



# Community of Christ

## Bayne City Beacon

**Newsletter**

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## TEMPLE SCHOOL CLASS

### Introduction to Scripture

Introduction to Scripture is being offered by our congregation, and open to all that would like to attend.

The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30-8:30pm, on the following dates:

September 27th

October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

If you would like credit for the course, you can order your class materials from Herald House for \$29.95, plus postage and handling or you can download a PDF copy for \$12.95.

## CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Classes for ages from preschool through adult!  
10:00am every Sunday morning**

Preschool through age 7 -- taught by Ron Fuller

Junior Class -- taught by Sandi Ecker

Adult Class -- taught by Lee Ecker

Ron is teaching Bible Stories

The Junior Class is using the world church material going along with the theme.

The Adult Class is studying the adult prebaptismal material, that was presented at Family Camp.

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**No one is too old to learn!**

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## HAYRIDE AND SACRIFICE POTLUCK SUPPER

**Mark your Calendars!**

October 1, 2016, starting at 3:00pm for the Hayride, followed by the Sacrifice Potluck Dinner at the church.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more details.

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## GOD'S WORK CHILDREN'S CLOTHING PANTRY

Our next children's clothing pantry will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm. Anyone that can help with set up on Friday evening and during the pantry would be much appreciated.



Happy September Birthday!

- September 4: Kaleb Pollington
- 6: Ruth Follette  
Sandi Ecker
- 10: Melinda Ecker
- 11: Lenore Landon
- 14: Jon Ecker
- 23: Kalissa Harris
- 28: Kim Grube
- 30: Ruth Eaton

# PRAYER REQUESTS

*In your daily personal prayers, please remember those on this list.*

**All military and civilians** serving in dangerous places

**Our church members and friends** around the world

**Marlene Groh** -- arthritis

**Our enemies** -- “. . . for they know not what they do.”

**Michelle Archer** -- peace, joy, strength & healing.

**Sophia Eber** -- Doing great

**Ileen Newlin**

**Allison Baker** -- attacked by a pack of dogs.

**Our Country** -- elections etc

**Janet Balogh** -- Tremors

**Houghton Lake Congregation**

**Sue McDonald** -- breast cancer



## FAITH CUP



By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- ROMANS 5:2 KJV

## *Boyne City Beacon*

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# THE TRUE SOURCE OF EMOTIONAL HEALING

By Shana Schutte.

*He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.* Psalm 147:3

Many things can be accomplished by humanity—the study of the stars, building multi-million-dollar industries, clones—but the transformation of the human heart is another story. That alone is a God thing.

Those of us who have tried to change our fears, frustrations, anxieties, or addictions without Him know what I mean. Certainly we can cooperate with God for healing, but we're ultimately dependent upon Him to remake our hearts and heal our broken places. I believe He likes it that way. I think there are many reasons why, but one is that few things show us and the world His love as much as a heart that has been changed from fear to faith, hatred to humility, and bondage to believing.

In [Ezekiel 36:26](#) God says. . .  
"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Notice that God says, "I will give." It's as if He's saying, "Child, no matter how hard you try, healing won't be a gift you give yourself. You can't manipulate it into happening or do it all alone by working your own way to emotional and spiritual wholeness. You won't do it independently of me, because true healing always happens within the context of relationship with me. This, dear one, is going to be of me, and it will be my work. Then, when you're healed, you'll know that I am the God who loves and saves you."

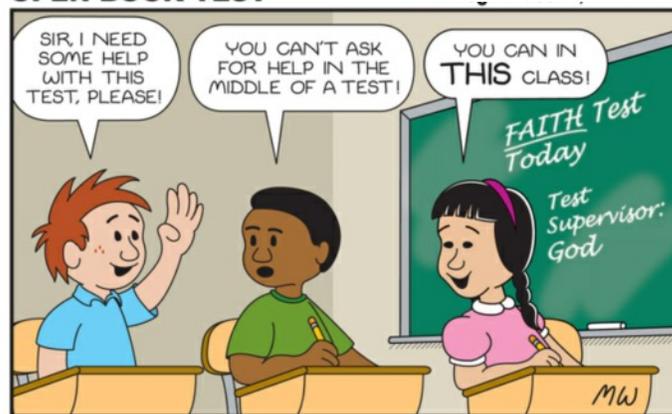
There was a time in the past when I wondered if my heart would ever heal; it seemed as if God wasn't doing a thing to help me get past my pain. Can you relate? That's how life must look to

the bird who sits on her nest. Things are apparently at a standstill. But the bird sits quietly, knowing that in the stillness something vital is going on and that in the proper time it will be shown. It takes faith and patience for the bird, and such faith and patience never seem to waiver, day after day, night after night, as she bides the appointed time.

Restless and doubtful, we wonder if the healing of our hearts will ever come, because we see no visible signs of progress. Let us remember the perfect egg ride, unchanged in its appearance from the day it's laid. But as the bird faithfully waits, doing the thing that she's supposed to do during those silent weeks, important things are happening and taking place. And so it is with us. As we faithfully wait on God, doing what we're supposed to do—choosing to trust Him, choosing to believe during the silent weeks, perhaps even months and years—God is giving us a new heart!

*"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." (1 Peter 5:10)*

## OPEN BOOK TEST



If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.  
- JAMES 1:5 NIV

# PERSONAL PEACE

By Boyd Bailey

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace.*  
Ephesians 2:13-14a

Jesus Christ is a personal Savior who brings a personal peace. One of the advantages of knowing Jesus is knowing His peace; a peace that passes all understanding. A person outside of the Lord is exposed to the unsettling elements of evil that eliminate any thought of peace. Indeed, personal peace is a by-product of personally engaging God.

Are you at peace in your life in general and your work in particular? If not, submit to the Prince of Peace (Jesus) and allow Him to shepherd you through your valley of trepidation. You may not know what the future holds, but you know who holds the future. Because Christ is peace, do not overlook His inventory that already resides in your heart by faith.

*Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.*  
Job 22:21

Once we were far off without faith and in fear, but now we have been brought near to God by the belief in His son's blood for the payment of our sins. Salvation in Jesus is a peaceful position for all who appropriate their role as a child of God. It's when we try to substitute the peace of God with the shallow promises of the world that we get anxious.

Your heavenly Father promises you peace in His son Jesus. There is no need to go any further than faith in Him. Yes, peace can be allusive within an alluring and noisy culture, but Christ is at peace in you. Unfair family members may cause you to fret and an unreasonable boss may cause you to sweat, but in the sanctuary of your soul there is peace. So, don't substitute faith in

Christ with a false peace; instead rest in His promise.

*I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.* Psalm 85:8

While you rock your feverish little one to sleep, lean into the Lord's peace. When your mind races in frantic worry, resolve in your heart that the promise of God's peace is irrevocable. When the stock market dives at every economic uncertainty, dive deeper into the security of your Savior Jesus. Personal peace is a product of being with the one who is peace. Your Prince of Peace awaits to escort you into His calming courts of peace.

*You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.* Acts 10:36

**In what area of your life do you need peace of mind from the Prince of Peace, Jesus?**

## WANDERING MIND



Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.  
— DEUTERONOMY 11:18 NIV

# September 2016

Date/Time	Worship Leader	Speaker	Assisting	Musician
<b>September 25: Generosity: Motivated by Love</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	R. Eaton	L. Ecker		A. Seamon

# October 2016

<b>October 2: Increase Your Faith</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	R. Fuller	S. Ecker		A. Seamon
<b>October 9: Be Grateful</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	L. Landon	E. West		A. Seamon
<b>October 16: Do Not Lose Heart</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	L. Ecker	R. Fuller		A. Seamon
<b>October 23: Humble Yourself</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	E. West	L. Landon		A. Seamon
<b>October 30: Welcome the Outcast</b>				
10:00am:	Classes			
11:00am:	R. Eaton	L. Ecker		A. Seamon

## Evening Activities

- Wed, Sept. 21, 6:00pm: Congregational Planning Meeting**
- Wed, Sept. 28 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with High Priest Eleanor West. Theme: *"Increase Our Faith."*
- Wed, Oct. 5, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with Priest Sandi Ecker. Theme: *Be Grateful*
- Wed, Oct. 12, 6:00pm: Fellowship at The Brook**
- Wed, Oct. 19, 6:00pm: Congregational Planning Meeting**
- Wed, Oct. 26, 6:00pm: Prayer & Share** with Elder Ron Fuller. Theme: *"Welcome the Outcast"*

## Dates to Remember

- Sept. 23-25: Women's Retreat** at the Park of the Pines
- Sat. Sept. 24: CROP Walk**
- Tues, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11,18, and 25, 6:30-8:30pm: Temple School Class -- "Introduction to Scripture"** at our church
- Sat, Oct. 1, 3:00pm: Hayride** followed by **Sacrifice Supper**
- Sat, Oct. 15, 2-4pm: Children's Clothing Pantry**

# September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Priesthood Mtg Speaker: E. West	5	6  Ruth Follette Sandi Ecker	7 6:00 PM Prayer & Share	8	9	10  Melinda Ecker
11  Lenore Landon Speaker: R. Fuller	12	13	14 6:00 PM The Brook  Jon Ecker	15	16	17 2:00 PM -4:00 PM Clothing Pantry
18 Speaker: R. Eaton	19	20	21 6:00 PM Planning Mtg	22	23  Kalissa Harris Women's Retreat @ Park of the	24 CROP Walk
25 Speaker: L. Ecker Women's	26	27 6:30 PM -8:30 PM Temple School Class	28 6:00 PM Prayer & Share  Kim Grube	29	30  Ruth Eaton	



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