



Pass It On

October, 2019

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Paul writes these words to young believers, not necessarily in age, but in their time following Christ. They had laid hold of the Gospel, but there was much that they still needed to learn about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

In the previous chapter Paul had been outlining the difference between the fruits of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit and driving home the point that we reap what we sow in this life. However, for the Galatians who found themselves in the middle of a society that was decidedly living according to the flesh, doing good was exhausting. Not only did the Galatians find themselves as outsiders because of their different behavior, but it didn't feel as though they were always “winning.” Doing good felt costly to them, and sometimes going back to their old way of life seemed appealing.

As I sit writing I can see the sad state of our apple and pear trees in the backyard. Due to no fault of their own, this year has been absolutely miserable for good fruit. The environment they found themselves in worked against their best efforts in this season.

I wonder if the Galatians felt a bit like those trees: expending energy on doing good, on trying to live according to the Spirit rather than the flesh. I have no doubt they saw some of the fruits of the Spirit in themselves and among their fellow believers, but it must have been discouraging when looking at the pain in the world around them. Even among fellow believers, Paul's letters reveal mistreatment and poor behavior.

It is to these believers who Paul seems to sense are becoming weary, that he offers an encouragement to persevere. He says at the “proper time” we will reap a harvest. Paul is no doubt referring to God's timing here, which is often much different from our timing. We can become impatient so easily, wanting to enjoy the fruits of our labor immediately. However, Paul's encouragement here doesn't promise immediate results, but it does promise reliable results.

I've watched these fruit trees in our yard for enough years to know that so long as they persevere, fruit will come. I have also seen that some years are better than others. As Christians in a rural area, we know all too well how the fruits of our labors can vary -- the same effort can produce wildly different harvests. Our task is not to know when and how the fruit comes, but rather to persevere. We must press on with the conviction that if we “don't give up” doing good as Paul says, the fruit will come.



Galatians 6:9

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Sunday, October 6 Quarterly Business Meeting

The quarterly business meeting will be held immediately following the worship service on October 6. On the agenda is forming a nominating committee of 3 people in preparation for the annual meeting in January.

Sunday, October 6 Baggie Bash

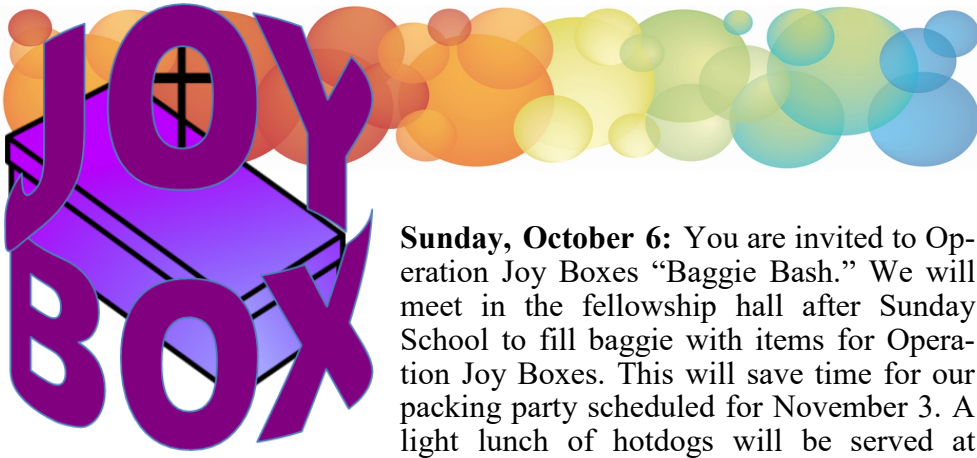
You are invited to stay after Sunday School on October 6 and help fill baggies with items for the Operation Joy Boxes. A light lunch will be served.

Saturday, October 12 Hi-League BBQ Fundraiser

The Hi-league will be serving smoked brisket, pulled pork, potato salad and coleslaw for \$8.00 as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip. The meal will be served from 10:00-2:00 at the Dawson Swimming Pool Park. Come out and pick up a delicious meal for your whole family!

Tuesday, October 15 Community Prayer Service

The community is invited to an ecumenical prayer service at Dawson Covenant Church from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This monthly prayer service is hosted by a different church in the Dawson-Boyd Ministerium each month.



Sunday, October 6: You are invited to Operation Joy Boxes "Baggie Bash." We will meet in the fellowship hall after Sunday School to fill baggie with items for Operation Joy Boxes. This will save time for our packing party scheduled for November 3. A light lunch of hotdogs will be served at noon. All ages are invited to stay and help.

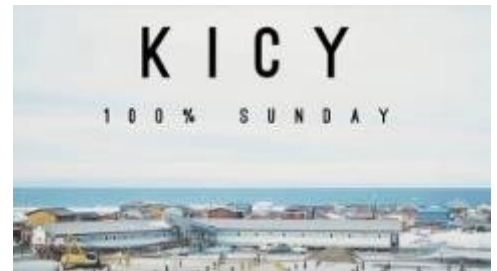
Sunday, November 3: Please join us for Operation Joy Boxes Packing Party! We will meet during the Sunday School hour with a goal of packing 130 boxes. A potluck meal will follow. Free will offering/donations will help cover cost of the Joy Boxes and shipping. November 10th will be a special time of Dedication during the worship service for the Joy Boxes and the children receiving them.

KICY

Mission of the Month

KICY broadcasts from Nome, Alaska and is owned by Arctic Broadcasting Association, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit, affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church. KICY serves native Alaskan villages and the Russian far east. Most of our annual operating budget comes from churches and individual donations.

Since we first signed-on in 1960, KICY has continued to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. We have increased our power to 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day which allows KICY AM 850 the opportunity to send the gospel into some places where other forms of media are not readily available.



The fourth Sunday of October is the 20th Annual KICY 100% Sunday. This is the one day of the year when KICY seeks denomination-wide donations of only \$1.00, but from 100% of those in a Covenant Church on that Sunday morning. This allows everyone throughout the Covenant family to invest in the work of KICY prayerfully and financially. We will be collecting donations for KICY throughout the entire month, and will be participating in 100% Sunday on October 27. Please keep this mission in special prayer throughout the month.

Women's One-Day Event
 Saturday, October 26, 2019 • 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
 Calvary Baptist • 804 8th St. • Madison, MN
 Tickets \$24 • Lunch Included

*Ready, Set ...
Grow!*

Kathy Weckwerth Tiffany Felty Kathleen Sogge

*Best Life
Ministries*

Calvary Baptist Church in Madison invites you to a motivational, uplifting day for women! Best Life's staff uses worship, prayer, and life-changing workshops to encourage attendees to grow in their faith and relationships. 2019's topic is Ready, Set, Grow and encourages each attendee that God's got something great in store for your life, if you'll let Him take the lead.

3 Workshops include:

Growing Through Pain: Executive Director, Kathy Weckwerth

Growing in Relationships: Kathleen Sogge

Growing Your Prayer Life: Tiffany Felty



intentional evangelism initiative

Our wider ECC family developed this intentional evangelism initiative remembering that since the time of Abraham, God has blessed his people so that we might bless those who do not know him. Through five simple practices within your spheres of influence—friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors and colleagues—the people outside of God's family—we can be a part of their journey toward Christ. Pastor Erik will continue preaching on these 5 practices over the next few weeks.

1. **Begin With Prayer** - Pray for people in your life who are far from God. Ask God, "How do you want to use me to bless the people in my life?"
2. **Listen With Care** - Pay attention to people's dreams and pain. Listen for evidence of God's work in their lives.
3. **Eat Together** - Share meals and life with people in your life who do not know God. Listen for evidence of God's work in their lives.
4. **Serve In Love** - Be attentive to opportunities God provides you to care for people and attend to their needs.
5. **Share Your Story** - Once you build relationship and earn trust, look for ways you can share the story of how Jesus is transforming your life and the world.



The second Sunday in October is recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day, so we especially remember our pastors on this day. Thank you to Pastor Erik and Steven for teaching us about the love of Jesus Christ and for all the grace and love you show us through your prayers, encouragements, visits and all the things you do for each of us!



Sunday School Classes

The new Sunday School year is off to a great start. The photo below shows the oldest Elementary class with Shane Myers and Shawn Steinke along with Megan Myers helping, and the photo at left is the adult class which is being led by Andy Greiner.



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

A. Saul, David, Solomon
 B. Samuel, David, Saul
 C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 D. Solomon, Jesse, David



Answer: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)



Midweek Fellowship

Wednesday night activities are in full swing! You are invited to come to church for supper at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening. At 6:30 we head to our groups of Pioneer Kids (grades K-6), Hi-League (grades 7-12), and the Adult Study which meets in the fellowship hall. The youngest Pioneer Kids are shown above getting ready to play a game. At left, the K-6 grade kids enjoy the gym space on Wednesday nights.

Release Time

Release Time is being offered again in Dawson beginning Wednesday, October 9 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Release Time is one hour set aside from school where children in grades 2-6 can receive religious instruction. Dawson Covenant Church will hold Release Time in the Sunday School wing of Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Erik and Steven will pick the kids up at Stevens Elementary to walk them to the church and will walk them back to school at 3:00. Parents must sign a release form through the school in order for children to attend.

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, October 6

Communion Servers:

Peggy Crosby, Jeff Thompson, Carla Lee, Rebecca Schutte

Greeter:

Pat Lindblad

Scripture Reader:

Suzi Haugen

Sunday, October 13

Greeter:

Ruether Family

Scripture Reader:

Dean Pearson

Sunday, October 20

Greeter:

Cliff & Dawn Hanson

Scripture Reader:

Zeke Sather

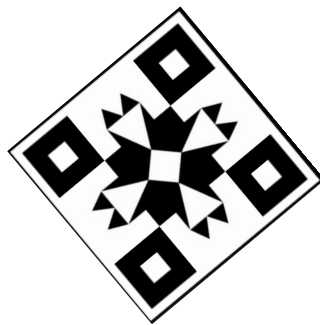
Sunday, October 27

Greeter:

Lannie & Brenda Ashling

Scripture Reader:

Joyce Busiahn



Covenant Quilters

The Covenant Quilters will meet on October 3 and 17 from 10:00-3:00 in the fellowship hall. Quilting is held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to come!



A PLACE SET APART WHERE THE HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL OF EVERY GUEST CAN ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD.

October 26 Solid Rock Preview Day

Solid Rock is a college-level, one year academic and discipleship school for young adults. Spend two semesters in the classroom at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, 8-days in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, 2 weeks in Israel, and be transformed by God's work through an amazing community! The academic year goes from late August to early May. For information on Solid Rock or Lake Beauty Bible Camp, visit their website at lbcc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, email them at lbcc@lbcc.com, or talk with our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.

FIREPIT PATIO

Cade Buer's Eagle Scout project is well under way. The cement is being poured around the firepit behind the fellowship hall, and benches will soon be added as well. Thanks to Cade, his family and other Scouts for working on this project!



DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH YOUTH FUNDRAISING BBQ



Saturday, October 12

10:00-2:00

Dawson Swimming Pool Park

**Brisket or pulled pork plate, potato salad, coleslaw & drink
\$8.00**

All proceeds will help fund the Hi-League Mission Trip

Ministry Fair

Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve in the new year. New schedules will be printed soon for Communion Servers, Greeters and Scripture Readers. Other areas of ministry will follow up with you as we get closer to the new year.

A Peek Into the Past

Lucia Fest was a long held tradition at Dawson Covenant Church that has evolved over the years.. This photo was taken in the basement of the old church building. Do you recognize any of the ladies serving this Lucia Fest lunch?



Church Nursery

The Nursery will no longer be staffed on Sunday mornings, but parents are always welcome to use the nursery at any time. There is also an infant/quiet room in the hallway adjacent to the sanctuary.



3	Peter Haugen
5	Carson Besonen
7	Todd Horst
9	Dawn Hanson
9	Joshua Rosendahl
11	Johnathan Kimmel
12	Cheryl Bevis
18	Kyle Ashling
20	Alexis Diaz
23	Lilly Ashling
24	Benjamin Gustafson
25	Randy Bevis
28	Shelia Greiner

Attention!

If you are not getting church e-mails (prayer requests, occasional announcements, etc.) and you would like to be added to the list please let Karla Perkins or Pastor Erik know, or send an email to office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org.

Fall Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting
10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation

PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the November *Pass It On* is Wednesday, October 23.

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Electronic & On-Line Giving

Dawson Covenant offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering donations. To set up an electronic giving schedule, please complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form, which can be found on the table in the entry, and place it in the Treasurer's mailbox or the collection plate.

On-line giving is also available through our website at www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org. You can use your checking account, debit card or credit card. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Loral Steinke.

Church Council Notes

The church website has a password protected page where you will find the Church Council Meeting notes and other kinds of information that we want to share with our church family but not necessarily post publicly on the web. Please contact Karla Perkins to get the password. The church website is:

www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab. Church council meeting notes are also posted on the bulletin board, and past meeting notes are available to view anytime in the church office.

DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH IS ON-LINE AND ON T.V.

Did you know you can view our past worship services online anytime?



Visit our website at dawsoncovenantchurch.org.

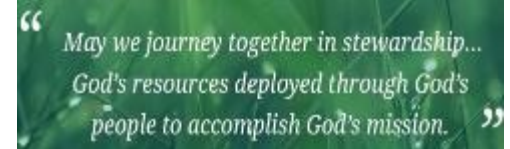
Worship services are also shown on local cable t.v. in Dawson at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik scheduled office hours are as follows:

Monday Off
Tuesday 8:30-2:30
Wednesday 8:30-2:30
Thursday 8:30-2:30
Friday 8:30-2:30

Other times he is available by appointment, and may be reached at church at 320-769-2255 or on his cell: 320-305-9304.



ON-LINE GIVING

Online giving is available through our website and is a powerful way to faithfully give in a consistent manner. Visit the church website at www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org to learn more or to sign-up.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Mission
Covenant Youth of Alaska
Randy & Cheryl Bevis
Doug & Jill Nelson
Emma Weber
Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Prairie Waters Growing Project
KICY
Joy Boxes
Food for Kidz

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