †

"Were there no God, we would be in this glorious world with grateful hearts; and no one to thank."

—Christina Rossetti

Cornerstone

Sunday School Class: Sundays—9:00 am

Each Sunday at 9am, Pastor Bobby offers a Sunday School Class called "Cornerstone" in Fellowship Hall.

This class helps us to read and understand basic biblical passages. It is a catalyst for our devotional lives and gives us an opportunity for fellowship with other disciples. This group is designed for all adults — any age. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Bobby at the church. The nursery will be provided during this class. We hope to see you at Cornerstone each Sunday. †

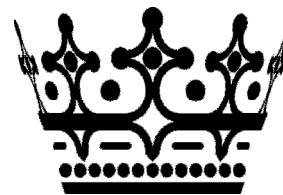


Honor Our Veterans

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good. Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required. Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or are now serving our country. †

Christian Symbols



Crown

The crown, a symbol of royal authority, represents Jesus, the King of Kings. It can also symbolize the "crown of glory," the eternal reward that faithful Christians receive in heaven (see 1 Peter 5:4). Three crowns are often used to represent the wise men who traveled from the East in search of the baby Jesus. †



- Nov 01 Joyce Hoover
- Nov 02 Nicholas Havener
- Nov 02 Debra Byrd
- Nov 03 Autumn Byrd
- Nov 03 Hugh Moore
- Nov 04 Donna Scott
- Nov 04 Arianna Poquette
- Nov 04 Emily Gerkin
- Nov 07 Waylon Clark
- Nov 08 Marilyn Gerkin
- Nov 09 Sue St. Louis
- Nov 10 Leanne Dickerson
- Nov 11 Stacy Cason
- Nov 11 Paula Michael
- Nov 14 Terry Simmons
- Nov 14 Darlene Huron
- Nov 14 Teanna Spencer
- Nov 15 Kay Goodman
- Nov 16 Rebecca Platt
- Nov 20 Michael Havener
- Nov 20 Mary King
- Nov 22 Roxann Borchert
- Nov 22 Glenn Oneal
- Nov 23 Jan Whitlock
- Nov 24 Joseph Stump
- Nov 25 Jonathan Fulkert
- Nov 25 Bill Dellert
- Nov 25 Tiffany Valvo
- Nov 26 Johnny Brodkorb
- Nov 28 Susan Reuther
- Nov 30 Ali Valvo

If we have dates that are not correct, or if we don't have your special days listed, please notify the church office. †



- Nov 01 Dale & Brenda Root
- Nov 07 Laverne Thomas
- Nov 09 Garland & Patricia Poquette
- Nov 12 Jerry & Nancy Dennis
- Nov 14 Jack & Suzie Davis
- Nov 22 Gary & Jan Schroeder
- Nov 22 Roy & Judy Fahrback
- Nov 25 Gary & Dottie Weil
- Nov 27 Bob & Mary King

September Financial Update

By Duane Wyatt, Stewardship Chair

	<u>September 2008</u>		<u>September 2008</u>	
			<u>YTD</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$12,543	\$12,683	\$131,808	\$111,158
Expenses	15,063	22,635	167,991	173,347
Gain(Loss)	(2,519)	(9,951)	(36,183)	(62,189)
Checking Bal.			\$8,275	



Income for September was right on budget, while expenses were \$7,000 under - because the insurance payment was not made. On a YTD basis our income is ahead by about \$21,000 - the same as last month - again mostly due to special gifts of \$15,000. Our total expenses YTD is about \$5,400 less than budget, because of the unpaid insurance bill, thus making our total financial position \$26,000 better than expected. As this goes to print we have borrowed the last \$10,000 of our line of credit so we can catch up on the insurance.

However we are still trying to determine our final position on the Little Disciples flood. When that is completed we will have to borrow the money - probably from the Disciple Church (Indianapolis).

Thanks to all for you support in 2008. †

Food Pantry

By Jackie Hazen

The Food Pantry continues to be very busy! There are a lot of folks out there who are in need of a lot of help. A recent headline in the paper stated “OUTLOOK ON JOBS WORSENS”, with the unemployment rate up 5.1 percent in Sarasota County alone from one year ago. Our Food Pantry is a much needed service in our community and very welcomed by all of those who come through the door. Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers and know that every little bit we can help is very much appreciated.

The October food challenge was a huge success, with it being a pretty close tie amongst the youth and the congregation! Thank you so much to everyone who participated and contributed! Even though the challenge is over, food is always welcomed at the food pantry, no matter whether you are young or old!



Remember we have designated the first Sunday of the month as FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY! Please bring in a bag of food and drop it in the grocery cart in the Narthex or leave it on the counter in the kitchen next to the food pantry. We are in need of the following items: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, fruits or veggies, peanut butter and jelly. Watch for your Publix fliers as they often run “Buy One Get One Free” specials on all of the above items.

We are very grateful to all of you who have contributed to this wonderful ministry. We are helping to make a small difference in these people’s lives. If you would like to help or be a part of this great program, please contact Jackie Hazen at 941-408-4705.

God Bless and have a wonderful November! †

Naomi Circle

By Jane Oneal

The Naomi Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 7th at 12 noon. Any lady who would like to join and be apart of the gathering is welcome. Bring a sandwich with you and Jane will be providing refreshments and dessert. See you there! †

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.”

—Cicero

Christmas Craft Wish List

This is a list of materials that Beneva needs, and would appreciate help with obtaining. Please keep these materials in mind when going through your cupboards.

- Buttons
- Batting
- Fabric
- Rickrack
- Ribbons (wide & narrow)
- Elmer’s glue
- Doilies
- Battenburg lace remnants
- Jars with lids
- Small wooden boxes
- Square picture frames
- Paint—any kind
- Gently used Christmas items
- Styrofoam balls
- Gingham ribbons
- Knitting needles
- Plastic needlepoint mesh
- Grapevine or other non-poisonous vine to be wrapped around trees

We also need to borrow someone’s pinking shears. Most of all, we need willing hands to get involved and help improve the Church’s financial picture. Thank you! †

They Loved Their Church

During the Great Depression, First Methodist Church in Willard, Ohio, was in great danger of closing. It wasn’t that the church lacked members. So many of them were unemployed or had a meager income that they could give very little.

Because the church was in debt, the time came when the members had a choice: They could mortgage their homes and save the church they loved, or they could shut the doors and try to find another place to worship. Many families mortgaged their homes, thus saving their church home.

After the Depression waned and the members were a bit more stable financially, they decided to rename the church Grace Methodist. They said the church had been saved by the grace of God and his blessings for them. †

Little Disciples Preschool

By Cindy McDowell, Director

November is a terrific month to be at Little Disciples Preschool. As we spend this month counting our blessings, we remember to give thanks for all our friends.

Little Disciples Preschool has had to make some changes in our program this year. We closed Mrs. Christian's 2-day classroom due to lack of enrollment but don't worry, we were able to seat the students in her 3-day classroom. We know that the economy is placing challenges on all of us and we are hopeful that the months ahead will be filled with blessings for everyone.



We continue to collect happy meal/small toys to send overseas. Please see the hallway firetruck for drop-off donations. November also finds us collecting canned goods for Sarasota's Food Pantry. Let's stuff the Food Pantry full of holiday blessings for those in need!

Each year before Thanksgiving we gather together for our "FRIENDSHIP FEAST". Everyone will decorate a placemat and the preschool will provide the food to make our meal complete and at the end of both Monday and Tuesday (11/24 & 11/25) we will all gather together in Fellowship Hall to enjoy our "Friendship Feast". No Extended Care will be available on these days. Our preschool will be closed Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th, in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen our doors on Monday, December 1. All of us here at Little Disciples Preschool wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Looking ahead...

Many thousands of dollars worth of materials were lost to the flooded building and we have come up with some creative and fun ways to help us recover. We are offering our wonderful Parents a Night Out in November and December where we will be watching children here in the preschool. There's even a shopping day available on Black Friday from 9am-1pm!

We are also bringing in a just-in-time-for-the-holidays photographer, Antiquities, on Saturday, November 8. For only \$10 you can capture your children in a 10x13 sepia-tone portrait to treasure. Props, costumes are all provided. Sell additional coupons to your friends and relatives and receive a discounted package! Call to find out more at 924-9290 or 927-9754.

And...it's time for you to mark your calendars for the greatest concerts ever! Coming in December, Little Disciples Preschool will come together in song for our families on December 11th & 12th each day at 11:30am.

See you there!

Teacher's Tidbits by Mrs. Noel

November promises to be another fun month and busy time at Little Disciples Preschool. In our classroom, we're learning all about Farm Life. We will take turns shaking cream to make butter and "milk" a cow using a plastic glove filled with white paint. We love the story "Mrs. Wishy-Washy" and we will re-enact it by washing the mud off our toy animals as we sing "wishy-washy, wishy-washy". The PreK class will be learning all the names of the baby farm animals like calf, lamb, and chick, and our Little Bit's will be singing Old MacDonald. And of course, our Friendship Feast will be a chance to gather together and give thanks for all our wonderful LDP families.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! †

Secretary's Update

By Caitlin McDowell

Hello to Everyone! It has been so wonderful for me to be able to use my strengths to serve Beneva Christian since I started as Secretary in January, with the greatest bonus being my interaction with all of you—Beneva's members and friends. In order to lighten the financial load; however, my office hours will change beginning the week of November 10th. I will be working three days of the week, while generous volunteers hold down the fort on the remaining weekdays. We are looking for two or three key volunteers who would like to offer their time and assistance so that office business may be easily coordinated among us. If you are available and would like to help with answering the phone, sorting the mail, and completing other daily clerical tasks, give me or Pastor Bobby a call and express your interest. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy our latest edition of the Good News. Don't forget that I'm always happy to hear from you. Talking with you and answering your questions is one of the most enjoyable aspects of my 'job' (Should it still be called a job if it makes you feel great?) Thank you to everyone who has believed in me and my abilities since I began here, you don't know how much your love and support means to me. Thanks also to all who contribute to the continued success of our wonderful Beneva Christian Church. †

Prayer Partners

The following people had prayers requested for them during the month of October. Please take a moment for them, and continue to lift them up in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

- Laverne Thomas
- Wanda Benedict
- Todd Dellit
- John & Charlotte Green
- Wilma Kaulfuss
- Leon Davidowski
- Jeanne Chilton
- Bob Blanton
- David Callow
- Robyn & Chelsea
- Beneva & LDP Staff
- Ryan Bergeron
- Peggy King
- James Horton
- Betty Fraley
- Carissa Maringo
- Greg Freeman
- Brad Hall
- Joseph Douvillier
- Military overseas & natural disaster victims
- Those struggling to make ends meet

Regional:

- Melanie Bryant
- Nellie Dean

“When we come together as one in prayer, all things are possible”. †

Bowls of Hope

November 9th 11am—3pm

Save the date! Bowls of Hope is a soup tasting event benefiting All Faith's Food Bank. It works through your purchase of an artist's hand-made ceramic bowl which you then use as your ticket to some of the most delicious soups Sarasota's restaurants have to offer. The event takes place every year at Phillippi Estate Park. It's a guaranteed good time, and it's for a great cause. Hope to see you there! †

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.”

—Calvin Coolidge

Beneva Vision Update

During October, the Vision Core Group, consisting of George & Marie (Chairs), Sara & Frank Metheny (Co-Chairs), Betty Freant (Recorder), and Pastor Bobby have met weekly in prayer, study and dialogue to design and start the implementation of Phase I (one) of the Beneva Vision Plan. Phase I will continue through Mid-November. The Core Group provided an orientation meeting on October 26th to an enlarged assemblage now called the Vision Focus Group which includes: Joe and Alice Stump, Marilyn Gerkin, Dale and Brenda Root, Corry O'Carroll, Rea Davies, Jane and Duane Wyatt, Joyce Parrot, Steve and Maryann Dziadik, Mark Apsey and Pauline Totten. This focus group will be further enlarged through Mid-November in the effort to assure that every segment of our congregation is represented in the process. Please contact the church office and let them know of your interest in joining this undertaking. You may also contact any member of the Vision Focus Group if you have questions. We need your prayers, thoughts and participation.

In God's love,

George & Emily (Marie) Oberle †

Christmas Trees

Our four hundred Christmas trees will arrive on Wednesday, November 26th and sales will begin on Friday the 28th. This is a Beneva Christian Church fundraiser - we will need everyone's help. If you are able to get to the church or make calls from home, there is a job for you. We need you to help in whatever way you can. We need people who can greet our customers, run the cash register, sell trees, move the trees, prepare meals, make wreaths or simply call those who have volunteered to remind them of their shift.

We will open each week day at 4 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m. There should be a minimum of three people for each shift when we start selling and more help will be needed the closer we get to Christmas.

This is a wonderful money-making project for our church and we are hoping everyone will help to make it a success. It is very rewarding hard work for about three weeks. It is also a great way to fellowship with other members you may not know.

Sign up sheets are located in the narthex so please select as many time slots as you possibly can. This year can be a great success with your help.

Thank You,

The Christmas Tree Committee †

Christian Education Volunteer Survey

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Best day to volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Best time to volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Are you available year round? Yes ___ No ___ If no when are you available _____

What age group would you like to work with?

Sunday morning Bible study

Kindergarten to 1st grade	3rd 4th 5th grade	6th 7th 8th grade	9th 10th 11th 12th grade

Youth Groups

Little Bits (3-5yrs)	Genesis (K-1st)	Sonburst (2nd-3rd grade)	Hot Shot (4th-5th grade)	Chi Rho (middle school)	CYF (high school)

Adult

Sunday school	Assist With Sunday School	Small Group Leader

Would you want curriculum provided for any group you do? Yes ___ No ___

Area's you would like to help with:

Sunday Snack Supper	Chaperone Youth Trip	
Vacation Bible School	Children Church	
Chaperone Teens Thursday Evenings	Help youth with mission work	
Children's Choir	In town	
Arts and crafts	Out of town	
Sewing	Youth sponsored meals (Breakfast with Santa)	
Live Nativity		

What are you not comfortable doing:

Positive/negative experiences with Christian Education:

What interests, hobbies, work experience can you bring to the Christian Education department:



THANKSGIVING GATHERING



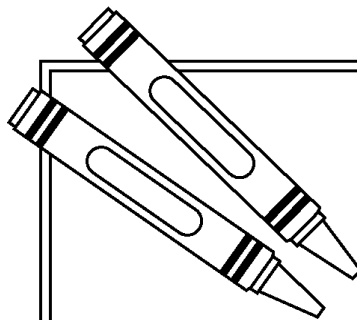
When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

What you need:

- Photos (group or individual) of each person
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Cardstock or construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Pencil
- Envelopes

What you do:

1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each person.
2. On the back of each picture, use a ruler and pencil to draw vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
5. On the bottom of each piece of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, *Philippians 1:3 (NIV)*." Then sign your name.
6. Give each person an envelope and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
7. For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.



Just for KIDS

Thanksgiving and Prayer

When Paul sent a letter to the church at Philippi, he told his friends how he felt about them. Finish this puzzle to read what Paul wrote in *Philippians 1:3*.

Match words in the list below to the correct word shape. Then write the letters inside each shape. In the circles, draw the faces of people you're thankful for in your life.

WORD LIST: remember time you I God
I my thank every

The puzzle consists of a grid of word shapes and circles. The word shapes are: "I", "thank", "my", "God", "every", "I", "remember", "time", "you". There are also several empty circles for drawing faces.

Answer: "I thank my God every time I remember you."



Beneva Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

2008 General Board Members

Church Officers

Chair: Olevia Fulkert
Vice-Chair: Dale Root
Secretary: Elsie McDonald
Financial Secretary: Frank Metheny
Treasurer: Duane Wyatt
Historian: Pauline Totten/Jane Oneal

Elders

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
Sara Metheny	Garland Poquette	Charles Rabjohns
Frank Metheny	Jane Oneal	Bob Blanton
Olevia Fulkert	Glenn Oneal	Shirley Blanton
Greg Fulkert	Duane Wyatt	Bob Evans

Department Chairs

Worship: Sara Metheny
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World Outreach: David Harlow
Property: Thomas Byrd
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Nurture: Florine Blake

Deacons

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
Gail Brodkorb	Lori Walsh	Cindy McDowell
Brenda Root	Debbie York	Suzanne Pruse
JoAnn Kelly		Tim Brodkorb
Amy Abbot		Becky Brodkorb
		Jan Bogart
		Dean Hoover
		Joyce Hoover
		Nila Valvo

Staff

Minister: Pastor Bobby Dickerson
Secretary: Caitlin McDowell
Director of Music: Greg Fulkert
Pianist/Organist: Janene Overlay
Youth Director Corry O'Carroll
Custodian: Yves May
Preschool Director: Cindy McDowell
Nursery Attendant— Lisa Morrison
November:

Youth Deacons

Expires 2008

Deanna Root

Trustees

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
Glenn Oneal	Bob King	Jerry Caress

Group Chairs

Elders: Frank Metheny
Deacons: Amy Abbot
Trustees: Bob King
Greeters: Ruth Wolf
Acolytes: Kathy Bearden
Christian Women Fellowship:
Christian Men Fellowship: David Harlow
Bifocal Bunch: Shirley Blanton
Young Couples/Singles:
Technology: Marshall K DuBois
Newsletter: Caitlin McDowell
Web Site: Marshall K DuBois
By-Laws:

Committee Chairs

Little Disciples Preschool: Erin Sturm
Memorial: Barbara Clements
Music: Suzie Davis
Personnel Committee: Duane Wyatt
Local Benevolence: Jackie Hazen
30/30 Vision: Elders
New Building:
Scholarship: Kathy Bearden
Hostess: Brenda Root/Gail Brodkorb

Notice

Everyone on this page is requested to attend the General Board meetings.
 All Church Officers, Department Chairs, Staff, Committee Chairs and Group Chairs are requested to attend the Cabinet meetings.

Elder Serving Schedule for November 2008

<u>November 2</u>	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 16</u>
L Bob Blanton	L Jane Oneal	L Frank Metheny
R Shirley Blanton	R Glenn Oneal	R Sara Metheny

<u>November 23</u>	<u>November 30</u>
L Bob Evans	L Olevia Fulkert
R Charles Rabjohns	R Greg Fulkert

Elders of the month: Bob Blanton & Shirley Blanton (shut-ins, lockup facilities)

Deacon Serving Schedule for November 2008

Elements Preparation for November — Suzanne Pruse & Cindy McDowell

<u>November 2</u>	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 16</u>
1 Suzanne Pruse	1 Tim Brodkorb	1 Nila Valvo C
2 Debbie York C/B	2 Alicia Brodkorb	2 Jan Bogart
3 Jan Bogart	3 Gail Brodkorb C/B	3 Brenda Root
4 Cindy McDowell	4 Deanna Root	4 Debbie York
	JoAnn Kelly B	JoAnn Kelly B
<u>November 23</u>	<u>November 30</u>	
1 Suzanne Pruse	1 Tim Brodkorb	
2 Amy Abbot C/B	2 Brenda Root C/B	
3 Lori Walsh	3 Deanna Root	
4 Cindy McDowell	4 Alicia Brodkorb	

B= Bulletins: Arrive at 9:45 am to hand out bulletins.

C=Captain: Arrive at 10:10 am to check that the communion table is complete and all Deacons are accounted for.

U=Usher stays in the back and seats the late people and handles the microphone or announcements and prayer requests.

If you are unable to serve on scheduled date — Please arrange to have someone cover for you on that date.

All Deacons serving on their Sunday are to make sure all bulletins, cups and papers are picked up from the pews.

Communion Cups — fill grape juice to line right before it starts to curve — IF MUCH POUR SOME OUT.
Communion Preparation — Give to Organist (on wooden shelf), Worship & Wonder (in Fellowship Hall) and Nursery.

If you have any questions call Amy Abbot (Deacon Chair) at 922-1089.

Please Remember our Homebound

Ruth Martin

1343 Lucaya Ave
Venice, FL 34285

Wilma Kaulfuss

3270 Lake Pointe
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Room 125
Sarasota, FL 34231

Thelma McKahan

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Sarasota, FL 34232



Blood Pressure Check

By Pauline Totten, Healthcare Services

Our Blood Pressure service will take place in the CYF room on November 2nd at 11:30 am (after church). Please come if you are concerned about your health.

Would anyone who is involved in the medical field contact me at 349-3167. ☩

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In addition to our sermons now online we also have the following features:

- Weekly Sermons to listen to and save
- Prayer Requests
- Elder and Deacon Schedules
- Good News newsletter in downloadable format
- Slideshows of church events
- Links of interest to Disciple websites
- Church event calendar and weekly schedule
- Contact information and more

Volunteer Survey

If you would like to be involved with our youth programs, please tear out and complete the form on page 10. You may turn it into the church office or place it in our offering tray during worship. Thank you! ☩

Church Office

Phone: 924-8713
Pastor: 400-7349

The office hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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b.dickerson@lifeatbeneva.org

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Church Website — <http://www.lifeatbeneva.org>

E-mail Prayer Chain



If you would like to be added to our e-mail prayer chain please send your request via email to:
churchoffice@lifeatbeneva.org

December Good News

Deadline for articles sent to the church is November 19th.

Articles may be sent directly to Caitlin McDowell at bccoffice2@verizon.net ☩

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The Life of Beneva in November 2008

<u>November 2, 2008</u>	<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service— <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>		10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
Blood Pressure Check—CYF Room		11:30 am
Vision Group Meets		
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>November 3, 2008</u>		<u>Monday</u>
Joshua's Men—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
Worship Committee Meeting—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>November 4, 2008</u>		<u>Tuesday</u>
Elections—Fellowship Hall		All Day
Elder's Meeting		7:00 pm
<u>November 5, 2008</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>November 6, 2008</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. and Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm
<u>November 7, 2008</u>	<i>World Community Day</i>	<u>Friday</u>
Naomi Circle—Fellowship Hall		12:00 pm
Food Pantry Open		3:00-5:00 pm
<u>November 8, 2008</u>		<u>Saturday</u>
Breakfast by Joshua's Men—Fellowship Hall		8:00 am
<u>November 9, 2008</u>		<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery		10:30 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall		10:45 am
<i>Bowls of Hope</i> —Phillippi Estate Park		11 am—3pm
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>November 11, 2008</u>	<i>Veteran's Day</i>	<u>Tuesday</u>
Board Meeting—Fellowship Hall		7:00 pm
<u>November 12, 2008</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>November 13, 2008</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm

<u>November 14, 2008</u>		<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm
<u>November 15, 2008</u>		<u>Saturday</u>
Hungarian Xmas Bazaar & Bake Sale—F.H.		10am—4pm
<u>November 16, 2008</u>	<i>Thanksgiving Special Offering</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery		10:30 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>November 19, 2008</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>November 20, 2008</u>		<u>Thursday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary		11:30 am
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary		7-8:30 pm
<u>November 21, 2008</u>		<u>Friday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary		11:30 am
Food Pantry Open		3:00—5:00 pm
Congregational Game Night—F.H.		7:00 pm
<u>November 23, 2008</u>	<i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery		10:30 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm
<u>November 24, 2008</u>		<u>Monday</u>
LDP Shared Friendship Feast—F.H.		9am—1pm
<u>November 26, 2008</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>
Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary		7:00 pm
<u>November 27, 2008</u>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>November 29, 2008</u>		<u>Saturday</u>
Christmas Bazaar—Fellowship Hall		
<u>November 30, 2008</u>	<i>Advent Begins</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Adult & Youth Bible Study—Fellowship Hall		9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service		10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery		10:30 am
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall		4:30 pm

What Do Disciples Believe?

Like most Christians, Disciples affirm:

- ♦ Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, and offers saving grace to all.
- ♦ All persons are God's children.

Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- ♦ *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- ♦ *Diversity of opinion.* Each person is free to determine individual belief guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer.
- ♦ *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although Disciples generally practice baptism by immersion, they honor other baptism traditions as well.
- ♦ *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ♦ *The ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- ♦ *Freedom of belief.* Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. †



The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.

Discover . . . Spiritual growth

Every Disciples congregation meets weekly to worship God. In the warmth of God's presence and with the support of others, we grow in our understanding of God in ways that make a difference in our everyday lives.

Through worship that is both contemporary and traditional, we discover the joy of trusting and following Jesus.

Around the communion table, we acknowledge Christ's presence and remember the meal He shared with His followers. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Whether you are a longtime follower of Jesus Christ, or curious about Christianity, the Christian Church can help you explore Christianity and learn about Christ. †



Sunday Schedule

Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	9:00-10:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am
Worship & Wonder	After Children's Sermon
Youth Groups	4:30 pm



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