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REDEEMER REFLECTION

WERE YOU BORN IN A BARN?

by Pastor Michael Geml

I am not sure why or how the phrase, “Were you born in a barn,” came about. Nor am I sure how it came to be used by so many of our mothers who readily used the phrase when we had left the door open. “Shut that door! Were you born in a barn?” Such a strange question coming from the one who was actually there when we were born. They, more than anyone, would know that most of us were born, not in a barn, but at the hospital and most likely behind a closed door. (My mother was born in the back of a candy store, which is why she was so sweet).

Regardless of where it took place, we all came into this world at some point in time. We were all born. Having all been born into this world, therefore, we also have in common, a sinful nature. In fact, Scripture makes it painfully clear that sin is present not just at the time of our birth, but at our conception (Psalm 51:5).

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “Flesh gives birth to flesh, and the Spirit gives birth to Spirit (John 3). In other words, due to our sinful nature (flesh), the doors of heaven are shut. We can pound on Heaven’s door with all our might. We can plead with God to open heaven to us, usually pleading our case by the goodness we bring. “Lord, I have done so many good things in life that surely must have pleased You.” When that approach fails, and it will, we seek



another way of entering. We look for the side door or the back door. Doors that we know must be open because they are the doors of comparison. We approach these doors saying things like, “Ok, Lord, I admit I’m not perfect, but at least I’m not axe murderer or used car salesman.”

But alas, we are once again met with a door that is slammed in our face. Shut out of heaven, left standing on the wrong side of eternity. “By the works of the Law is no one saved” (Gal. 2). Hope quickly fades and heaven is in danger of slipping away forever. Flesh truly gives birth to flesh, and sinful flesh will never inherit the kingdom of heaven.

But all is not lost. Jesus said, “You must be born again of water and the Spirit.” That which was slammed in our face has been opened by the One who came down from heaven. One who was born, not in a barn, but in a manger. When we look into the manger we see a light shining through a crack in the door to heaven. When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, the door once slammed shut flung wide open. Heaven is opened to you and me because we have been born again. Born of water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Our acts of self-righteousness are left in a heap outside the door. We enter with confidence; confident that what was done for us by the sinless Son of God is all sufficient to secure our eternity.

*O all-embracing mercy,
O ever open Door,*

*What should we do without Thee,
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.*

LSB #915 *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDEEMER MEMBERS

by Nyla Arvy

We are further defining our care/hospitality/compassion resources at Redeemer by forming a new Ministry Board to work together to better serve our membership and community, and to make a difference in ourselves and in the lives of others as well.

Some of the current serving areas that would fall under this ministry board are funeral luncheons, kitchen use and upkeep, 5th Sunday potlucks, annual summer church picnic, holiday and seasonal meals, the Christmas “giving tree” and holiday food baskets for families in need, and meals and/or transportation assistance



for shut-in members or members recovering from health setbacks.

Our desire is to establish a more organized system of providing assistance to those dealing with temporary debilitation,

as well as organizing fellowship meals for our Redeemer families. Members who currently have taken responsibility in some of these areas are encouraged to continue these acts of



kindness. The experience of influential seniors who have done some of these services is vital to mentoring our younger generation of members, as well as those who have simply not been able to participate in the past.

Please pray about your role in the church and your service to our Lord through any one of these channels listed above. Our hope is to have commitments from many people who can join others in each different area of responsibility. Please contact Nyla Arvy at 810-923-8723 or Nyla.arvy@gmail.com for more information and to make your commitment.

FAMILY FAITH LIFE

by Kimber Walsh, Director of Family Life Education, CFLE, Redeemer Lutheran Church



Faith along the way means talking about faith during your ordinary life. The day-to-day, sometimes mundane, things that we do in our lives are the exact moments that God gives to us as opportunities to fulfill our responsibility in passing on the faith.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the way, when you lie down and when you get up.” As you go about your daily, ordinary life, talk about the things of God with your family. Here’s some ideas to get you started.

- **“When you sit at home” [Meal Times]**—Sitting around the table offers

a natural conversation flow. Each family member talking about their day connects you to each other and it can also connect you to God. Start asking questions that help demonstrate how faith applies to situations. Start framing situations of your own in ways that God is always at work and help other family members do the same. This can also be a great time for more “scheduled” faith talks such as family devotions or family worship.

- **“When you walk along the way” [Daily Car Time]**—Car time is some of the best time for talking. The intimidation factor is low on all sides because you’re not looking directly into the other person’s face. It’s a great place to discuss things like questions about God, how to live Godly lives, how to recover from areas where we’ve fallen short, and what matters most with a level of ease that breaks the ice. Consider broaching a topic you’ve been thinking about next time you’re in the car together. No segue needed.
- **“When you lie down” [Bedtime]**—What about your nightly routine is already pointing your family to God? What tweaks can you make to incorporate faith talk more? Talk about highs and lows of the day. How can we praise God for the highs? How can we invite God into the lows? Pray with and for each other. Sing hymns. Talk about character traits that God is growing in each person. Talk about how you used those traits today and how you’d like to further serve God with them tomorrow.
- **“When you get up” [Morning Routine]**—Setting up your morning for success has little to do with whether you eat Wheaties or eggs or nothing at all. It does help to recognize and praise God for His mercies that are new every morning. To invite Him into your day together. To send off your family to

work, school, or activities with a blessing: “May the Lord bless you and keep you today.”

See, these are the ordinary moments God was referring to through Deuteronomy in which we are to talk about faith. And they’re built into our everyday (literally) lives.

EATS & TREATS



Family Halloween Party

Friday, October 26, 6-8 p. m., in Redeemer’s Activity Center (RAC), we’re

having an old-fashioned Halloween party full of family fun. This free event will include dinner, Halloween crafts and activities, and a chance to show off your costume. Be sure to join in the fun!



Builders is our monthly family life time—covering various topics and doing activities that will build up your family and build up the body of Christ.

We will meet Sunday, October, 7, from 3:30-6:00 pm. We will continue and complete the “Visionary Parenting” series. If you’re a parent with kids of any age still at home, please join us to learn biblical tools you can use with your

family. Even if you missed the beginning of the series, it's not too late to join in! RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so plans can be made for childcare and dinner. Questions? Contact Kimber Walsh at kimberwalsh@comcast.net or 517-750-3100.



Community Event

Saturday, November 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Trinity, we will be serving the community with a hygiene item, socks, and underwear giveaway as well as ministering through prayer. To join us in serving at this event, please sign up in the narthex on the board. We need lots of hands to volunteer!

We are now collecting donations of all needed items:

- new socks (sizes child through adult; male and female)
- new underwear (sizes child through adult; male and female)
- feminine hygiene items
- bar soap
- full-size deodorant
- full-size shampoo and conditioner
- disposable razors
- toothbrush
- full-size toothpaste
- gently used Bibles, devotionals and Christian resources
- unused Kohl's cash (to purchase socks and underwear)

All donations can be placed in the bin in the narthex. *There is a smaller box for Kohl's cash.*

Questions? Contact Kimber Walsh at kimberwalsh@comcast.net or 517-750-3100.



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*Each month "Relevant Resources" will feature a different resource that may be relevant to you. If you have a topic request, please email kimberwalsh@comcast.net.



YOUTH NIGHT BEGINS

by Dave & Kim McFarland

The second Sunday of each month will be the time for our young people (middle school/high

school youth) to get together, play games, have Bible study, and just have fun...and pizza.

Dave and Kim McFarland and Chris Walsh will be the youth leaders for this monthly gathering at Redeemer. We'll meet in the Teen Room in the lower level starting at 5:30—7:00 p.m. on October 14.

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year: October 14, November 11, and December 9.

TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER

The topic for November is *Confession*. Both God and mankind expect us to confess our sins/crimes in order to resolve problems and seek forgiveness or closure for mistakes or misconduct. What do you think about when you think of confession?

The *Reflection* newsletter is meant to help reflect our Lord in the daily life and actions of His people, including our struggles, our service to those around us, our community activities, and our worship services here at Redeemer. Please consider sharing God-sightings in the community or within our church with others through this newsletter. You, our people at Redeemer, are invited to be part of revealing our Lord's activities, visible and tangible in our world today.

Send your articles or information to bennitt49@yahoo.com, by the 15th of each month, to be included in the following month's newsletter. Articles on the topics of Family, Prayer, and Outreach are always welcome and accepted for publication each month.

“AIN'T LOVE GRAND”

by Cathie Miller

For a young policeman's family in the 1950s, one of the few inexpensive ways to pass the time was to visit the drive-in movie theater.

Pops would receive a coveted discount pass each summer. And, armed with penny-candy and home buttered popcorn, the five of us would pile into our old car and



head out to enjoy the latest offering under the stars. Mom and Pops, of course, would take the front seat. We three girls would sprawl out on a well-worn crib mattress wedged in the backseat of the car. This arrangement not only propped us up for better viewing, but also accommodated my baby sister, who never failed to fall asleep halfway through the show.

Pops adored any musical production. I think I saw every Rogers and Hammerstein movie ever produced from the back seat of that old car. I can still hear the squawky sounds of the music as it rattled its way out of the car's window speaker. And, I can still see the actors' faces grow momentarily dim, as our gentle breathing fogged up the windshield once the outside temperature began to drop. However, the most excitement, other than the preview of coming attractions, was the sound and fury of the mosquito truck, as it wound its way down the aisles of vehicles, spewing forth clouds of chemicals to fend off the pesky intruders in its path.

Once in a while, Mom would get her way, and we girls would be treated to a romantic comedy of sorts. Pops manly tolerated the laughter and tears of four females in one closely packed old car. But, as the screen credits rolled, he never failed to smile as my mother softly uttered her now well-remembered phrase, “Ain't love grand.”

When I was twelve years old, my parents took me to see a special showing of the epic motion picture, *Gone With the Wind*. This time

the venue was the majestic Madison Theater in downtown Detroit. The evening was magical. The first sight of Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler, together on the big screen, was enough to draw

me in hook, line, and sinker. As an impressionable pre-teen, I was completely taken in by the great love story, set amidst the tragedy of the American Civil War. I left the theater that night convinced that Scarlett would indeed win back Rhett's love, for how could such a love between two people be thwarted? I was firmly convinced in the invincibility of Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler as a couple. As I grew older, however, I began to question my resolve.

With age comes perspective and wisdom. And, I came to see that the love we humans have for each other is always imperfect. Because we humans ourselves are imperfect. Rhett Butler's passionate love for Scarlett O'Hara simply wore out. A heart can only wait patiently for so long,



to hear the words it needs to hear, to keep love alive. When asked by Scarlett where she should go, or what she should do without him, Rhett

bitterly answered as he walked away, "Frankly my dear, I don't give a ..."

John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

One perfect love does exist. The love of God our Father for his wayward children on Earth. Enough love to sacrifice Jesus, His only Son, to win eternal salvation for all believers, through His death on the cross, and glorious resurrection. Enough love to send His Holy Spirit to instill faith in the hearts of men, who would otherwise be lost forever. Enough love to patiently endure our disappointment and deceit. Our harshness and hurt. To forgive these transgressions countless times over. To then bless us with His undeserved love and grace through all our days.

Hebrews 13:5 - *"...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

In sorrow or anger, we may sadly walk away from God. But, God will never walk away from us. He gave us his word. And, God's word is as sure as his **LOVE**.

As my mother used to say, "AIN'T LOVE GRAND."

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST. IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.



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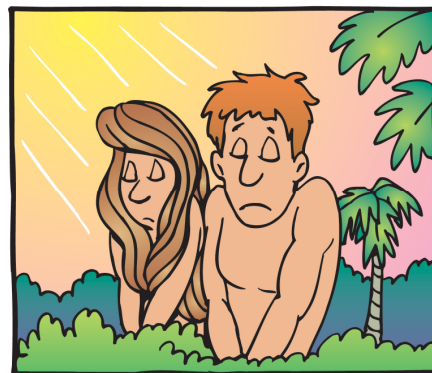
IMPORTANCE OF MODESTY

Retrieved from: <http://www.imom.com/> at <http://www.imom.com/how-to-teach-the-importance-of-being-modest/> on 9-18-2018. IMOM is a great website for finding Christian parenting advice.

“All the girls at school are wearing these, why can’t I?” “It’s my body; shouldn’t I decide what to put on it?” These questions reflect the timeless struggle between teen girls and their parents over the issue of being modest. This

issue is more critical than ever in today’s society where pre-teens are encouraged by the media and peers to act and dress years older than they actually are. Everywhere you look, young girls—whether in real life, on television, or in advertisements— are dressed in ways that emphasize their sexuality...

As mothers [parents], how can we instill in our daughters the importance of being modest? Here are a few steps to get you started.



1. Set standards early.

The best time to start talking to your daughter about modesty is *now*, no matter what her age. Even at seven years old you can instill a sense of self-respect in your daughters. And it is always wise to set standards ahead of time before the issue actually arises. Discuss what your rules will be with your husband, then sit down with your ten-or eleven-year-old and tell her when she will be allowed to use makeup, wear heels, etc.

2. Make sure she understands the importance of modesty.

Rules without reasons never go over well with children. If your daughter doesn’t grasp the dangers of dressing and behaving immodestly, then she won’t internalize the value of modesty in her own heart and mind. Emphasize the fact that revealing or immodest clothing attracts immoral, and possibly dangerous, people. Also, make sure she understands that modesty runs deeper than clothes. Modesty is as much about an attitude as it is about apparel. It is important that your daughter develop a modest spirit: one that realizes her own value and desires to be modest for her own sake, not just because you force her to be.

3. Boost your daughter's self-esteem.

In a world that says you need to be sexy to be attractive, your daughter's confidence in her appearance is vulnerable. Constantly tell her that she is beautiful and that there is nothing wrong with having an attractive body—but also that she doesn't have to reveal her body in order to attract attention. Boost her confidence in other areas—in her talents and her intelligence—and teach her that dressing modestly will ensure that she doesn't attract the kinds of people who aren't worth her attention. Teach her to value her character and her spirit and she won't need to show off her body in order to build self-worth.

4. Replace negative influences with positive influences.

It's no secret that pre-teens and teens are vulnerable; they are at a transition stage in which they are especially susceptible to outside messages and will imitate what they see around them. So you have to do more than just try to remove negative influences from your daughter's life—you have to give her examples to follow. One of the best ways to do this is to



be a positive example yourself; your daughter watches and remembers everything you do and wear—you have the ability to be a powerful role model for her...

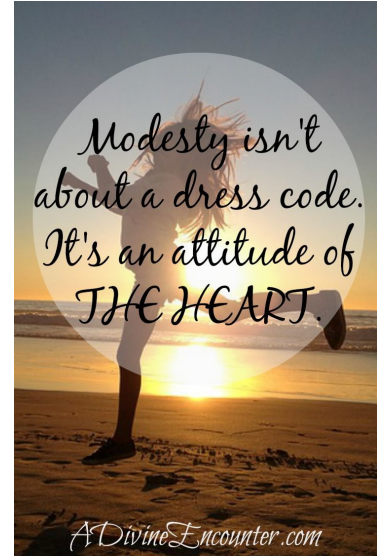
5. Take her shopping. Show her that she doesn't have to sacrifice style to be modest! Believe it or not, you *can* find stylish, attractive clothing that isn't risqué. You may have to be willing to spend extra time to find these clothes, and possibly extra money to buy them, but making sure that your daughter feels stylish and

beautiful in her skin while remaining modest will be well worth it. Some stylish options are to layer long tank-tops underneath shorter shirts or to wear a cute T-shirt underneath a strapless top.

Another idea is to bring dad along shopping—yes, this sounds crazy, but try it! Having her father-figure with her will make your daughter think twice about what she buys, and he can help support and encourage her decision to live modestly. *A good male role model is invaluable* when it comes to teaching young girls how to respect themselves.

These are just a few ways you can encourage your daughter to respect herself and to portray that self-respect in the way that she lives and dresses. It doesn't really matter where you make the cut-off point—whether at the ankles or the knees or mid-thigh—modesty isn't so much about where to draw the line as it is about realizing that there is a line that needs to be drawn.

Editor's Note: Modesty is NOT just for girls/women. Men too should be careful to be modest in attire and manners as an example of God-honoring behavior to the boys and young men under their influence. "A good male role model is invaluable..."





Sunday, October 7: **BUILDERS**

Family building time begins; reserve the dates for the future. The first Sunday of each month, **3:30—6:00 p.m.**, with a meal included. This is for all who desire more “tools” for “doing family” the way God intends.

😊 **Youth Group: October 14.** The second Sunday of each month will be a time for our youth to gather and have fun together with card and board games, Bible study, and food! See Dave and/or Kim McFarland for more information.

😊 **Calendar Planning for 2019: October 13.**

Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the library, to put important dates on the schedule for the next year of our Lord, 2019.



😊 **Eats & Treats Family Halloween Party**
Friday, October 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Details coming soon.

😊 **Community Event: November 10.** See Kimber Walsh for more information and updated details.

😊 **Living Nativity Meeting: November 10. 10:00 a.m.** See Diane Siedzic for more information and/or to sign up to have a booth/shop in the Bethlehem Marketplace.

😊 **Thanksgiving Eve Service: November 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

😊 **Thanksgiving Day: November 22.**

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:4-5

😊 **November 23. Church Office Closed.**

😊 **Sunday, December 2: Advent Begins.**

😊 **Tuesday, December 4: Budget Meeting.**

This meeting is for both Ministry Council and Leadership Board members and will be held in the library at 7:00 p.m.

😊 **Wednesday, November 28: Advent Services Begin.** Advent services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 28, and December 5, 12, and 19.

😊 **Saturday, December 8: Living Nativity with Bethlehem Marketplace.** This community outreach event is open to the public. All Redeemer members are encouraged to come in period costumes as Jewish market-goers, to help make the display more authentic. It's always a fun and rewarding experience, with the Hand

Bell Choir adding a special holiday touch. See Diane Seidzik for more details and/or information.

😊 **Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve**
Services will be offered at 7:00 p.m. and again at 10:00 p.m. Both will be candlelight services as we celebrate the birth of the *Light of the World*.

😊 **Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day.**
Happy Birthday, Jesus!

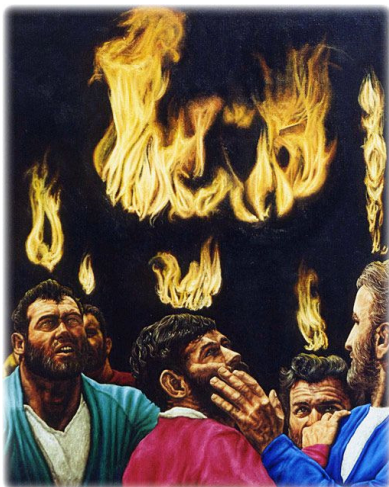
😊 **Sunday, December 30: 10:00 a.m. One Service.** No potluck. God bless your holidays as you continue to celebrate the birth of His Son.

HAS YOUR CANDLE GONE OUT?

by Craig Britton

In the book of Acts we find the Christian church in its infant form. And the church didn't get its start at a worship service or a soup kitchen serving the poor. No, the church began in a *PRAYER MEETING*. That's right. Christians had gathered together, and in chapter two, verse one, we find believers "all with one accord in one place" (KJV).

Most of us know the account well.



Supernatural phenomena accompanied the gift of the Holy Spirit given in fulfillment of the Lord's promise (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). Sound, like a mighty rushing wind, and Now we pray together on Sunday

mornings. Isn't that enough. Yes. **IF YOU'RE**

A MINIMALIST I guess it would be. But I want more in my Christian experience than the least I can get by with. Do you? tongues like as of fire, made that gathering something those in attendance would never forget, I'm sure.

I have always been impressed that among us, the descendants of that miraculous meeting, the people of Redeemer are quick to pray. But at the same time (and over many years now) I've also noticed that the people of Redeemer are extremely hesitant to take that quick move to prayer into a corporate setting. Now, by corporate, I do not mean the nearest business meeting at one of our local employers. No, by corporate, I am referring to the gathering of the saints for the specific purpose of prayer and intercession, calling on the name of the Lord. At this Tuesday's Morning Prayer, (EVERY TUESDAY in the prayer chapel at 6:30 a.m.) I noticed just above the altar that the "eternal candle" calling to mind the Lord's "always presence" was out. Poof! No more light from the candle



ensconced in red glass. Of course, I realize it is only symbolic, but it was startling enough to cause me to think "the Lord is not in the chapel this morning."

Do we pray? Of course. I have no doubt that many of our family here pray at home at various times. But what of gathering together? In our small group last night, we were reminded of Hebrews 4:16, which calls the people of God to "the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (KJV). Now when would those times be? Every moment. And who is it that needs that help? Every single one of us. And we certainly can and should come to that throne individually. But I want to quickly add that we were not saved to

walk alone. We were saved into a family. And all the functions of walking faithfully with our Savior should be done as gathered saints, at least occasionally.

Corporate or gathered prayer is a mark of the people of God from the beginning, and the book of Revelation is absolutely filled with it, both from earth and heaven. Now I will ask Tracy,



our custodian, to re-ignite the candle in the chapel. But what about your light? Has your light for gathered prayer gone out? Has

the candle *ever* been lit? I'm challenging you to find others with whom to pray. Regularly. And our weekly gathering in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesdays is a terrific place to begin. Put away the excuses. Realize that praying together is a family affair. Ask the Lord, who gives the Spirit of grace and supplication (Zechariah



12:10), to light your candle. And let's make our way to His throne of grace together. Blessing

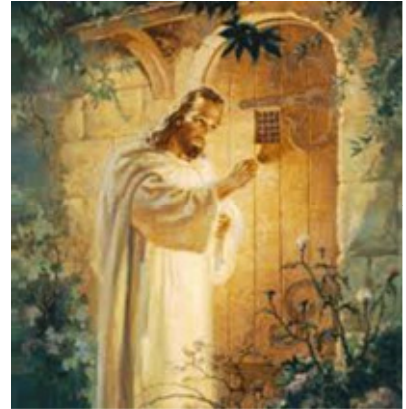
awaits.

CLOSED DOORS

by Peggy Bennitt

When I think of closed doors, I always picture Jesus standing at the door of my heart, knocking, and waiting for me to welcome Him in. The old painting of that scene is forever etched in my brain and is a reminder that I can and do keep Him out of my heart at times. Very

destructive behavior, and unfortunately, very human. How can we, who were created perfectly by our Lord and God, be such sinful, hell-bent beings? How and why do we deny Him entrance, knowing how much we need Him?



Oh, we find ourselves denying our culpability in that self-defeating sin, constantly blaming our backsliding and evil regression on Satan. "The Devil made me do it," as a well-known comedian used to say. We infer by that statement that we are not to blame...and we become like Adam and Eve...blaming the sin on someone else. Anyone but ourselves. "The woman You put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." "The serpent, deceived me and I ate." Yep! Not my fault, Lord. It wasn't me.

However self-defeating we are with our own self-deception; God knows better. And as He stands at the door and knocks, He waits on our hearts to recognize Him and invite Him in to supper, to communion with us. What could be more precious? We'll never get a better offer. How can we ignore that gentle rap on our hearts' door? How can we turn and walk away while the very hand of our Maker is stretched toward us? Knowing that the Lord of Life wants to join us, to share a meal, and life with us?

Jesus promises to join us, and all we have to do is open our hearts. Let's not keep closed doors between us and our Salvation. Let's open our stubborn hearts and welcome Our Lord and Savior into our hearts and make a Home for Him there. All we have to lose is hell and damnation. Life with Jesus is forever! Eternal life with Jesus is ours as we open the closed doors of our hearts.

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| C—Denotes Communion Services | 1 Adult Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice 7:30 p.m. | 2 Prayer Chapel— Hour of Prayer 6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. | 3 Craig's Countryside Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. | 4 Community Prayer 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Craig's Bible Study 2:30 p.m. at Ganton's | 5 | 6 Men's Choir 9:30 a.m. Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m. |
| 7 Divine Service— C 8:00 a.m. Bible Study All Ages & Confirmation Class 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Praise Service 10:30 a.m. <i>Builders of Family</i> 3:30—6:00 p.m. | 8 Adult Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice 7:30 p.m. | 9 Prayer Chapel— Hour of Prayer 6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. | 10 Quilters 9:30 a.m. Craig's Countryside Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. Ministry Council 7:00 p.m. | 11 Community Morning Prayer Gathering 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study Class 2:00 p.m. Craig's Bible Study 2:30 p.m. at Ganton's Assisted Living, S. A. | 12 | 13 Men's Choir 9:30 a.m. Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m. 2019 Calendar Planning 10:00 a.m.—Library |
| 14 Divine Service 8:00 a.m. Bible Study All Ages, Confirmation Class 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Praise Service— C 10:30 a.m. Youth Group 5:30—7:00 p.m. | 15 Adult Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice 7:30 p.m. REFLECTION DEADLINE | 16 Prayer Chapel— Hour of Prayer 6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. | 17 Craig's Countryside Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. | 18 Community Morning Prayer Gathering 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study Class 2:00 p.m. Craig's Bible Study 2:30 p.m. at Ganton's Assisted Living, S. A. | 19 | 20 Men's Choir 9:30 a.m. Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m. |
| 21 Divine Service— C 8:00 a.m. Bible Study All Ages, Confirmation Class 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Praise Service 10:30 a.m. | 22 Adult Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice 7:30 p.m. | 23 Prayer Chapel— Hour of Prayer 6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. | 24 Quilters 9:30 a.m. Craig's Countryside Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Leadership Board 7:00 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. | 25 Community Morning Prayer Gathering 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study Class 2:00 p.m. Craig's Bible Study 2:30 p.m. at Ganton's Assisted Living, S. A. | 26 Eats & Treats Family Halloween Party 6:00-8:00 p.m. | 27 Men's Choir 9:30 a.m. Buddy Ball 10:00 a.m. |
| 28 Divine Service 8:00 a.m. Bible Study All Ages, Confirmation Class 9:20 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Praise Service— C 10:30 a.m.  Reformation Sunday | 29 Adult Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice 7:30 p.m. | 30 Prayer Chapel— Hour of Prayer 6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m. | 31 Craig's Countryside Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Praise Team 7:00 p.m. | <div>  <div>2018</div> </div> | | |