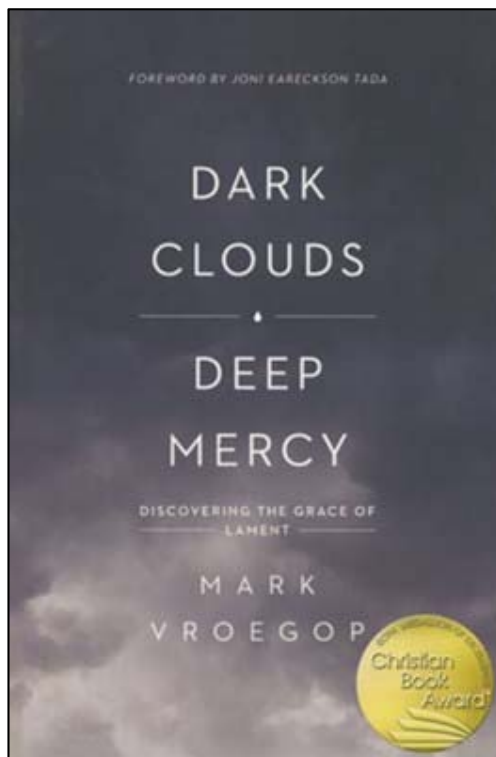


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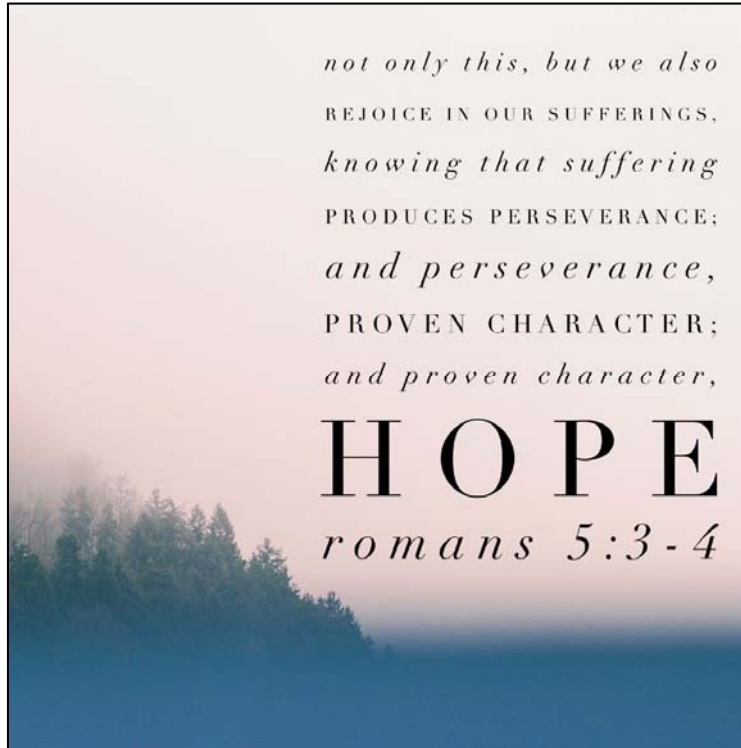
Here's What's Happening!



Beginning Sunday, September 20, 2020, Pastor Shawn will be starting a new sermon series titled "Dark Clouds Deep Mercy, Discovering the Grace of Lament".

Each week during this sermon series, Pastor Shawn will have a review class held in-person in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays at 10:30am. There will be a limit of 28 people for this class. Pastor Shawn will also facilitate a Zoom class online.

Space is limited and books will need to be ordered as soon as possible so please call the office at 352-245-2100 to register.



Devotion by Mary Northrup

The weariness runs deep these days. We are all so tired of being careful, being afraid, being angry... I wonder if this is yet again a time when we are supposed to develop our character.

It's easy in our loneliness to fall into despair, to give up trying.

It's easy to become angry and aggressive if we are denied a full life.

I've often thought "Enough already! I think I've developed my character!"

James 1:2-8 trials produce perseverance

Romans 5:3 suffering produces perseverance

Perseverance produces long term fruit, or so I'm told. We certainly are having to persevere... what fruit are we going to produce? The fruits of the Spirit?

Galatians 5:22-23

Only you can decide HOW your character will develop. Will you become more giving and kind? Will you become bitter and angry? What is your choice? What will be your new passion?

MISSIONS



Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the school supply drive for Belleview Elementary School and who donated towels and newspapers (thanks to Voice of S Marion) for the animals in Marion County Animal Shelter (MCAS) in Ocala.

Please keep our students, teachers and school staff in prayer for a safe school year.

Thank You



The food pantry would like to thank you all for our donations. We are running very well. We provided food to 121 families in July and to 341 people in August.



From the Editor:

Please submit your articles for the October 2020 BelleRinger newsletter to bellevuebelleringer@gmail.com. All articles must be submitted by Sunday, September 20th 2020.

Thank you,
Mary Davis



The Thrift Shop

Hours:

- Monday, 9am – 12pm
- Thursday, 9am – 12pm
- Friday, 9am – 12pm
- Saturday, 9am -12pm

The Thrift Shop is located behind the church.

Donations of gently used clothing and household items are always welcome.

PRAYER & WITNESS MINISTRY

The prayer group continues to pray for you, the church, and all concerns we are given. Call or email the church office with your prayer requests.

ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. (LUKE 11:9-10 *NKJV)

Those are the words of our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus also said, "IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU." (JOHN 15:7)

Now these verses do not mean that everything we may ask for will be given to us, but do mean that if it is God's Will for us it will happen! After all we may ask for something that would hurt us in the end, for we have no way of knowing the future.

So when you pray do not be afraid to ask God for something that you desire, knowing that He who knows all is looking out for you. For God has said; THEN YOU WILL CALL UPON ME AND COME AND PRAY TO ME, AND I WILL LISTEN TO YOU. YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN YOU SEEK ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART. (JEREMIAH 29:12-13)

Also do not think that God has abandoned you if a prayer isn't answered. After all, in time, you may look back on that prayer request and say "Thank God, He Didn't Answer That One!"

Therefore, never lose hope when you pray for it is written, THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH. (JAMES 5:16)

So; PRAY CONTINUALLY; GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS. Amen. (1 THESSALONIANS 5:17-18)



FINANCE NEWS

From the Finance Committee – Our Record of Faithfulness

Scripture Thought to Ponder –

WHY WOULD I WANT TO HANDLE MONEY GOD’S WAY?

Why should I follow God’s guidance on money and possessions when it’s so much fun to do whatever I please with my resources? After all, I’m a Christian. I know I’m going to heaven anyway. Why not have the best of both worlds - this one *and* the next? Though few of us would be honest enough to use such language, these questions reflect a common attitude.

The prospect of eternal rewards for our obedience is a neglected key to unlocking our motivation. Paul was motivated by the prospect of eternal rewards. He wrote, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day”* (2 Timothy 4:7-8). The Lord appeals not only to our compassion but also to our eternal self-interest. *“Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great”* (Luke 6:35).

June 2020 – 9,678 Online Church
 July 2020 – 16,190 Online Church

June 2019 – 536
 July 2019 – 463

Our heavenly Father uses three things to motivate us to obey Him: the love of God, the fear of God, and the rewards of God. These are the same things that motivate my children to obey me. Sometimes their love for me is sufficient motivation, but other times it isn’t. In a healthy sense, they also fear me. They know I will discipline them for wrongdoing. They also know I will reward them with my words of approval and sometimes in tangible ways for doing right.

It is not as simple as saying, “I’ll be in heaven and that’s all that matters.” On the contrary, Paul spoke about the loss of reward as a *terrible loss*, and the receiving of rewards from Christ as a phenomenal gain. Not all Christians will have the same rewards in heaven.

FOR REFLECTION

We often miss something in missionary martyr Jim Elliott’s famous words, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” We focus on Elliott’s willingness to sacrifice, and so we should. At the same time, however, we often overlook his motivation for gain. What separated him from many Christians was not that he didn’t want treasure, but that he wanted *real* treasure. Remember God loves you deeply. Because He wants the best for you throughout eternity, God has revealed that today’s financial sacrifices and service for Him will pay off forever.

Giving and Operational Expenses			
	<u>June 2020</u>	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Giving	\$ 9,205.32	\$ 11,262.58	\$ 97,252.94
Operational Expenses	\$15,729.56	\$ 15,376.73	\$ 118,893.01
+/-	\$ 6,524.24-	\$ 4,114.15-	\$ 21,637.07-

Year-to-date our giving has totaled \$97,252.94 while our operational expenses totaled \$118,893.01 leaving us a year-to-date deficit of \$21,637.07.

Let's Celebrate!



“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

September Birthdays

Marvin Gillam	09/02
Carol Hart	09/02
Marianne Bingham	09/13
Kevin Davis	09/13
Audrey Gowanlock	09/15
Valerie Susdorf	09/15
Patsy Graham	09/16
John Standhart	09/17
Bonnie Green	09/20
Mary Kalkowski	09/22
Barbara Bowers	09/23
Rick Matheny	09/28
Diane Drake	09/29
Colleen McMahon	09/29

September Anniversaries

Dennis & Terri Silvola-Finch	09/01
Harvey & Melicent Versteeg	09/05
Tim & Cindy Cheuvront	09/11
Marvin & Elaine Gillam	09/14
Tom & Barbara Dann	09/19
Tom & Marianne Bingham	09/23
John & Peg Wilkens	09/25
Allen & Peg Gray-Craven	09/27
Tom & Anne Sproles	09/28



¹⁸ So be happy with your wife and find your joy with the woman you married—
¹⁹ pretty and graceful as a deer. Let her charms keep you happy; let her surround you with her love.

Proverbs 5:18-19 (GNT)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9am-12pm thrift shop	4 9am-12pm thrift shop	4 9am-12pm thrift shop
6 Communion Sunday 10:30am Worship (time subject to change)	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed 9am-12pm thrift shop	8	9 9-11:30am Food Pantry	10 9am-12pm thrift shop	11 Patriot Day 9am-12pm thrift shop	12 9am-12pm thrift shop
13 10:30am Worship (time subject to change)	14 9am-12pm thrift shop	15	16	17 9am-12pm thrift shop	18 9am-12pm thrift shop	19 9am-12pm thrift shop
20 10:30am Worship (time subject to change)	21 9am-12pm thrift shop	22	23 9-11:30am Food Pantry	24 9am-12pm thrift shop	25 9am-12pm thrift shop 10:30am pastor's bible study (Fellowship Hall)	26 9am-12pm thrift shop
27 10:30am Worship (time subject to change)	28 9am-12pm thrift shop	29	30 5:00pm pastor's on-line bible study			

Please call the church office at 352-245-2100 to reserve a spot for Sunday Worship or Pastor's Bible Study.

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September Worship Schedule

Reservations Required

Worship 10:30am (time subject to change)

(Fellowship Hall)