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The Power of Personal Touch

One of the most remarkable truths of the gospel is that God knew exactly what it would take to reach the human heart. He understood that we would need more than information, more than commandments, more than distant assurances. We would need a personal touch. We would need a real encounter with His love. That is why "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." God stepped into our world, took on our humanity, and came close enough to touch. Jesus did not save us from afar. He entered our neighborhoods, walked our roads, and shared our burdens. He healed with His hands, welcomed with His arms, and blessed with His voice. His ministry was not abstract; it was deeply personal. And on the cross, He made His mark on all of mankind as the ultimate touch of God's love. This gift of God's grace was extended to every sinner who needed God's loving touch.

Because Jesus came near to us, we can come near to others. Scripture says we are now ambassadors for Christ, and that God is "making His appeal through us." In other words, the same personal touch that changed our lives is the one God intends to extend through our lives. We are not merely messengers; we are instruments of His love, His compassion, and His invitation.

Most people do not come to Christ because of a program, a billboard, or a social media post. They come because someone cared enough to reach out. They are touched by a friend who listened, a neighbor who prayed, a coworker who invited, a family member who shared their testimony. The gospel travels best along relational lines. It moves heart to heart, hand to hand, and life to life. This is also how people find their place in the Body of Christ. When someone receives a personal invitation, they don't just hear about a church, they feel welcomed into a family. They discover a community where they can grow, serve, and flourish. They begin to understand that salvation is not only about being rescued from sin, but also about being added to a people who help one another grow in the Lord.

So the question before us is simple: Who needs your personal touch? Who in your life needs to experience the love of God through your kindness, your invitation, your encouragement, your presence? Who needs to hear that Jesus can save them, anchor them, and give them a place to belong? This is God's plan from the beginning . . . that His people would be fruitful and multiply—not merely in number, but in influence, in compassion, in witness. The gospel grows when God's people reach out. The church grows when God's people invite. And lives are changed when God's people touch others with the love that first touched them.

May the Lord use each of us to extend His personal, life-changing touch to someone who needs it today.

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Church Family Information—October

Happy Birthday

Daulton Peters	1
Courtney Devine	3
Charlie Ledford	4
John Culler III	5
Roscoe Covington Jr.	9
Emily Sizemore	11
Carolyn Finch	11
Denise York	12
John Susco	15
Sara Sutton	15
Ken Williams	17
Kimmy Hill-Childers	18
Mike Johnson	18
Janelle Ragland	19
Marty Shaw	20
Nathan Schnupp	21
William Ansu	23
Katheleen Daulton	23
Jesselyn Day	23
Constance Royal	24
Rolla Cavanaugh	26
Larry Fite	26
Patti Ratliff	26
Darryl Royal	26
Kendall Peters	29
Gary Bradley	31

Happy Anniversary

Phil & Dee Dee Jackson	1
Jeff & Sandra Roberts	6
John & Karen Susco	15
Ed & Jeanne Nissen	24
Brandon & Emily Sizemore	24
Tim & Tracy Curtsinger	31

Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!

Save the Date

Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU Mission Committee News "Rewriting Stories"

Submitted by Sara Sutton

October is upon us. For me the month represents a wonderful, glorious time of change. God's glory is all about us. After the hot, dry days of late summer, the cool, crisp colorful days of Fall are here. Many people are going through those "hot, dry days" in their lives. They are struggling to just get through each day. They are looking for a way to change their lives. This whole premise is just what the organization "Rewriting Stories" is all about.

The need for Rewriting Stories exists because of a long list of sad statistics including, but not limited to: 46% of single mom families live in poverty, 16% of single moms experience food insecurity, 84% of homeless families are headed by moms. Rewriting Stories' website states their mission as "At Rewriting Stories, we empower single families to rewrite their narratives through our 4 pillars of H.O.P.E., housing, opportunities, partnerships and encounters. Our mission is for every family to have access to stable, affordable housing, to find support and resources they need to transform their lives and create brighter futures for themselves and their children." They want to move these single parent families from surviving to thriving, reducing negative statistics, and building a community where every family can succeed. Rewriting Stories believes there is HOPE found in Jesus Christ and in being in a community with others.

If you would like to learn more about the "Rewriting Stories" organization, please plan to attend our WMU meeting on Sunday, October 18, at 2:30 PM in the ARC. Marnie and her team from Rewriting Stories will share more information about this group.

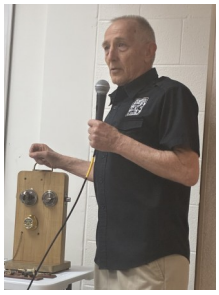
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

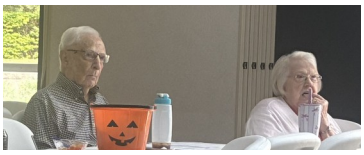
Senior Life Committee Happenings

Submitted by Jane Bradley

"Basic Home Security" was the topic of the very interesting and important program presented by fellow Anchor member **Joe Cortie** during our **Bring Your Own Lunch** event held in the ARC on Saturday, September 19. Included in Joe's presentation were common security mistakes, as well as tips on improving and possibly making needed adjustments to equipment, such as our keys, to better secure our property. Also, a good discussion along with a beneficial question and answer time made this event successful. Much appreciation to Joe for his truly enjoyable and educational program. Joe's knowledge and experience as a Certified Master Locksmith and as a Certified Professional Safe Technician made this a very worthwhile experience for all who attended.

Also, special thanks to Sandra and Jeff Roberts as well as several young folks from their Youth program who prepared and served custom-ordered, grilled "on the spot" sandwiches and "fixings" for those who preferred to purchase rather than prepare or purchase their lunch ahead of time.





Please mark your calendar the following ALL CHURCH Events:

A HOBBY Halloween Event
Saturday, October 31, 1:00-3:00 pm in the ARC.
Bring and display your favorite Hobby and Collection. You may also dress in costume to match your display (Optional).
A Signup Sheet will be available at the Welcome Center in early October. (Important in planning and having a table available for your display.)
Note: For those of you who participated in our July 2025 event: Please feel free to return with your same display OR a different one.
This promises to be a very special time of sharing and fellowship again. Cookies, iced tea, and water will be provided.

"A Christmas Carol"
Live performance of this Dickens' classic at the Woodford Theatre — Sunday Matinee
December 13 at 2:00 pm
To reserve your seat with our Anchor Group, please contact and make your reservations with Jane Bradley (check or cash payment.) **To date—11 seats are still available in our Anchor Group block of 30 seats.**

Anchor Baptist Activities

Hymn Sing Sunday