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Hello My Beloved Brethren,

Tuesday, November the 8<sup>th</sup>, Americans will cast their ballots for the next president of these United States. I personally believe this may be the most important election in our lifetime. We should prayerfully consider who we vote for and what direction we wish our country to travel. And by all means, vote, it is our privilege and duty.

In these troubled and tumultuous times, we pray ever so fervently “thy kingdom come”, for that is the only cure for this world’s ills. While we are to stand up and speak up for God’s truths and the standards laid out for us in the Holy Scriptures and participate in electing the best possible candidates in the upcoming elections, no man or woman can bring the peace, stability and joy of the kingdom we so crave.

And now the fall Holy Day season is upon us and we are reminded of what Jesus has done for us and what He will do for us as promised. We enjoy rich traditions and spiritual blessings in these, God’s Holy days. As New Testament Christians walking in grace, we see in these special days, our Lord, Savior, Messiah and coming King, Jesus Christ. We now are privileged to see what was unknown to Israel, that these festivals were foreshadowing Jesus’ salvation for His creation.

There are 7 major feasts or festivals and they are divided into 3 seasons of the

year, spring festivals, Pentecost and the fall festivals. So they deal with the beginning and the close of the harvest. Spiritually they teach of things that would happen at the beginning of the church age and the close of the church age. (The beginning and end of the harvest). The Hebrew word for (moadim) literally means “appointed times.” The meaning of the word holds great significance, because it reveals that the festivals tell us about God’s appointed times. Or said another way they teach us

about things that God has appointed to happen.

This is what we read in the book of Colossians: Col 2:16 *Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. 17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.* NKJV

The three Fall Feasts or Festivals of ancient Israel coincided with the end of the harvest season and were ushered in by the Feast of Trumpets. Israel observed this festival with the literal blowing of trumpets and a host of animal burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings, none of which continue today for all these were replaced by the one holy sacrifice of Jesus, a sacrifice greater than all other sacrifices combined!

The Festival of Trumpets in Old Testament times was understood and experienced as the inauguration of the judgment process that culminated on the Day of Atonement with the final disposition of all the sins committed during the previous year. This understanding and experience of

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good *thing* will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, Blessed *is* the man who trusts in You!

Psalms 84:11-12 (NKJV)

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## **HOLY DAY SERVICES**

### **FESTIVAL OF TRUMPETS**

**Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***Celebrating the Triumphant Return of Jesus Christ***

No C.E.P. Class / Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

### **DAY OF ATONEMENT**

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

***Celebrating Jesus Christ as our Atonement***

No C.E.P. Class / Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

### **FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day – Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

***Celebrating Jesus Christ Tabernacling with Man***

No C.E.P. Class / Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

### **Steak Cook Out**

Following Services **Sabbath of October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Last Great Day of The Festival**

**Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>**

***Celebrating Jesus Christ, Our Righteous Judge***

No C.E.P. Class / Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.



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the Feast of Trumpets helps us appreciate the antitypical fulfillment of the festival in the New Testament.

Though the Festival of Trumpets is not specifically mentioned in the New Testament, we find it's theme frequently illustrated in the book of Revelation. As we celebrate Christ in this Festival we need only turn to Paul's first letter to the Church at Thessalonica to see why.

1Thes 4:16 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

On Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October we will celebrate the coming triumphant return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. Though we know neither the day nor the hour, we know His promise is sure....He will be back!

Next we have Atonement. It was the climax of the religious year in ancient Israel and it was on this day that the high priest entered the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and later the Temple to make an atonement for their sins by removing them permanently from the sanctuary through the blood of sacrifice.

On Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the final atonement made for us on the cross by our Savior. This atonement grants to all who accept the precious gift of grace access directly to God as shown in Hebrews and Revelation. No longer is there any need for any man, any high priest, save Christ only, to give to us that access to our Holy Father. We have been cleansed and sanctified through the atonement in the blood of Christ, the blood of the Lamb as the Apostle Paul illustrated. Rom 5:11 *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

Next we have the Festival of Tabernacles, the most joyous festival celebration in Israel. It was known as "the Feast of Ingathering", a thanksgiving celebration for the fall harvest. And it was known as "the Feast of Booths", for it commemorated God's protection in the wilderness when Israel dwelt in booths or huts. Observance included tree branches that were used to build booths to house the people for the duration of the feast to remind the Israelites of God's protection during their forty years in the desert.

During this festival, a host of sacrifices were offered in addition to the regular offerings. At no other time were so many sacrifices required of Israel for the purpose of thanksgiving for deliverance and the blessing of harvest. Every year Israel rejoiced this entire week for the blessings of harvest and for the protection God had

granted their forefathers.

Beginning Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and culminating on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Tabernacles in its New Testament Christological and eschatological fulfillment. In the Gospels, we see the themes of this festival used to point to the nature and mission of Christ. First, our Creator put on flesh to dwell...that is to tabernacle with man.

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

In the book of Revelation we see God rescuing mankind from annihilation and our God "tabernacling", that is, dwelling with us for all eternity thanks to Jesus' initial tabernacling in the incarnation of the Word.

Rev 21: 3 *And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

The Festival of Tabernacles celebrates the redemption already accomplished through Christ's first coming & typifies the final restoration that will be realized at His second coming, when He sets up His kingdom!

We will have special services on each of these special days as we celebrate Christ Jesus. So, come & rejoice in the Feasts of the Lord.

In the service of our Lord,

*Jeff Booth*

# Prayer Requests

" . . . The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; . . . Pray for one another that you may be healed." — James 5:15-16. / "You've kept track of my every toss and turn through the sleepless nights, Each tear entered in your ledger, each ache written in your book." —Psalms 56:8 MSG)

**Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.

**Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS. She is undergoing rehabilitation at home.

**Velvet Green:** Suffers from schizophrenia & she recently has had a severe setback.

**Mary Vorheis:** is doing well as she progresses after knee replacement and ankle surgeries.

**Martha McClenagan** is doing much better, thanks for your prayers and therapy.

**IF YOU HAVE UPDATES OR NEW REQUESTS PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR.**





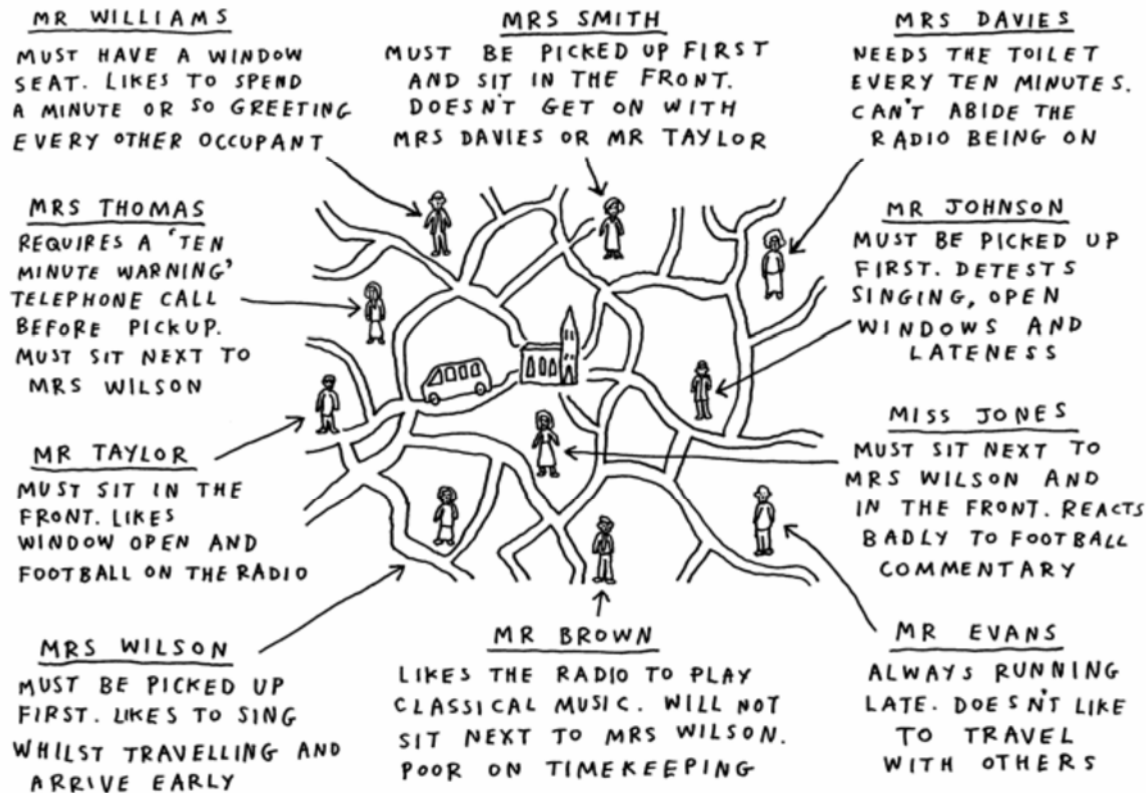
A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength. (Proverbs 17:22,NLT)



Guard your heart more than anything else, because the source of your life flows from it. ~Proverbs 4:23 (GW)

## VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT

THIS IS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION WHO CANNOT GET TO CHURCH BY OTHER MEANS. A ROUTE IS PLANNED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS



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The song entitled "In Times Like These" conveys the idea that we need an anchor, a strength beyond ourselves, a shelter in the midst of the storm of evil in what the Scripture calls "this present evil world."

Yes, in times like these we must pray as the Psalmist did in Psalms 27:1-5, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?"<sup>2</sup> When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.<sup>3</sup> Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.<sup>4</sup> One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.<sup>5</sup> For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock."

One of our great shelters is found in our church fellowship: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalms 133:1) /

"<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Heb 10:24-25).

One great way to exercise this fellowship is with a meal. An example of this is soon after Jesus' resurrection: "Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." <sup>6</sup> And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.<sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.<sup>9</sup> Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--knowing that it was the Lord (John 21:5-12).'

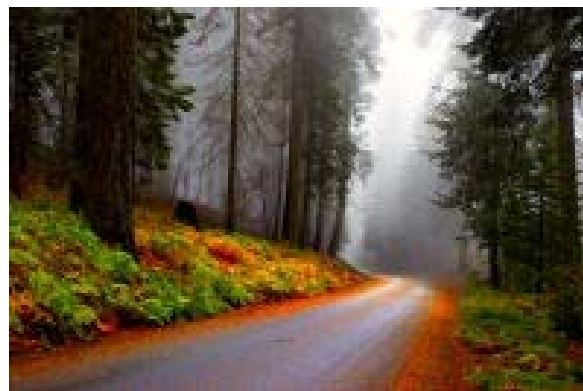
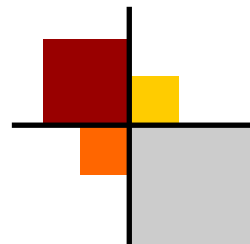
In Malachi we read: "16 Then those whose lives honored GOD got together and talked it over. GOD saw what they were doing and listened in. A book was opened in God's presence and minutes were taken of the meeting, with the names of the GOD-fearers written down, all the names of those who honored GOD's name. Mal 3:16 (MSG) What better way to fellowship than to eat with one another. So plan to attend the Steak Cookout on the Sabbath of October 22. As we experience the sadness of attrition of death among our brothers and sisters in Christ, we need the strength of this fellowship even more.

Of these holy days it is written: Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice" (Deut. 14:26b).

# Holy Days

# Celebrations

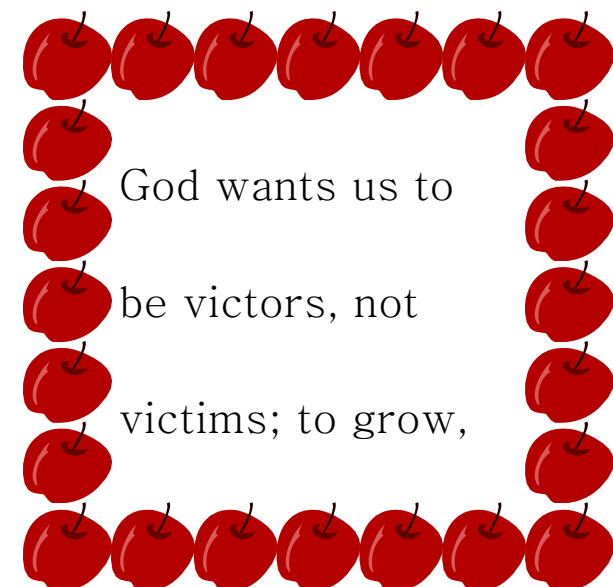
SEPTEMBER					
<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>			Merle & Joe Beth Vines	10/5	
C.B. Sehorn	09-02		<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Velvet Green	09-08		<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>		
<b><u>No Anniversaries</u></b>			Jody Kirkpatrick	11-07	
			Steve Cryer	11-18	
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b>		
<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>			Francis & Roy Carlson	11-11	
Jaycee Sellers	10/3		Reba & James Bailey	11-15	
Tiffany Hamilton	10/4				
Patricia Hamilton	10/9				
Joctavian Henley	10/10				
Mary Vorheis	10/11				
Jason Kirkpatrick	10/24				
<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b>					



Whence comes this  
idea that if what we  
are doing is fun, it  
can' t be God' s  
will: The God who



God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.  
<sup>9</sup> As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. 2 Cor. 9:8-9 (MSG)



# A MORAL COMPASS 11

## Directional Principles for Right Living

Give me your lantern and compass, give me a map, so I can find my way to the sacred mountain. (Psalm 43:3, MSG) O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8, NLT)



The hymn goes, “We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion, we’re marching onward to Zion, the beautiful City of God.” [See pg. 12.] Zion was the Moral and Geographical compass of Israel. The ark was a type of Christ, and, as such, a token of the presence of God. The absolute promise of Christ, “Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt 28:20 (NLT)) does, in effect, bring the ark into our religious assemblies and our daily walk with Christ. Ps. 53:5-6, tells us in essence, “If only salvation for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.”

- Psalms 53:6 (GW)
- 1. There is salvation for Israel.
- 2. That salvation is in Zion.
- 3. Their salvation remains there when they are banished from it.
- 4. Their joy becomes greater when they return. *G. R.*

The Apostle Paul shows us how Israel’s salvation comes from Zion: “FOR I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, that our forefathers were all under *and* protected by the cloud [in which God’s Presence went before them], and every one of them passed safely through the [Red] Sea, <sup>2</sup> And each one of them [allowed himself also] to be baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [they were thus brought under obligation to the Law, to Moses, and to the covenant, consecrated and set apart to the service of God]; <sup>3</sup> And all [of them] ate the same spiritual (supernaturally given) food, <sup>4</sup> And they all drank the same spiritual (supernaturally given) drink. For they drank from a spiritual Rock which followed them [produced by the sole power of God Himself without natural instrumentality], and the Rock was Christ.” 1 Cor 10:1-4 (AMP)

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