

The Spire Lite

October 2021

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

1 Chronicles 16:11



Service Sunday

On Sunday, October 31st, we will gather for worship at the normal time. Instead of staying inside the sanctuary, we will be participating in service projects.

There will be two groups. One group will stay in the Chapel and make greeting cards for the third-floor residents at Fair Acres. The other group will be walking through the town picking up trash.

We are hoping that everyone will choose to join one of the two groups. The groups will meet at 10 am in the Sanctuary. We will have prayer together before going out to participate in our service opportunities. Around 11 am, we will regroup in the Chapel for a snack.

Please sign up for the service opportunity you would like to participate in as we *Love God! Love Others!* together.

Let your **light** so shine before men
that they may see your **good works**

**SERVICE
SUNDAY**

and **glorify** your Father
which is in Heaven!



Upland Borough is sponsoring a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 16th. It begins at 10 am in the ballpark. Anyone can rent a table for the flea market for \$25.00. There will be a Halloween themed family friendly movie that will begin at 7 pm.

We will be renting a table and are looking for volunteers to help with a "photo booth" and to invite people to church. Volunteers are needed from 10 am until 4 pm. Each shift will run 2 hours. If you are available to help, please contact Sue Kulp via email: kulpstergirl60@aol.com.



On Sunday, October 3, at noon, we will be holding a Blessing of the Animals service. You are encouraged to bring your furry friends. All animals are welcome to join us for the service, though we ask for carriers or leashes to be used.



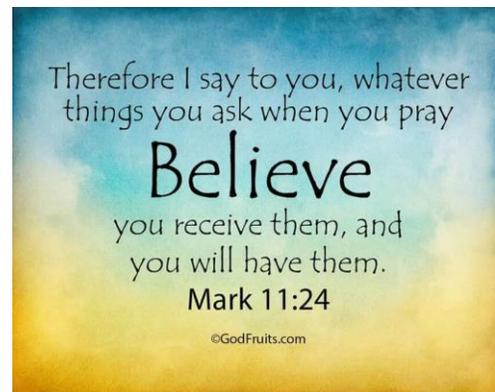
We are excited with the number of people who have signed up to be in a Small Group. There is still room for you in either group. Please consider joining a Small Group. They are a place to learn and get to know others.

We will be reading: Let Me Tell You A Story: Life Lessons From Unexpected Places And Unlikely People by Tony Campolo. Each chapter is a series of engaging stories around a theme.

Small Groups will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning in October. The first meeting is October 5, please read chapter 1. One group meets at the church at noon; bring a bag lunch. The second group meets at 7:00 pm at the Shaw's house.

Bible Study

This fall we are studying the Gospel of Mark in Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Chapel. This is a great opportunity to expand your understanding of God's Word. We are a community of learners, and everyone is welcome to come and be a part of Bible Study. We hope you will join us as we learn together.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for October and November

October Birthdays

- 1 Karin Lord
- 2 Parker Ferguson
- 7 Joanne Long
- 9 Florence Osborne
- 23 Sharon Jackson

October Anniversaries

- 10 John & Jane Kofroth

November Birthdays

- 13 Dawn Rafalski
- 19 Doug Scott
- 20 Kim Buffington
- 22 Brian Klimek
- 23 Sara Mason
- 27 Helen Rhoads

November Anniversaries

- None



Prayer Meeting

We will join together on Zoom on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. Join us on October 6th by going to www.uplandbaptist.org and clicking the prayer meeting link.



Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

Food Bank

The Food Bank continues to serve the community by providing food to our neighbors. Each Tuesday volunteers gather to pack bags, bring in donations and prepare to serve the community. The Food Bank is open to welcome our neighbors on Wednesday mornings from 9 – 10 am. Anyone who lives in Upland and is in need of food assistance is welcome to come on Wednesday mornings.

Item of need for October: **Ramen Noodles**



Sunday, October 10, 2021

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Brenda's 21 years at Upland Baptist Church.

Devotional Thought...

Philippians 1:3-4 - I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.

Jeremiah 3:15 - And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

There is much to appreciate during the month of October. The hot humid days of the previous months are hopefully in the past. Time to unplug the air conditioners, open windows, and enjoy the cooler weather. The leaves begin to change, and their beautiful colors are a marvel to see. Our church comes awake from its summer rest, and we are meeting for Bible Study, Small Group, and Sunday Socials. AND we celebrate the ministry of our pastor through Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Last year, we planned to celebrate Pastor Brenda's 20th Anniversary as Pastor of the Upland Baptist Church with a luncheon. But, due to COVID, there was no luncheon, no gathering of members, no celebration after church. So, we planned to postpone the celebration until 2021. Now, we have a COVID Variant to contend with and our celebration is delayed once again.

But does that mean we do not celebrate Pastor Brenda's service to Upland Baptist Church for 21 years? Absolutely not. The verse from Philippians tells us that every time we think of Pastor Brenda, we should always pray with joy. Joy for her dedication and devotion to our church, our congregation, our community. Joy that God led her to Upland Baptist.

The verse from Jeremiah says we are given pastors who "shall feed you with understanding and knowledge." In my mind, the best way to appreciate Pastor Brenda is to *use and act on* the understanding and knowledge she has shared with us. How? It's easy - love God; love others; help/serve your community; be an active participant in the life of our church, not a bystander; serve with a joyful heart; and share the Good News, just to name a few.

So, on the second Sunday of October, bring a card to honor Pastor Brenda for 21 years, say thank you, but then, more importantly, go out and *use and act on* that understanding and knowledge Pastor Brenda has given us over the last 21 years.

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