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## *Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

Many thanks to everyone who participated in any way in our recent Goblins & Grub event. Whether you brought goodies, manned a booth, made a cake for the cake walk, or brought sandwiches to share, we thank you for being a part of this fellowship for our children and their families. A special thanks to our kitchen crew: Doris Bailey, Meredith Shouse, & Susie Stivers. Our grub was delicious and nutritious, thanks to Doris' creative and culinary talents. *Lisa*



### Nursery help needed

Until our paid nursery staff position is filled, we will need loving laps and helping hands to minister to our "little ones" in the infant room of our nursery. Whether you can volunteer during the Bible Study hour, or during worship, your ministry of presence will be a blessing to families of our cradle roll. Please let Lisa know you are willing to fill in on a temporary basis.

## Chuck's Column

When we read or listen to the reports about the recent mass shooting and killing in the small Texas Baptist church where half the victims were children our hearts ache and cry out within us. Why? We sigh. Evil is the deepest, darkest, deadliest sickness of the human condition and the most difficult to heal because it shows no regard for the value of human life. This killer's soul was dark. He clearly battled some treacherous inner demons. He had been previously court marshalled and confined for twelve months for assaulting his wife and child. How twisted and sick is the soul that becomes so completely calloused to the plight and pain of others that one can destroy life like this killer and the one who killed so many in Las Vegas.

But we are the judge of no person. That's God's business. Perhaps what we should do is look carefully into our own hearts because, like Jesus in the desert, we all battle our inner demons. I suspect we will never be so tormented by them that we would react in actual physical violence. But there are other ways to hurt people. We might belittle or demean someone. We might lash out in anger. We could marginalize a person or group. We can disregard persons by ignoring and dismissing them. We can allow prejudice to take root and produce evil fruit.

I suspect it's a bit of a contradiction that I teach nonviolence and yet I am an avid fan of the Cincinnati Bengals in one of the most violent sports there is – professional football. It's tough on Bengal fans right now as we watch our team implode and become the Bungles once again. It's even tougher on the players who aspire for success. This past Sunday, I watched a very level headed, mild-mannered, all around good guy completely lose his composure on the field. In response to a cheap shot, he retaliated by neck locking and tackling the agitator and then while having him down proceeded to use his head as a punching bag. Here's the thing. There are a few players on the roster which, if they reacted this way, would not have been much of a surprise. But this player acted completely out of character. He lost control of himself. Clearly he has been battling some inner demons this football season.

There are angels of light and demons of darkness in us all. One moment we may be preaching nonviolence and the next moment we may lash out over the most trivial thing. That's why all the great peacemakers and prophets of justice emphasize the importance of nurturing the human spirit through prayer, contemplation, and solitude. We must guard our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to pervade our human spirits so that we might find healing from the evil that is the deadliest and darkest human sickness of all.

*Grace and peace, Pastor Chuck*



***Congratulations*** to Zeb and Tabitha Martin on the birth of their daughter, Leyna Shaye. Leyna was born Sunday, November 5. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces.

### **Younger Youth Room gets Makeover**

The walls are painted and fixtures are going up on the walls. Our younger youth (grades 6 – 8) have a fresh, clean, attractive – *and fun* – space of their own for Bible study, Wednesday night activities, or just hanging out. If you have any end tables, media stands, or gently used furniture that might complement this room, please see Lisa. We want this to be a place where our students will be proud to bring their friends and enjoy being together. We are grateful to Curtis Smoot for his help with this room “one last time” again.



## **Youth to see *Wonder*, Nov. 19**

All youth are invited to go to the Movie Tavern to see the movie *Wonder*. We'll leave the church by bus at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19. Cost is \$8 each and a **limited number of seats** are available. Each person will be responsible for the purchase of their own concessions.

### **Thank You Immanuel**

The Ann Bruce family wants to thank everyone for all their prayers and support during our time of loss a few weeks ago. Our family greatly appreciated the many cards and hospital visits from fellow church members during Ann's illness. *God bless,*

*John, Dawn & Elizabeth*

**Sympathy** is extended to George Hromyak on the death of his sister, Karen Ross.

A *Deacon Ordination service* for Sherri Henley will be held November 12 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00**

**Maximum per family \$10.00**

**November 15:** Lasagna

**November 22:** No activities

**November 29:** Pizza

### **Deacon of the Week Schedule:**

November 12 Khamisi Campbell  
502-229-8615

November 19 Roger Crittenden  
502-330-4084

November 26 Karen Dungan  
502-320-1940

### ***Thanksgiving Breakfast***

The men of the church, coordinated by Bruce Dungan, will again cook breakfast for church members on Thanksgiving morning, November 22. Please let Bruce know if you can help. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

### **Bus Ministry**

November 12 Joni Crowe  
502-229-0624

November 19 Rob Laurenson  
502-382-8579

November 26 Greg Lawson  
502-487-1091

## ***Opportunities at IBC***

### **Sunday, November 12**

9:15 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship/Communion  
6:00 pm Deacon Ordination for Sherri Henley

### **Monday, November 13**

11:00 am CCBW meeting  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, November 14**

10:15 am XYZ to Wild Eggs

**Wednesday, November 15**

10:00 am Ephesians Bible Study

5:15 pm Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 pm Children's Music

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion/  
Children's Formation

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

**Saturday, November 18**

10:15 am BMW to the Bell House Restaurant

**Sunday, November 19**

9:15 am The Gathering followed by Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

**Monday, November 20**

9:30 am CCRTA

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, November 22**

10:00 am Ephesians Bible Study

**No other Activities**

**Thursday, November 23**

8:30 am Thanksgiving Breakfast