

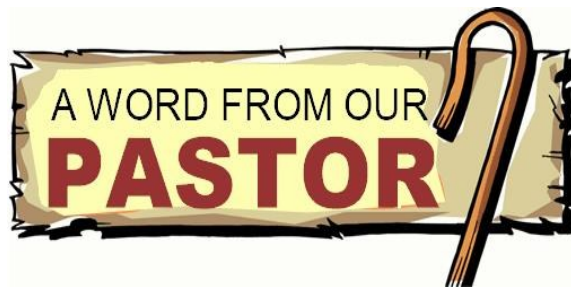


East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

OCTOBER





A Prayer Answered Slowly

May the peace of God be with you always.

I've had frequent headaches since I was a child. I often took children's Tylenol to alleviate them. Especially after intense sports like soccer or basketball, my head would hurt severely, and I couldn't digest properly. So, I used to pray not to be in pain when I was young. However, even as I became a college student and entered my mid-twenties, the headaches still visited me regularly. I tried herbal remedies and acupuncture, but they were not effective.

But recently I realized that I couldn't remember the last time I had a headache. As I've grown older, the frequency of my headaches has decreased, and nowadays, it seems like I hardly get them anymore. Perhaps my health has improved gradually since getting married.

The fact that I couldn't remember when my head hurt was fascinating to me. I thought of God. God remembers even the prayers we've forgotten. What I had thought at that time was that I would no longer be in pain due to some miraculous event. However, that did not happen. But over time, the headaches gradually left me without me noticing.

There may be moments of miraculous change, but there is also a continuous, steady transformation. God changes us every day and takes care of us daily. The prayers we offer may not seem to be answered immediately, but when we look back later, God has faithfully responded.

If we don't pray, we miss out on God's gifts. Will you join me today in deep conversation with God, joining your hands in prayer?

As a child, I was thin, sensitive, frequently got sick, and often had headaches. Now, I have become a less sensitive, less sick middle-aged man who has gained weight. The miracle to me is that God has faithfully been with me in all that time. Isn't it a miracle that the Lord is faithfully with you today as well? I hope you deeply enjoy your own miracle. Jesus loves you more than anything!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor **Jongmin**



*A Note
from
Terry Snyder*

This is related to last month's article. Sometimes the "same rules don't apply" that a former manager applied to herself in action, comes from the other side of the proverbial coin. **People hold certain folks to a higher standard, and change those standards when it is someone they like, or perhaps with some sort of social status** I think I shared before, a time when the cashier at my previous job needed a break, so I ran the register to relieve her. I was working on stock that was within reach of the register between customers, when the manager scolded me for working that stock saying "don't work on that stock, leave that stock for the cashier!" "I am the cashier, I am giving her a break" I replied. "Oh" he said, and walked off without a word. I kid you not, it was only a few weeks (maybe even the next week) when a pretty employee who wasn't the cashier at that point was working on the same stock at the same area (working beside the woman who **was** the cashier, as I recall), leaving no doubt that one of them was not the cashier. He walked by, socialized a moment, and never said a word to them about it.

I have a friend (a hard, capable worker) who once told about how a woman she worked with who used her figure (I am rewording how my friend worded it) to get by with things with her male boss. While my friend was a diligent, long-time, hard worker, the woman being attractive and knowing how to "work it" got advantages including not doing a lot of her work (as I understood, and remember it). That reminds me of a married delivery driver who a friend's son said sat on the male boss' lap and would flirt. In doing so, she would get preferential treatment. **It can be difficult not to make allowances or show favoritism to people we like, people who are like us, people who have looks, magnetism, the ability to fool people etc.** Sometimes those can be even be con artists. In my early years of being in management, a female worker thought I was showing favoritism towards another female worker in a particular situation, but it was merely an oversight on my part. I had my hands full working on something myself, there was an employee arrive for her shift, and ask if I wanted her to work on something. I told her that was fine. But, I really hadn't stopped to consider the other employee who had been working on the register a few hours. So instead of having the newly arrived employee to take the register to relieve her, and the one who had been there since opening doing another duty, in my busyness and several employees working to manage, failed to look at the entire picture.

Sadly, sometimes even the church shows favoritism to pastors, members etc. How many times have churches reassigned pastors with moral failures to another congregation (either to sweep the incident under the carpet, or maybe just because they like the person)? I am in no way saying we should throw our wounded away (whoever they are), but there were times that the pastor would go somewhere else and wreak havoc on another person's life the same way as where he had left, and do so over and over again. That is only one way, I am sure. Sometimes that standard of punishment or not (or rewards) is reserved to how well that person was liked, and not by keeping consistent punishments or merit.

I have shared before about the person I knew who had gone into a furniture store to look at furniture after having painted. No one would give her the time of day dressed so shabbily, and judging her by it. Then she went to the same store in her business attire a few days later, and the staff fell all over themselves trying to help her. She was the same person, but they judged her by her attire. The Bible is clear that God is against favoritism, but I think it has become such a natural thing that people don't even realize they are doing it. I think it could be an issue with most of us if we aren't diligent.

It is easy to want to be nice to and hang around some or all of the pretty, the popular, the powerful, the rich. Yet, sometimes the pretty person is ugly inside, the popular vain, the powerful heartless, the rich ruthless. Certainly not definite, but what is inside is more important and sometimes confused with the exterior. I also think that God has a special place in His heart for the disenfranchised, the poor, the hurting. He is sympathetic to their plight. That certainly isn't to say that He doesn't love and didn't die for all of us. But, He also sees past the external or station in life, to see who each really is on the inside.

HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL

Troop 549



Sept. 8th-10th Fall Camporee
Sept. 15th-16th Cub Scout Shootoree
Sept. 26th Phi Beta PSI Fundraiser
October 27th-29th Campout

September 8th-10th was the Fall Camporee. Several scouts got inside and paddle the boat around the lake. We were surprised the cardboard boat actually made it around the course and didn't come apart and sink. They had a lot of canoeing events and all the scouts had a great time.

September 15th-16th was the Cub Scout Shootoree at Maumee Scout Reservation. This is an event that we always volunteer to run stations for the cub scouts to participate in. We got the privilege to run the bb gun shoot. The scouts had such a great time. It was fun watching the young scouts laugh and smiling after they got to shoot the targets.

September 26th was our Phi Beta PSI Fundraiser. This is a purse Bingo fundraiser that is held at the Commons Mall. We served food to the participants during the evening while their event is going on. We even sold Scout Popcorn at the event. Everyone always has a good time.

October 27th-29th will be our first campout at a new place. One of the grandparents of a scout has some property where we will be camping. The property has a pond for fishing and acres of wood to explore. We will do some service work for the fire pit so it can be utilized again. It should be a great time.

The scouts are selling scout popcorn. Anyone that is interested in purchasing some popcorn please let me know.

If you know anyone that is interested in scouting the door is always open for their visit on our scout nights. Please feel free to pass my contact information to anyone interested in visiting or joining our troop. Boys ages need to be 11 years old to join and less than 18. Meeting time Thursday is at 6:30 – 8:00 at the Youth Center.

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What do you need to survive??

I was listening to a pod cast while getting ready for work the other day. And they started off with this question.

What do you NEED to survive? And remember...there's a big difference between need and want... we all may think we need that cup of coffee in the morning and there's probably several that would insist that their spouse or co-worker have that first cup...LOL.. but we don't!

They proceeded to share the story from a long time ago when a couple had decided to seek their fortune in the great west. They packed up everything they thought they needed... blankets, food, tools.. everything, right? The following spring some passersby saw the cabin and went to see if the owners were home. Unfortunately what they found were 2 frozen bodies.. You see ... they packed everything they needed... except matches and without a way to light a fire, they froze to death.

So... back to the question ... what do you need to survive? We know from school that we can't go without food, water, air and shelter. And before you run off to Sam's Club or Wal Mart to make sure you have plenty of all that ... reach for your Bible instead.

In Exodus 16:35, God gave manna to the Israelites for 40 years so they wouldn't starve.

In John 4:14, the Bible tells us that Jesus gave water to the Samaritan woman so she would never thirst again.

In Genesis 2:7, God breathed life into Adam.

Finally, in John 14:2, Jesus tells His disciples that He will go to prepare a place for us ... so we will have shelter eternally with Him in heaven.

God will give us all we need ... all we need to do is call upon His name!

Wishing you have all you need to survive from the One who provides all we need!

Till next month .. Timothy

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	2	3 5pm-Hot Meal Memorial Baptist Church Phil. Class	4 6pm-Choir	5 6:30pm-Scouts	6	7
8 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School 5pm-Grace's Table	9	10 5pm-Hot Meal Memorial Baptist Church Fidelis Class	11 6pm-Choir	12 NO Scouts	13	14
BCSC FALL BREAK - October 9-13						
15 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	16	17 10-11am Prayer Time 5pm-Hot Meals Bible Round T.	18 6pm- Choir	19 6:30pm-Scouts	20	21
22 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	23	24 10-11am Prayer Time	25 6pm-Choir	26 6:30pm- Scouts	27	28
29 9am-Worship 10:10am-Sunday School	30	31 Halloween 10-11am Prayer Time 5-7:30pm Trunk or Treat				



Oct.6—Joyce Winters
Oct 10—Roger Warner
Oct 12—Wayne Jessup
Oct 23—Helen Conley
Oct 27—Dorothy Christophel
Oct 29—Dorothy Briner

News



From the Mail Box...

Here's what's
happening!

PASTOR APPRECIATION *Month*

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated. Were someone to ask a pastor what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me..."

Encourage our pastor by assuring him of our prayers and love.

Operation Christmas Child



ECUMC is participating again this year in the packing of shoe boxes for children around the world. Shoe boxes will be collected and dedicated Sunday, November 12.

Grace's Table Dinner Church, Sunday, October 8, at 5:00 pm in the Youth Center.

ECUM Sunday School Classes are providing the hot meals for the first 3 Tuesdays at Memorial Baptist Church on 7th Street. They will prepare a meal for 50 people. If you are not connected with a class and would like to help, please reach out to the contact person that will be coordinating the different days or call the church office for information.

October 3, Philathea Class, contact person, Katie Niespodziani

October 10, Fidelis Class, contact person Gini Jessup

October 17, Bible Round Table Class, contact Darla Bozell

BSCS Fall Break is from October 9—13.

Every Tuesday starting on October 17, from 10am to 11am the Sanctuary will be open for anyone to come in for prayer time. The Elevator Door and both Glass Doors near the office will be unlocked during those times.

Charge Conference—Wednesday, October 25, at Asbury UMC.

Trunk or Treat

October 31 5-7:30pm

We will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for our neighbors. Park your cars in the east lot off Ind. Ave. Open trunks, decorate and hand out candy and favors.





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9:00am-Worship Service

10:10am- Sunday School

OUR CHURCH MISSION

**Growing the Family of God by Making
Loving Disciples of Jesus Christ.**