



# OCTOBER

## NEWSLETTER

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### PRAYER by Pastor Max Whitehead

Prayer. While it seems to be a common, everyday thing, prayer also can be seen as intimidating and riddled with questions. Why should I pray? How do I pray? When should I pray? What if I pray wrong?

We have been spending a lot of time in Paul's letter to Timothy with our Epistle readings the last month, and here is what Paul has to say about prayer:

*"<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." -1 Timothy 2:1-4*

In summary of these 6 verses, you are to pray for all people, and you are to pray to God - the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit, any of these titles are appropriate. It does not matter if you like the person or not, agree with them or not, or even truly know them. Perhaps now as we approach election time we must be reminded to pray for all those in positions of power that (as Paul writes) we may lead a peaceful and quiet life.

As long as you send the prayer to the right place, there is not a wrong way to pray. I'll even go so far to

say that in simply addressing God in a time of prayer is the most important part of prayer since as Paul writes to the Romans, "the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

When should you pray? Whenever. There is never a wrong time to pray. God's ears are always tuned to your voice. Even in the most insignificant moments: pray. Whenever you feel joy, sorrow, strength, weakness, literally anything: pray.

Which of course leads to the "why"? Not because Paul tells you to. Not because Luther tells you to. Not because your Pastor or even your parents tell you to. But because God wants you to. Because God is a jealous God and wants you to come to Him, to rely on Him, in every aspect of your life. Because God has called you His child, and as the Good Father that He is, He wants nothing more than a relationship with You.

God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. Let us pray that all of those with ears to hear may be sent a preacher - it could be you - to speak God's love and promise to them.

And may you know that God's love and promise is for you. He has called you His own. He hears and listens to your prayers. May you trust that He will respond in all the ways He sees fit.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Max



Baptism of  
Curtis Johnson  
August 28, 2022



Baptism of  
Waylon Jennis  
Mehlhaf  
September 18, 2022







# fundraiser

The VCIS Youth has spooked up the Parish Hall! Come dressed up as you adventure through and get a little fright. Free Will donation is encouraged to help us get to North Carolina next June.

***(Thrivent Cards to help purchase concessions would be greatly appreciated!)***

**Where: Parish Hall**

**When: October 28, 7:00PM -9:00PM**



## Kids KORRAL



**Date: October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Where: Parish Hall**  
**Time: 7:00PM - 11:00PM**

Give yourselves a date night and let us watch your kids! Free Will donation is encouraged to help us get to North Carolina next June.

### Stevens Corn Maze Fundraiser

The Stevens Corn Maze is open to the public from 1-6 every weekend until October 29.

Entrance is \$5 with all concession proceeds going to the VCIS Youth!

### Haunted Corn Maze Oct 29 7-9PM

Come wander through the Stevens Corn Maze under the darkness of night!

Directions: Stevens' Corn Maze - 2mi East of town and 1/4mi North.

***(Thrivent Cards to help purchase concessions would be greatly appreciated!)***



# Autumn Schedule

### Wednesdays With God

7:30AM - Bible Study @ Parsons Insurance

3:45PM – 5:00PM Jr VCIS (Grades 1 – 6)

5:30PM Meal | 6:00PM Confirmation Group

7:00PM VCIS (moving back to Wednesdays)

# OCTOBER 2022 CHURCH CALENDAR

For complete information and additional details, please visit [www.oslcivb.org/events/](http://www.oslcivb.org/events/)

## Sunday, Oct 2

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)  
10:30AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Oct 5

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group  
7:00PM VCIS  
7:30PM Council Meeting

## Saturday Oct 8

7:00PM - 11:00PM Kids Korral (VCIS Fundraiser)

## Sunday, Oct 9

9:00AM Worship Service (Traditional)  
10:30AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Oct 12

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group  
7:00PM VCIS

## Sunday, Oct 16

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)  
10:30AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, Oct 18

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group  
7:00PM VCIS

## Sunday, Oct 23

10:30AM Joint Worship (Contemporary @ SVLC)  
NO Sunday School

## Wednesday, Oct 26

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group  
7:00PM VCIS

## Sunday, Oct 30

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)  
10:30AM Sunday School

## October Scripture Readings

Oct. 2: Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 9: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Oct 16: Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Oct 23: Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

Oct 30: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 32:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10



## 2022 COMMITTEE'S OF THE MONTH

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

### OCTOBER

Matt and Sharon Wirth  
Shelley Wray  
Chad and Belinda Holm  
Steven and Linda Holmberg

### NOVEMBER

Jay and Melanie Parsons  
Josh and Kristie Huth  
Ellie Whitehead  
Don and Jeanie Gerdes

### DECEMBER & JANUARY 2023

Mike and Laura Stevens (Dec.)  
Mike and Lisa McIlvenna (Jan.)  
Josh and Jenae Duus  
Evan Stevens

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## WORSHIP HELPER'S SCHEDULE

### Oct 2

Reader ..... Sharon Wirth  
Communion Helper/Acolyte..... Thea  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

### Oct 9

Reader ..... Belinda Holmes  
Acolyte..... Quinn  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

### Oct 16

Reader ..... Linda Holmberg  
Communion Helper/Acolyte..... Westin  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons  
Special Music ..... Choir

### Oct 23

Reader ..... Sharon wirth  
Acolyte..... Godwin  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Music ..... Praise Band

### Oct 30

Reader ..... Steven Holmberg  
Acolyte..... Jazmyne  
Live Stream..... Maxx  
Music ..... Melanie Parsons



## JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Let us join together as one congregation, worship and feast, and give thanks for the harvest God has blessed us with throughout the ages!

When: Sunday Oct 23

Where: SVLC



## **ATTENTION!!** *Committee of the Month Leaders*

Please submit your reader schedule line-up to [admin@oslcvb.org](mailto:admin@oslcvb.org) before the 25th of the month so we can get it into the October 30th bulletin. Thank you!!!





*You're Invited*

to the wedding celebration for

*Sam & Tyler*

October 15, 2022 | 8:00PM  
at the Community Center.

## LOOKING AHEAD

# NOVEMBER

### Nov 2

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6:00PM Group  
7:00PM VCIS  
7:30PM Council Meeting

### Nov 6

9:00AM Worship Service  
10:30AM Sunday School

### Nov 9

7:30AM Bible Study  
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS  
5:30PM Confirmation Meal  
6:00PM Group  
7:00PM VCIS

### Nov 13

9:00AM Worship Service  
10:30AM Sunday School

Word Find  
Books of the  
New Testament

Q	S	P	R	B	H	S	U	G	P	U	E	Z	N
T	C	N	L	E	U	K	A	S	T	C	A	N	H
D	H	U	A	T	V	L	R	E	T	E	P	O	O
P	A	E	I	I	A	E	S	A	D	C	S	M	J
P	H	T	S	T	S	N	L	U	M	N	O	E	F
Y	M	I	I	S	A	S	J	A	A	R	P	L	O
K	M	A	L	M	A	T	O	I	T	H	R	I	R
L	N	A	O	I	I	L	H	L	E	I	H	H	E
S	S	R	T	M	P	T	O	S	O	E	O	P	T
U	G	E	O	T	N	P	I	N	B	C	L	N	T
Q	N	T	M	I	H	A	I	R	I	U	S	G	E
Q	H	H	R	A	N	E	E	A	K	A	V	T	L
Y	J	O	O	S	J	W	W	E	N	E	N	C	F
H	C	F	C	J	S	W	H	J	W	S	Q	S	K

Here's a great puzzle for anyone who's trying to learn the books of the New Testament. Find the capitalized words from the word list in the Bible word search grid. Words may appear in any direction. Here's a twist: Can you also find the name of the man who wrote much of the New Testament?

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS

(I and II) CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

(I and II) THESSALONIANS

(I and II) TIMOTHY

TITUS

PHILEMON

HEBREWS

JAMES

(I AND II) PETER

(I, II AND III) LETTER OF JOHN

JUDE

REVELATION