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ASK: The Third Step in Effective Prayer

So far we have discovered that *praise* and *repentance* are the first two steps to effective prayer. Today I want to show you the very important third step of *asking*.

Last month we talked about how repentance is searching your own heart and asking God to put the spotlight on it, and then repenting of anything that He shows you. When your heart is clean, you can have confidence before God when you ask. As 1 John 3:21-22 says,

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

In Matthew 7:7-11, Jesus tells us,

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

Pretty clear, isn't it? God loves you and wants the very best for you. Be careful not to water down the words of Jesus, or somehow try and explain them away or complicate them. He meant just what He said.

But there are some conditions. And next month we will look at those conditions for receiving what you ask for from God.

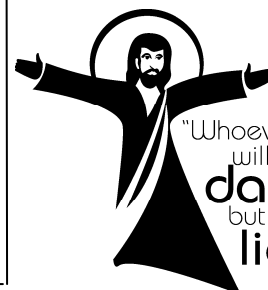
By Baless Conley

<http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/answersforeachday/>

Empowered by the Spirit, We will reach out in Love and Fellowship; Teaching and Making Disciples.

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“Whoever follows me will **never** walk in **darkness**, but will have the **light of life.**”

JOHN 8:12

World Outreach

By Dave Harlow, World Outreach Chair
(Amy Abbott and Mary Caress also on the committee)

Relief Assessments Underway After Hurricane Ike Batters SE Texas

Week of Compassion is grateful for the many inquiries by email and phone about the impact of Hurricane Ike and WOC's response. WOC is making contact with area ministers in the southwest Region and with local pastors and congregational leaders. Because many of those pastors evacuated in face of Ike and because cell and internet service has not yet been fully restored, communications remain a challenge. It will take several days before we have adequate assessments from our churches.



Preliminary reports do indicate damage to FCC, Texas City; FCC, Port Arthur, Northwood CC, Beaumont. The city of Galveston bore the brunt of the storm, and there are two Disciples churches [Central and Second] on the island. Orange, Texas took several feet of water and heavy winds as well, and we are waiting to hear from FCC there. FCC Lake Charles, La. reports that 50% of its membership may have water damage, and there are sure to be numerous other congregations with members affected. Of course, overall needs from Ike are staggering. Several million people remain without power, damage in the greater Houston area is extensive and the recovery will take years. WOC is also in touch with regional offices in OK., AR., KN., MO., KY., IN., IL., and MI. about the impact of rains and winds from both Ike and Tropical Storm Lowell, which swept in from the Pacific days earlier. Altogether WOC has provided just under \$100,000 to congregations and church partners in response to Hurricanes Dolly, Fay, Gustav and Ike, and we anticipate requests over the next several weeks to exceed this amount significantly as assessments are received from local congregations, Church World Service and local recovery partners.

Designated contributions for hurricane relief and recovery are urgently needed and will be used in their entirety as directed. Gifts can be sent to WOC, attn.: Elaine Cleveland, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or made on line at www.weekofcompassion.org.

Because of the well established mission station program developed after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it may be possible for Disciples work groups to participate in debris

removal and clean-up efforts relatively soon. Assessments are still being made with current mission stations in Lake Charles and Beaumont/Port Arthur about their capacity to receive groups. Also, additional mission stations may be established as assessments are completed.

Contact the Office of Disciples Volunteering for information on times and places available and coordination of recovery efforts.

This month the Outreach articles focus on being active in ***Hurricane Recovery Work***, you know the dirty smelly work that has to be done.

For months, Johnny Wray, Week of Compassion director, has been asking for Disciple Work crews to aid in the recovery and repair of homes from Hurricanes Rita and Katrina and now Ike.

You cannot just show up at a site. You have to go through the Regional office. They have lists of places where there are host churches that will sponsor and provide shelter for work crews. Beneva, along with our other Disciple Churches in the area should plan a joint work trip. What could you do? Here is a partial list of work opportunities: carpet, concrete, cook, drywall hanger/finisher, electric, carpentry, first aid/ medical, flooring; HVAC, landscaping, masonry, painting, office/clerical, photography, plumbing, roofing, and general labor. Please pray about what we should do to serve God and our fellow men.

You ask why the federal government hasn't done more? Most people have been given a FEMA check to aid in reconstruction, but have spent it on other more pressing things like hospital bills, etc. The houses being repaired belong to home owners that didn't have insurance or not enough insurance to repair their homes. It is easy to judge others, but until we walk in their shoes, that is up to God.

I will be representing Beneva and my Ohio church as you are reading this. I will be in Metairie, L.A. doing drywall and carpentry, both framing and finish. Our work group will worship with Edd and Mary Pat Spencer on our way down. I plan to keep a diary of my experiences to share with you next month.

Keeping you informed -

Your outreach team:

Amy Abbott, Mary Caress, and Dave Harlow †

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Reason, Season and Eternity

Jane Wyatt, Growth Chairman

People come to worship at Beneva for a reason. We need to show interest and caring about that reason. Often they need help and we must be ready to serve Jesus by getting to know them and addressing the reason they are there. It might be looking for a new church; it might be a prayer concern; it might be loneliness or any of hundreds of reasons. No matter what, we need to be there to help.

If we are helpful, they will grow closer to God and to our BCC family and we may have them for a season--learning, worshipping and serving together. That's what the Great Commission is all about.



Invite a Friend to Church

The wonderful thing that often happens is that we are friends eternally through Jesus Christ! I know you have that relationship with many in our church family and doesn't it carry you through joys and sorrows and give you confidence to face all things with God and friends at your side?

A neat example of this is when Judi Goodwin came to our church in April. She had walked a few miles and passed other churches, but she was hurting deeply. When she came to our church, she believes God told her to join us that Sunday. She came in and felt her hurts melting away as she was received by us with love. She was even invited by some families to a baptismal celebration dinner after church and then given a ride back to where she was visiting. She came again the next Sun. and wanted to walk on the beach with our folks who were walking for the Cleveland Children's Home.

Judi is back in her home in Illinois, but there is a bond of friendship that will be there for eternity. She loves our church, gets the newsletter each month, reads it thoroughly and calls and talks to some of us often. She thanks God for the Easter season that helped her with her reason for finding Beneva and gave her friends. For eternity.

I'm so happy that we can bring comfort and joy to all visitors, whether it is for an hour, a day, a week, a month or always!! We have great opportunities to witness through our wonderful place to worship our Lord. God has blessed us richly. †

Tidbits from the Chair

By Olevia Fulkert

Christmas Tree time is here again. Please contact the church office, Dale Root or I if you would like to help organize this much needed fundraiser and community outreach activity. We are gathering a group of individuals to help organize the Christmas Tree stand.

Thanks to everyone for always stepping up and doing things for Beneva. †

Interested in a home visit with Pastor Bobby, or a cup of coffee at the church? Please contact him at **400-7349** (cell) or the church at **924-8713** to arrange a convenient date and time. †

Joshua's Men

October 6th — 7:00 pm

As always, ALL men are invited to the monthly gathering of Joshua's Men. We will meet on Monday, October 6, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM for fellowship with our brothers in Christ, Prayer, praise songs and a status report on the direction of this incredibly important ministry of Beneva Christian Church.

Our last meeting in September produced the formation of a Core Team of volunteers to help establish a directional flow for the ministry. The team consists of Frank Metheny, Duane Wyatt, Greg Fulkert, Larry Hazen and Steve Dziadik (pronounced Jadick). The Core Team has already met once, at this writing, and established a mission statement for the fellowship as follows:

“To unite as brothers in Christ and serve as Spiritual mentors to each other, our families, Church and Community.”

Many future meetings are scheduled to establish goals and an organizational structure that will be conducive to the growth of this ministry. Its ultimate goal is to assist in increasing each man's potential as a disciple of Christ in the war on satan.

Please join us, your voice may be the one we need to fit the pieces together in a way that, frankly, we can't begin to imagine how God will work through us for His glory. For more information please contact Steve Dziadik at 941-228-8605. †

Important Dates for Our Youth

By Corry O'Carroll

We have some exciting events coming up, so mark your calendar!

October 12th: The youth will host a lunch on the grounds.

Yard Sale has been changed to **October 18** instead of November 29th

October 10th: Movie Night

October 26th: Fall Festival

November 21st: Game Night

December 6: Make A Gift
(More information in upcoming newsletter)

December 13th: Breakfast With Santa

December 22, 23, 24: Live Nativity

CYF Assembly is January 23-25, 2009

Beneva Youth please put these important dates on your calendars. We hope for a great attendance.

If anyone can help with any of these activities please contact Corry O'Carroll 915-3206 or Patricia Poquette 780-2300 †

Sunday Bible Classes

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Adult bible studies are held every Sunday between 9 and 10 in the morning in Fellowship Hall before church services at 10:30 am.



Grades 4 thru 12 meet in Fellowship Hall for bible studies with Sara Metheny for the month of October.

There is a nursery available for the little ones with Rhea

Davies and Deanna Root teaching them bible stories from ages Kindergarten to 3 years old.

Haven't tried a class? Come and join us and see what we're learning. †

Movie Night

Come join us for a G-rated movie at our first Movie Night – October 10 at 7:00 pm. Bring your blanket and pillow and claim a spot on the floor in Fellowship Hall or grab a chair. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. †

Dinner on the Grounds

The youth will be hosting October's Dinner on the Grounds on October 12th after Church services. The congregation is invited to bring their favorite casserole to share and the youth will provide the drinks and dessert. †

Hallmark Collectibles and Garage Sale

The youth will be sponsoring a Hallmark Collectibles and Garage Sale on October 18 at 8:00 am. If you have any donations please drop them at the Church by Friday, October 17. Proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry and the youth program. If you would like to help we will start setting up on Friday, October 17 at 12 noon. Contact Corry O'Carroll at 915-3206 if you have any questions. †

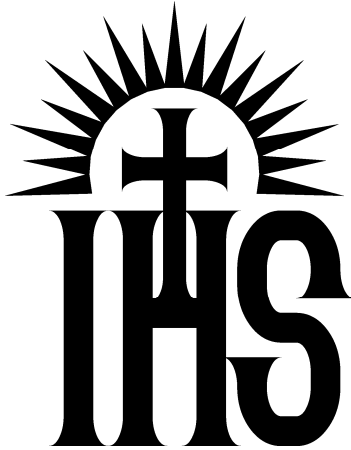
Fall Festival

Hey kids of all ages! It's time to dig out your costumes. On October 26th during youth groups, we will be having our Fall Festival from 4:30 until 6:30. Come dressed up and ready to play. We are in need of donations of candy, for which a box will be set up in the kitchen. Any adults that would like to help with games please contact Corry at 915-3206. †

Congregational Game Night

It's time to break out your family's favorite board game and join us for Beneva Game Night! Before the holiday rush kicks in full force, we will be having an old fashioned board game night on November 21st starting at 7pm. If you no longer have games at your house, that's all the more reason to come anyway. We have spent the summer collecting games for the Thursday Night Chill. Test your skills with the youth, or even better, teach them your favorite game. Refreshments will be served. †

Christian Symbols



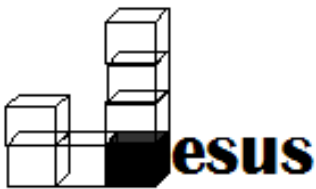
IHS

This sacred monogram originally appeared as "IHC," the first three letters of "IHC OYC," the Greek word for Jesus. Over time the Greek "C" was replaced by the Latin "S" to become "IHS." There are many interpretations given to the letters "IHS," including the Latin "Iesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, Savior of Men) and the English "I (Christ) Have Suffered." †

Cornerstone

Sunday School Class: Sundays—9:00 am

Each Sunday at 9am, Pastor Bobby offers a Sunday School Class called "Cornerstone".



The class meets in Fellowship Hall. A cornerstone is a large stone used to anchor and align the corner of a wall or the keystone of an arch. For

Christians, our Cornerstone is Jesus Christ upon which we are to build our lives. See Psalm 118: 22 and Acts 4:11.

This class helps us to read and understand basic biblical passages. It is a catalyst for our prayer and devotional lives and gives us an opportunity for discussion and fellowship with other disciples. This group is designed for all adults — any age. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Bobby at the church.

Worship & Wonder class for Kindergarten through 4th grade will also be held during this time. The nursery will be provided for the Preschool and younger children. We hope to see you at Cornerstone each Sunday. †

Healthcare Event

By Pauline Totten

Hi Everyone!

It is really getting to the Flu Shot time now. It will be October 12th from 12-2:00 pm at Beneva Christian Church's Fellowship Hall.

The shots will be free for Medicare patients. Just bring your Medicare card!

For all others the cost will be: \$30 Flu Shot
\$45 Pneumonia

Remember: bring your Medicare card! Check with your private Insurance Company if you do not have Medicare.

See you there, October 12th! Hope we have a great turn out! †

Beneva Scholarship Fund

By JoAnn Kelly

The Beneva Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for continuing education for any youth or adult in the church. Please contact Kathy Bearden or JoAnn Kelly if you have any questions or need an application.

The money for the scholarships is from interest earned from investments made through the Christian Church Foundation located in Indianapolis. These funds are from contributions made by members of the congregation and from people donating in memory of a loved one.



Thanks to all who have given to the Scholarship fund through the year. †

"If you really believe the Christian gospel — God behind us, his cause committed to us, his power available for us — then proclaim it, live it, implement it, for humanity's hope depends upon it. It is, indeed, a faith for tough times."

—Harry Emerson Fosdick



Birthdays

Oct 01	Margaret Brown
Oct 01	Kelli Pruner
Oct 03	Charlotte Green
Oct 03	Sandy Robbins
Oct 04	Jennie Peluso
Oct 04	Glenn Oneal, Jr.
Oct 06	Dick Haase
Oct 06	Val Byers
Oct 07	Faye Clark
Oct 09	Patricia Poquette
Oct 10	Alicia Brodkorb
Oct 11	Joy Byrd
Oct 13	Alex Byrd
Oct 13	Jane Oneal
Oct 15	Blake Brunner
Oct 15	Jerry Caress
Oct 16	Carole Platt
Oct 16	Baileigh Brodkorb
Oct 19	Katherine Allison
Oct 19	Paul Borchert
Oct 21	Sandra Waugaman
Oct 26	John Humbert
Oct 26	Ray Sullivan
Oct 26	Ruth Wolf
Oct 26	Don Graber
Oct 27	Nadia Murphy
Oct 28	Samantha Byrd
Oct 28	Dean Platt
Oct 29	Dean Hoover
Oct 31	Frank Metheny

If we have dates that are not correct, or if we don't have your special days listed, please notify the church office. †

Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

Oct 09	Darrell & Amy Jo Hill
Oct 11	John & Dawn Imperatore
Oct 15	Bob & Lori Walsh
Oct 17	Joe & Kathy Bearden
Oct 22	Todd & Teresa Dellit
Oct 23	Bob & Sandy Ely

Food Pantry By Jackie Hazen

The Food Pantry continues to be very busy! There are a lot of folks out there who are in need of a lot of help, especially with the job market and housing market in the state of flux. Our Food Pantry is very welcomed by all of those who come through the door. Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers and know that every little bit we can help is very much appreciated.

We are very grateful to all of you who have contributed to this wonderful ministry we are providing here at Beneva Christian Church. I truly believe that all of us are helping to make a small difference in these people's lives. We are always looking for help, whether it is your time, food donations or money donations. If you would like to help or be a part of this great program, please contact Jackie Hazen at 941-408-4705.



As you know, we have designated the first Sunday of the month as **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**.

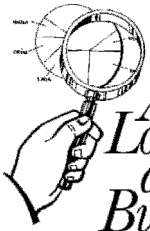
Please bring in a bag of food and drop it in the grocery cart in the Narthex or leave it on the counter in the kitchen next to the food pantry. We are in need of the following items: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, instant potatoes, canned soups, fruits or veggies, peanut butter and jelly. Watch for your Publix fliers as they often run "Buy One Get One Free" specials on all of the above items.

Remember the challenge put forth by the youth group ---- the congregation versus the kids! For those who were not present in church when Rea Davies made the announcement, the youth have challenged the congregation to see who can bring in the most food items for food pantry! We will be doing this through the month of October. May we all win!!!! †

August Financial Update

By Duane Wyatt, Stewardship Chair

	August 2008		August 2008 YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$9,840	\$12,000	\$119,265	\$98,475
Expenses	18,967	20,230	152,928	150,712
Gain(Loss)	(9,127)	(8,230)	(33,664)	(52,237)
Checking Bal.			\$4,237	



A Look at Our Budget

Income for August was \$2,160 under budget while the expenses were under \$1,257, thus making our monthly loss about \$1,100 higher than forecast. On a YTD basis our income is ahead by almost \$21,000 which is primarily due to \$15,000 in special gifts received.

Our total expenses YTD are about \$2,000 higher than budget, thus making our total financial position about \$19,000 better than forecast.

At this time we have borrowed \$30,000 against our line of credit and that will definitely rise in September. Our cash position is very critical now due to the unknown cost of the flood in the Little Disciple building. Our insurance does not cover mold damage which is expected to be over \$30,000 (the actual amount is to be determined by our Trustees). This will have to be borrowed from somewhere, because our cash income just won't cover this loss. This cash position will have a large impact on our budget for 2009 which is under study at this time.

Thanks to all for your help in keeping BCC close to the 2008 financial plan. †

Why We Give to the Church

We give to the work of Christ's church a portion of the gifts that God has already given us. We give:

- in response to God's grace in sending his Son;
- in response to the love of Jesus Christ's dying for us;
- in response to the gifts of life which we have so abundantly received;
- in response to the opportunities God gives us to discover the meaning and purpose of life;
- in response to his presence in our lives when we need him the most. †

Ice Skating Show

To commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month [October], Tropical Spice on Ice, the local adult synchronized ice skating team will host an ice skating showcase. Competition programs by the team and by individual TSI skaters will be featured. The showcase will take place on Saturday, October 25 at 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

The team dedicates all its performances to breast cancer awareness. Four members of this group have been affected by this insidious disease. In memory of two team skaters who have passed away from breast cancer, the team decided to concentrate their fund-raising efforts to benefit the Sarasota Memorial Hospital Breast Health Fund. This fund is available for local people who do not have the resources to afford mammograms or breast cancer related treatments.

This entertaining event will take place at the Ellenton Ice and Sports Skating Rink [Exit 224 off I-75] Ellenton, FL. There is no admission charge for this presentation. However, donations for SMH Breast Health Fund will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Evans at [941] 587 7947. Thank you. †



Shepherding Program

Frank Metheny, Chairman of the Elders

The Elders have reinstated the Shepherding Program. Each member, or friend, of the church has been assigned an Elder. The purpose of this ministry is to provide better two-way communication between you and our church. As spiritual leaders of the church, the Elders are available at any time that you have a question, concern, or need. If you have any questions regarding this program, or would like to offer a helping hand, please contact Frank Metheny at (941) 966-4668, frank@methenymotorsports.com, or the church office.

We will make sure that your Elder has your correct contact information. We would also like to have your birthday and anniversary dates. The Elders are very excited about this ministry to improve communications and strengthen our spiritual life at Beneva Christian. †

Little Disciples Preschool

By Cindy McDowell, Director

Our first weeks of school went very well and lots of new friendships have been made.

The Teachers are having just as much fun as their students and the sounds of music and laughter can be heard throughout the building. I am still amazed at all we were able to accomplish in recreating our classrooms following the summer flooded building. If it wasn't for the shining white walls and the new-carpet smell (and my inability to find things in the office) you would never know the mess we faced and conquered!!!

Our Teachers have been enjoying some special time together with their class parents in their "Parent / Teacher" meetings throughout the month of September. As the Mommies and Daddies lower themselves into very small chairs, they are taken on a virtual tour of many behind-the-scenes activities for both the children and their Teacher. Well attended and well-received, we feel lucky to have the best parents in town at Little Disciples!

We look forward to seeing Pastor Bobby and members of Beneva Christian Church's various groups and departments providing our Chapel Moments this year. To all our Beneva readers; if you would like to join us or share your talent with us, call me at 924-9290 to find out more. Thank you!

Our staff heads for Orlando on September 26 - 28 to attend the annual ECA Conference. We always return from our annual Early Childcare Conference bursting with ideas and excited to begin sharing all WE'VE learned with the boys and girls!

We can hardly wait to see what fun October has in store for us! From student picture days, to center activities, and Movement and Handwriting Without Tears courses, everyday is sure to be a great adventure!

As October winds down, a change always seems to come over our preschoolers. Come and see for yourself as all the children participate in our Fall Costume Parade on Oct. 30th & 31st at 9:20am each day in the courtyard. Join us as we parade and sing pumpkin carols for our guests. We will also enjoy visiting our Fun House in the Learning Center throughout the day.

Happy Fall!



Teacher's Tidbits by Miss Snider

Here we go!! It's another busy year at Preschool! The start of our year was a little busier than in years past but with a touch of teamwork and a sprinkling of miracles; we are almost back together again! We have fresh, new walls and new carpet and counters and we are ready for a fresh new start of a wonderful year! The new friends in my class are ready to explore with colors, taste some yummy apples and play with worms. We are also excited to extend our day of play at lunchtime in Extended Care! Make sure you keep your eyes on the Extended Care Calendar that comes home each month so your child doesn't miss out on any of the fun with their friends! Extended Care is a great way for Mom & Dad to make their own lunch dates while your preschooler has lunch at LDP. Look forward to seeing you there & sharing in the fun!! †

Wise Investments

Kay Ekstrom, founder of the Christian Family Care Agency in Phoenix, spent 25 years helping people in need, particularly poor and ailing children. She believes it's wiser to "build" children than to "repair" adults. "I believe that God doesn't ask about your ability, only your availability," she says.

People like Ekstrom get an immediate reward from helping people who need a boost. But they also see their work as an investment in the future. Such faithful servants experience the inner wealth that comes from giving and from "spending" yourself. †

The Pope's Challenge

During Pope Benedict XVI's visit to America in April 2008, he said in a speech, "Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the gospel."

In other words, how we live and what we do must reflect Christ's teachings. How we treat one another and how we care for the helpless, the homeless, the sick and the poor must reflect Christ's influence in our lives.

"We were created as social beings who find fulfillment only in love — for God and for our neighbor," the pope said. "Our neighbor" refers to any other human on Earth.

It's insufficient to practice the Christian life for only an hour each week during formal worship. Being a Christian is a full-time responsibility and joy, 365 days a year. †

Prayer Partners

The following people had prayers requested for them during the month of September. Please take a moment for them, and continue to lift them up in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

- Bob King
- Glenn Oneal
- Pastor Bobby and Leanne Dickerson
- Millie Neel
- George Oberle
- Cathy Morris
- Jerry Caress
- Oscar Thomas
- Addie Schneider
- Marlene Deal
- Tammy Deavers
- Jack Kain
- Dorothy & Wrede Blackburn
- John & Charlotte Green
- Dean & Carole Platt
- Wilma Kaulfuss
- Beneva & LDP Staff & Preschool Year
- Ryan Bergeron
- Peggy & Bob King
- Betty & Joe Milliner
- Randy LaBelle
- Pat Kline's Mother
- David, in Ohio
- Carissa Maringo
- Greg Freeman
- Brad Hall
- Joseph Douvillier
- Military overseas & natural disaster victims
- Those who are victim to political and social upheaval

Regional:

- Betty Wellington
- Family of Rev. Dr. Julian Cave

“When we come together as one in prayer, all things are possible”. †

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who has remembered me with cards, letters and prayers during illness and our recent automobile accident. Your thoughtfulness, love and concern is greatly appreciated.

—Leanne Dickerson †

Vision Group

Pastor Bobby asked us to Chair the Vision Mission of the Church. After many prayers and visits with the pastor, we accepted this responsibility with the belief that God's will, will guide us. During the next few weeks, members will be selected to be "Beacons" for planning and implementation. This is an open invitation for those of you who desire to take an active role in a process of study, dialogue and prayer, by which we will involve every member of our congregation in defining God's mission and vision for Beneva. It is critical that every segment of our congregation be represented in this planning process, i.e. long term-church members, new members, youth, winter residents, etc. Our thinking is that we will meet on Sundays prior to the scheduled Sunday evening activities. Proposed dates are as follows: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2. Please contact the Church office and let them know of your interest. Our plan is to involve every member of our congregation.

We need your prayers, your thoughts and your participation! Together, with God's guidance we will determine Beneva's future.

Respectfully,

George & Emily (Marie) Oberle †



“Forgiveness can remarkably restore our relationships, renew our spirits and revitalize our lives.”

—William Arthur Ward

Christian Education Volunteer Survey

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Best day to volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Best time to volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Are you available year round? Yes ___ No ___ If no when are you available _____

What age group would you like to work with?

Sunday morning Bible study

Kindergarten to 1st grade	3rd 4th 5th grade	6th 7th 8th grade	9th 10th 11th 12th grade

Youth Groups

Little Bits (3-5yrs)	Genesis (K-1st)	Sonburst (2nd-3rd grade)	Hot Shot (4th-5th grade)	Chi Rho (middle school)	CYF (high school)

Adult

Sunday school	Assist With Sunday School	Small Group Leader

Would you want curriculum provided for any group you do? Yes ___ No ___

Area's you would like to help with:

Sunday Snack Supper	Chaperone Youth Trip	
Vacation Bible School	Children Church	
Chaperone Teens Thursday Evenings	Help youth with mission work	
Children's Choir	In town	
Arts and crafts	Out of town	
Sewing	Youth sponsored meals (Breakfast with Santa)	
Live Nativity		

What are you not comfortable doing:

Positive/negative experiences with Christian Education:

What interests, hobbies, work experience can you bring to the Christian Education department:



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

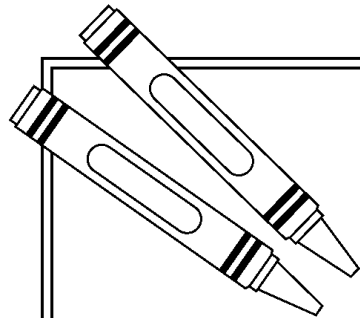
As Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, all people are our neighbors. You can make a difference for others, beginning in your own neighborhood. Make and share this craft so people know you care and are thankful for your community.

What you need:

- Clear, disposable, non-powdered, non-latex gloves
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Popped popcorn (about 3 cups per glove)
- Rubber bands
- Ribbon or raffia
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch

What you do:

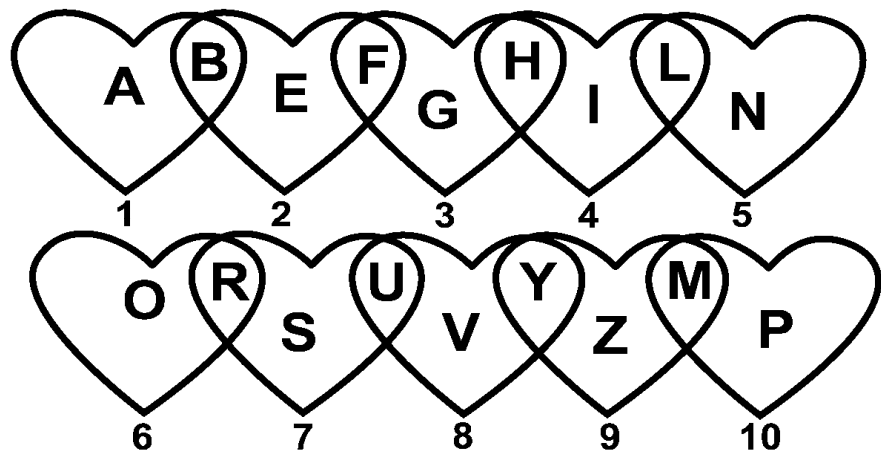
1. Paint one side of the glove's fingertips to look like fingernails.
2. Fill the fingertips, then the rest of the glove, with cooled popcorn.
3. Wrap a rubber band around the wrist of the glove.
4. Tie ribbon or raffia around the rubber band.
5. Make a card. Ideas include "Welcome to the neighborhood," "Thanks for being such nice neighbors," "Here's how we'd like to serve you," etc.
6. Punch a hole in the corner of your card and tie it to the glove.
7. With an adult, pass out your "neighborly" gifts.



Just for KIDS

THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



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Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."



Beneva Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

2008 General Board Members

Church Officers

Chair: Olevia Fulkert
Vice-Chair: Dale Root
Secretary: Elsie McDonald
Financial Secretary: Frank Metheny
Treasurer: Duane Wyatt
Historian: Pauline Totten/Jane Oneal

Elders

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
Sara Metheny	Garland Poquette	Charles Rabjohns
Frank Metheny	Jane Oneal	Bob Blanton
Olevia Fulkert	Glenn Oneal	Shirley Blanton
Greg Fulkert	Duane Wyatt	Bob Evans

Department Chairs

Worship: Sara Metheny
Christian Education: Patty & Garland Poquette
Stewardship: Duane Wyatt
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World Outreach: David Harlow
Property: Thomas Byrd
Healthcare Services: Pauline Totten
Nurture: Florine Blake

Deacons

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
Gail Brodkorb	Lori Walsh	Cindy McDowell
Brenda Root	Debbie York	Suzanne Pruse
JoAnn Kelly		Tim Brodkorb
Amy Abbot		Becky Brodkorb
		Jan Bogart
		Dean Hoover
		Joyce Hoover
		Nila Valvo

Staff

Minister: Pastor Bobby Dickerson
Secretary: Caitlin McDowell
Director of Music: Greg Fulkert
Pianist/Organist: Janene Overlay
Youth Director Corry O'Carroll
Custodian: Yves May
Preschool Director: Cindy McDowell
Nursery Attendant:

Youth Deacons

Expires 2008

Deanna Root

Trustees

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
Glenn Oneal	Bob King	Jerry Caress

Group Chairs

Elders: Frank Metheny
Deacons: Amy Abbot
Trustees: Bob King
Greeters: Ruth Wolf
Acolytes: Kathy Bearden
Christian Women Fellowship:
Christian Men Fellowship: David Harlow
Bifocal Bunch: Shirley Blanton
Young Couples/Singles:
Technology: Marshall K DuBois
Newsletter: Caitlin McDowell
Web Site: Marshall K DuBois
By-Laws:

Committee Chairs

Little Disciples Preschool: Erin Sturm
Memorial: Barbara Clements
Music: Suzie Davis
Personnel Committee: Duane Wyatt
Local Benevolence: Jackie Hazen
30/30 Vision: Elders
New Building:
Scholarship: Kathy Bearden
Hostess: Brenda Root/Gail Brodkorb

Notice

Everyone on this page is requested to attend the General Board meetings.
 All Church Officers, Department Chairs, Staff, Committee Chairs and Group Chairs are requested to attend the Cabinet meetings.

Elder Serving Schedule for October 2008

<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>
L Sara Metheny	L Bob Evans	L Greg Fulkert
R Frank Metheny	R Duane Wyatt	R Olevia Fulkert

October 26

L Jane Oneal
R Glenn Oneal

Elders of the month: Bob Evans & Duane Wyatt (shut-ins, lockup facilities)

Deacon Serving Schedule for October 2008

Elements Preparation for October — Gail Brodkorb & Brenda Root

<u>October 5</u>	<u>October 12</u>	<u>October 19</u>
1 Gail Brodkorb B	1 Debbie York C/B	1 Brenda Root C
2 Suzanne Pruse C/B	2 Nila Valvo	2 Deanna Root
3 Amy Abbot	3 Suzanne Pruse	3 Jan Bogart
4 Lori Walsh	4 Jan Bogart	4 Cindy McDowell JoAnn Kelly B

October 26

1 Tim Brodkorb
2 Nila Valvo C/B
3 Deanna Root
4 Alicia Brodkorb

B= Bulletins: Arrive at 9:45 am to hand out bulletins.

C=Captain: Arrive at 10:10 am to check that the communion table is complete and all Deacons are accounted for.

U=Usher stays in the back and seats the late people and handles the microphone or announcements and prayer requests.

If you are unable to serve on scheduled date — Please arrange to have someone cover for you on that date.

All Deacons serving on their Sunday are to make sure all bulletins, cups and papers are picked up from the pews.

Communion Cups — fill grape juice to line right before it starts to curve — IF MUCH POUR SOME OUT.
Communion Preparation — Give to Organist (on wooden shelf), Worship & Wonder (in Fellowship Hall) and Nursery.

If you have any questions call Amy Abbot (Deacon Chair) at 922-1089.

Please Remember our Homebound

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Venice, FL 34285

Oscar Thomas

3310 Westerly Ln
Sarasota, FL 34239

or

Wilma Kaulfuss

3270 Lake Pointe Blvd
Room 125
Sarasota, FL 34231

5640 Rand Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34238

Thelma McKahan

22 Horton Cir
Sarasota, FL 34232



Blood Pressure Check

By Pauline Totten, Healthcare Services

Our Blood Pressure service will take place in the CYF room on October 5th at 11:30 am (after church). Please come if you are concerned about your health.

Would anyone who is involved in the medical field contact me at 349-3167. ☩

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In addition to our sermons now online we also have the following features:

- Weekly Sermons to listen to and save
- Prayer Requests
- Elder and Deacon Schedules
- Good News newsletter in downloadable format
- Slideshows of church events
- Links of interest to Disciple websites
- Church event calendar and weekly schedule
- Contact information and more

Volunteer Survey

If you would like to be involved with our youth programs, please tear out and complete the form on page 10. You may turn it into the church office or place it in our offering tray during worship. Thank you! ☩

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The office hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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E-mail Prayer Chain



If you would like to be added to our e-mail prayer chain please send your request via email to:
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November Good News

Deadline for articles sent to the church is October 19th.

Articles may be sent directly to Caitlin McDowell at
bccoffice2@verizon.net ☩

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The Life of Beneva in October 2008

<u>October 2, 2008</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. and Sanctuary	7-8:30 pm
<u>October 3, 2008</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open	3:00-5:00 pm
<u>October 5, 2008</u> <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service— <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i>	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am
Blood Pressure Check—CYF Room	11:30 am
Vision Group Meets	
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
<u>October 6, 2008</u>	<u>Monday</u>
Men’s Core Group—Fellowship Hall	5:00 pm
Joshua’s Men—Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm
<u>October 7, 2008</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
Elder’s Meeting	7:00 pm
<u>October 9, 2008</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Community Bible Study—F.H. and Sanctuary	7-8:30 pm
<u>October 10, 2008</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open	3:00-5:00 pm
Youth Movie Night—Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm
<u>October 12, 2008</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am
Dinner on the Grounds (Trustee Mtg. to follow)	11:30 am
Flu Shots—Fellowship Hall	12:00-2:00 pm
Vision Group Meets	
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
<u>October 14, 2008</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
Board Meeting—Fellowship Hall	7:00 pm
<u>October 16, 2008</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
LDP Fall Festival Fundraiser	
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary	7-8:30 pm

<u>October 17, 2008</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Food Pantry Open	3:00—5:00 pm
<u>October 18, 2008</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Youth Garage Sale and Hallmark Collectibles	8:00 am
<u>October 19, 2008</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am
Vision Group Meets	
Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall	4:30 pm
<u>October 23, 2008</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary	11:30 am
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary	7-8:30 pm
<u>October 24, 2008</u>	<u>Friday</u>
LDP Chapel Moments—Sanctuary	11:30 am
Food Pantry Open	3:00—5:00 pm
<u>October 25, 2008</u> <i>Make a Difference Day</i>	<u>Saturday</u>
Ice Skating Showcase Benefit—Ellenton Ice	6:30-7:30 pm
<u>October 26, 2008</u> <i>Heritage Sunday</i>	<u>Sunday</u>
Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am
Vision Group Meets	
Youth Fall Festival—Fellowship Hall	4:30-6:30 pm
<u>October 30, 2008</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
LDP Fall Costume Parade (& 10/31)	9:20 am
Community Bible Study—F.H. & Sanctuary	7-8:30 pm

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What Do Disciples Believe?

Like most Christians, Disciples affirm:

- ♦ Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, and offers saving grace to all.
- ♦ All persons are God's children.

Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- ♦ *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- ♦ *Diversity of opinion.* Each person is free to determine individual belief guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer.
- ♦ *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although Disciples generally practice baptism by immersion, they honor other baptism traditions as well.
- ♦ *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ♦ *The ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- ♦ *Freedom of belief.* Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. †



The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.

Discover . . . Spiritual growth

Every Disciples congregation meets weekly to worship God. In the warmth of God's presence and with the support of others, we grow in our understanding of God in ways that make a difference in our everyday lives.

Through worship that is both contemporary and traditional, we discover the joy of trusting and following Jesus.

Around the communion table, we acknowledge Christ's presence and remember the meal He shared with His followers. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Whether you are a longtime follower of Jesus Christ, or curious about Christianity, the Christian Church can help you explore Christianity and learn about Christ. †

Summer Sunday Schedule

Cornerstone Adult Sunday School Class	9:00-10:00 am
Children's Worship & Wonder	9:00-10:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am



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