



THE GOOD NEWS

Rev. Bobby Dickerson

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Hebrews 10: 19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, **by a new and living way** opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

Through out the New Testament we hear about the New Covenant, New Life in Christ, being New creatures. We hear stories about New wine in old wine skins. We hear about the New heaven and New earth and about the New Jerusalem. And so to here at Beneva God is doing a New thing.

Over the last, what seems like forever, few months the New Beginnings program has been consulting with us and has done an extensive study of our church, our neighborhood, and city. They have studied the demographics and growth patterns in our area as well as the financial health of our community and church. They are now ready to share with us their findings. I want to encourage everyone who can attend to be here on Monday evening, October 18th to hear some of the preliminary results. The next evening October 19th the small group leaders will meet to begin to understand the information given to us and to bring it to the whole congregation for input and discussion. No decisions about future plans will be made until **EVERYONE** has had a chance to share their opinions, thought and ideas.

I know that you have been praying for Beneva and I urge you to continue. As Hebrews says let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. It calls us to hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us encourage each other with these words.

Blessings!

Pastor Bobby

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Financial Report for August 2010

	Budget	YTD	Budget
Income			
23,024	15,060	123,370	96,481
Expenses			
13,380	20,959	126,669	140.889
Net Profit (Loss)			
9,643	(5899)	(3,299)	(20,405)



**Choose which
you want this Winter!!**

October 24th 11:30—1:30

Beneva Christian Church

Influenza and Pneumonia
Vaccinations

Bring Medicare or Insurance Card

Tetanus and Diphtheria vaccina-
tions will be available at charge of
\$45.00



Deacon Schedule for October

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Praise Service - Communion will be

	October 03		October 10		October 17		October 24		October 31				
1	Lisa Morrison		1	Debbie York		1	Kathy Bearden		1	Nila Valvo			Alicia Brodkorb
2	Suzie Davis		2	Nila Valvo		2	Joe Bearden		2	Lisa Morrison			Tim Brodkorb

Prep for 1st service and assist in prepping for 2nd service

10:45 A.M. Traditional Worship - Communion will be served in the pews rather than up front

	October 03		October 10		October 17		October 24		October 31				
1	Kathy Bearden		1	Tim Brodkorb		1	Jennifer Fulkert		1	Kathy Bearden			Nila Valvo
2	Joe Bearden		2	Alicia Brodkorb		2	Suzie Davis		2	Joe Bearden			Jennifer Fulkert

Elder Serving Schedule for October

Oct 3rd Nila Valvo & Glenn Oneal Nila call to Worship

Oct 10th Frank & Sara Metheny Frank call to Worship

Oct 17th Greg Fulkert & Berty Freant Betty call to Worship

Oct 24th Garland & Patty Poquette Patty call to Worship

Oct 31st Glenn & Jane Oneal Glenn call to Worship



Childlike faith

One Sunday, a retired professor heard his pastor invite children to come to the chancel steps for a message. As the children walked forward, so did the professor. As the children sat on the steps, so did he.

The pastor wasn't surprised. Knowing that the congregation would be curious, he mentioned receiving a call from the professor a few days earlier. The professor said he'd recently read again how Jesus called a child to stand before him and then told the crowd, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3, NRSV).

May we all have such a childlike faith



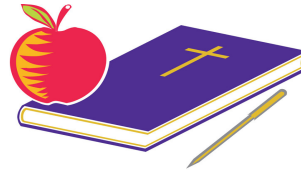
Sunday School Class is available for our youngest youth also at 10:45. Come Join US!!



Kim and Floyd Ryder: Baptism and transfer

Mark Conklin: Baptism

Carol Eszlari: Transfer



The **Wired Word** class continues to meet in the CYF room at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. They discuss and study the most current events of the week and discover how our faith and the Bible intertwine. Be sure to give your e-mail address to Sara or Frank Metheny to be included in this exciting class.

Cornerstone: Bible Study class meeting in Fellowship Hall during second service.



Lunch and Learn
Thursdays
12:15—1:00pm
Fellowship Hall



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



Wilma Kaulfuss
Dortha Rogers
Gail and Berta Boggs
LaVerne Thomas
Ruth Martin

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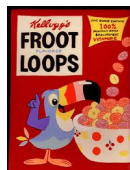
The Newsletter is now being placed on the church's website. If you know of someone having trouble getting the Good News please notify the church office so we can print them a copy or email it to them,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct 01	Margaret Brown
Oct 01	Kelli Pruner
Oct 04	Glenn Oneal, Jr.
Oct 09	Patricia Poquette
Oct 10	Alicia Brodkorb
Oct 13	Jane Oneal
Oct 15	Jerry Caress
Oct 16	Baileigh Brodkorb
Oct 16	Carole Platt
Oct 19	Katherine Allison
Oct 19	Kathleen Allee
Oct 26	John Humbert
Oct 26	Ruth Wolf
Oct 26	Don Graber
Oct 26	Ray Sullivan
Oct 29	Dean Hoover
Oct 31	Frank Metheny



Oct 09	Darrell & Amy Jo Hill
Oct 17	Joe & Kathy Bearden



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Families of Jeff and Lisa Morrison
 Family of Lois Hall
 Reuben Bible injured in a mowing accident
 Pat Collins who is hospitalized
 Walter Archbold hospitalized
 Janice Webster recovering from pneumonia
 Mark Conkin



Pass on the word of encouragement in an honest compliment

Pass on the look of encouragement in a generous smile

Pass on the touch of encouragement in a hearty handshake

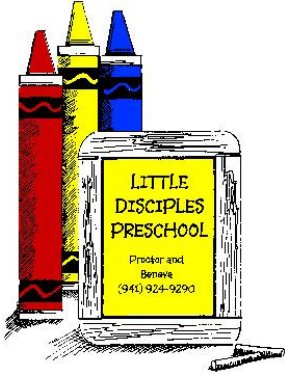
Pass on the kindness of encouragement in a thoughtful deed

And let the encouragement of Christ flow through you.

FOOD PANTRY

~30 families served per week
 ~ 150 people served per week
 ~ 120 families served per month
 ~ **600 people served per month**

Little Disciples Preschool's Newsletter Article for October 2010



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 can't stop smiling!!)

Our Teachers enjoy some special time together with their class parents in their "Parent / Teacher" meetings throughout the month of September. Mommies and Daddies were 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 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 October 1 - 3 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! This is truly an educator's dream conference and we are thankful for the scholarships we've received enabling all of us to once again attend.

We can hardly wait to see what fun October has in store for us! From student picture days, to center activities, everyday is sure to be a great adventure!

At this moment we have officially begun the planning stage for our second Preschool Fall Festival. Scheduled for Friday, October 29th from 5 - 8pm in the courtyard, we are hoping to top last year's attendance. We are also hopeful that Beneva's hayride (it was a favorite event!) will have lots of drivers ready to roll! Look for more information to come home as that date nears.

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 Parades in the courtyard at the end of the month.. Join us as we parade and sing pumpkin carols for our guests. The Friday parade will be made even more special as it is a Professional Day for the public schools so we are looking forward to LOTS of alumni siblings joining us.

It'll be SPOOK-TACULAR! Have a safe and Happy Halloweeeeeeen!

Teacher's Tidbits by your staff returns next month!



Wanted



Safe and silly drivers
to run the tractor/hayride
for our Preschool Fall Carnival
Date: October 29, 5-8pm.
Call 924-9290 to volunteer.

Also looking for FABULOUS-FOLK
to represent Beneva Christian Church
throughout the Carnival. Set up a
table and get ready to have a joyful
time with Everyone in attendance! to
volunteer. Call 924-9290



Recycling Fundraiser pays for EVERY item (in the categories listed on our price list) no matter what - regardless of whether or not the item(s) work and regardless of whether or not the item's model number is listed on our price list.

- **Cell Phones** (We pay up to \$300 per used cell phone)
- **Jewelry** (We pay the dollar highest amount for scrap metal jewelry)
- **Ink Jet Printer Cartridges** (Up to \$5 per used ink jet)
- **Laptops & Netbooks** (Up to \$350 per used laptop & netbook)
- **MP3 Players** (Up to \$50 per used MP3 Player)
- **Digital Cameras** (Up to \$10 per used digital camera)
- **Digital Video Cameras** (Up to \$25 per used digital camera)
- **GPS Devices** (Up to \$50 per used GPS device)
- **Radar Detectors** (Up to \$50 per used radar detector)
- **Kindle & Sony Book Readers** (Up to \$25 per used Kindle or Sony book reader)

That is, you earn cash for every cell phone, ink jet cartridge, laptop or netbook computer, MP3 Player (Apple iPod, Microsoft Zune, Creative or Sandisk), digital camera, digital video camera, handheld game system (Sony or Nintendo), GPS device (Garmin, Mio, Magellan or TomTom), radar detector (Escort, Beltronics or Cobra), Kindle or Sony book reader or unwanted piece of jewelry you collect including broken items or items not on our list. Prices on our list reflect working items only. Working electronics are electronics that, when tested by Recycling Fundraiser, power up, possess an undamaged LCD screen, make a test call (if applicable), have working internal components including the charge port and are not cracked or otherwise damaged. Non-Working items that appear on our price list will be credited 20% of the corresponding working price. Newer working and non-working electronics not included on our price list will be credited at competitive prices. There is no price deduction for broken jewelry.



Please continue to bring your Aluminum cans to help support our Health Department Fund used to help people in need with medications costs. Cans can be dropped off behind the garage

Beckham's Fundraiser

Don't forget about a great opportunity that awaits you at BECKHAM'S restaurant, located at 1272 S. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, (South Bay Plaza). They will send Beneva Christian Church a check for 15% of your bill for any Sunday noon meal. Simply enjoy a great lunch at BECKHAM'S after church on any Sunday, give your server the name and address of our church, and they will mail the church a check! Their food is delicious and served in generous portions, and the professional yet comfortable atmosphere of Beckham's will have you rushing back for more. We received a very heartfelt 'Thank You' letter from Beckham's for participating in their Brunch Cash back program, as it has helped them get through the financial slumps. They look forward to welcoming us to brunch throughout 2009, and I hope that everyone makes a trip (or two or three) to Beckham's! Take your friends and family along. Enjoy a great meal, great fellowship, and help support our church!!! ☩



Property Report

YEAH the grass is slowing...a little bit... The almighty few are steadily keeping up with the lawns at Our Home at Beneva Christian. Remember we can ALWAYS use some help in this area!! We need to get new blades for all the mowers as the sand here in Florida takes a terrible toll on them. I'm assuming that less than \$100 should put us back in great shape so a donation, or offer to reimburse, for them would be GREATLY appreciated. FYI: at the point we get another set of blades we can then rotate out the extra sets so they should last longer and do a better job. If you wish to go find them yourself please let me know and I'll provide the part numbers for them.

We have some other projects that can be done and will need to set up a Sat-A-Workday for in the not so distant future. That will be happening at some point in October so please keep an eye on your e-mail for the exact date.

Other projects include a roof/ceiling leak in the Fellowship Hall kitchen (we have fixed a few but still there is another) which has led to yet another project of painting the ceiling tiles in the kitchen. The air filters of all the air conditioners of both buildings are in need of replacing again as well.

We had Florida Power and Light update our energy audit/usage and found the Sanctuary and Education buildings have lowered their overall use by approximately 8%, so KUDO'S to the staff of both those buildings!!! The Fellowship Hall was a disaster as it went up 9%.... We really need to watch our use of the air-conditioning use in that building. I will be writing up instructions on turning on those units, AND SHUTTING THEM DOWN, but the main point to keeping the bill down for that building is to turn ON each unit separately in 3 minute increments. We are considering working on a timer panel that will accomplish this for us but in the intern, we need to be coherent of how to cool that building in the most economical way. A second mention from the FPL people was to install "Programmable Thermostats" for all air-condition units, so if you wish to purchase a few (we need at least 5) programmable thermostats let us know and we'll work with you to accomplish it. The also mention Motion Switches for the rest rooms as many a nite the restroom lights have been left on. Help or consider getting Beneva Christian to be a bit more green as well as saving on an invoice or two.

We have a squirrel in the Sanctuary building roof system and we are attempting to get him out BUT if anyone knows of a way to lure him away any quicker that would also be a great help (Lisa does like company but not that type!!!!).

As you can see we are doing quite a bit around Our Property but there is always some need here or there to help US all out.

I ask again for ANY able bodied person to contact the office or myself to ask what you can do even if it just hold a screwdriver or pick-up sticks or trash, maybe even pull a weed or two.

Have a Gods Day and consider a little time at His Majesty's special home here at Beneva Christian

Larry Hazen

Property Chair
941.504.9050



Have you guessed yet what the Food Pantry is in GREAT need of at this moment? Please drop off donations in kitchen or money donations are also accepted.





God makes everything
beautiful
 in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall!

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ministerial Appreciation Month					1	2
3 World Communion Sunday 9:30 Praise Service 9:30/10:45 Bible Study 10:45 Traditional Service 2:00 Hungarian Church	4 Joshua's Men 7:00 pm at Beneva	5 Elders Mtg 7:00 pm	6 6:30 Worship On Wednesday	7 12:15-1 Lunch & Learn	8 3-5 Food Pantry	9 Joshua's Men Dinner 6:30 pm Benfleys Rest.
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LITTLE DISCIPLES PRECHOOOL PRESENTS



OUR SECOND FALL CARNIVAL!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010

5:00-8:00PM

BENEVA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
COURTYARD

(CORNER OF BENEVA & PROCTOR ROAD)

Bounce House - Cake Walk

Food - Games



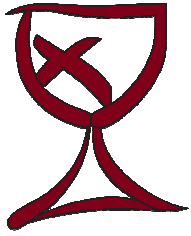
Hayrides - Hoola-Hoop Contest

Pumpkin Patch - Take-A-Chance

& MORE!

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!





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Sunday Schedule

Contemporary Service	9:30am
Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	9:30am
Traditional Worship Service (& Nursery)	10:45am
Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	10:45am

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. †

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