

Today's Scripture September 24, 2023

PASSAGE: Psalm 67, "May God Bless Us"

TEACHER: Tom Manning, *Global Worker*

Bulletin Updates

MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE FUND

Morocco experienced a severe earthquake on September 15, and our global outreach workers Allan and Patricia Matamoros have worked with a growing community of Muslim-background believers and Latin American global outreach workers who were living in the earthquake's epicenter. They are requesting our prayer and financial help in this time of crisis. These workers live with and minister to people who now need the basic necessities of life (food, medicine, and shelter).

You can give by check to Cole to the World with a note that it is for the "Morocco Earthquake" or by going online to ColeCommunity.org, selecting "Give" from the top right corner, and selecting "Morocco Earthquake" in the dropdown as you fill out the form.

CALL FOR HARVEST PARTY CANDY AND VOLUNTEERS

It's almost time for our annual Harvest Party celebration. If you are interested in volunteering or providing candy, please let Jen Rogers know at bulzeze0@hotmail.com

MANNING VISION LUNCHEON HAPPENING TODAY

You are invited to Tom and Melissa Manning's Vision Lunch happening today at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room. Come hear a report on their recent trip to Turkey and what the Lord is doing through their ministry.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR STEVE AND PATTY EVANS

Steve Evans is starting a six month course of chemo and immune therapy for treatment for his Non-Hodgkin's Follicular lymphoma beginning this week. Please pray specifically for the effectiveness of the treatment, his strength and endurance, his on-going health, and for Patty as she supports all of this.

Financial Update

as of September 18, 2023

Last Week's Giving	\$13,821
YTD Spending	\$299,086
YTD Giving	\$349,992

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ROOTS UP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN

Roots Up 2023 with Deb Krum and Lori Lowe is October 20-22 at Quaker Hill Conference Center in McCall. Visit bit.ly/RootsUp2023 for more information and to register!

GLOBAL OUTREACH PRAYER CALENDARS READY

Be sure to pick up the October edition of our prayer calendar for Cole Community Church's global outreach workers.

GOOD NEWS CLUB AT USTICK ELEMENTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Good News Club has started again with this school year! Come and join us at Ustick Elementary every Monday afternoon from 4-5:30 P.M. Kids (Kindergarten-5th grade) are also welcome even if they attend school elsewhere! Contact Fred Wiedeback or Brenda Robinson if you are interested in serving.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED TO CHURCH EACH SUNDAY

Our sister Julie Larsen is in need of a ride to church on Sunday mornings, and she would be very grateful to anyone that can help her with that. If you are able to help Julie from the Curtis and Chinden area, please give her a call at 541-979-8446.

Elder Updates

Our future is at the forefront of our hearts and minds as we head into the fall with you. We are currently in advanced discussions with three different churches from around the Treasure Valley with different options for our future. While we're not quite ready to update the congregation on more details, please know that we will update you when we get to an appropriate point in the process.

As we consider these options and how we should move forward, we're taking a short Elder Retreat on September 15 to devote ourselves to prayer and listen for God's will. Please partner with us in prayer as this all unfolds. Specifically, we're asking for:

- Your prayer this month as details unfold and as we take time away at a retreat.
- Your prayer that we would clearly hear the Word of God in the direction He would have us take.

We're excited for another Church Family Meeting on September 17 following church as well. If we've gotten to a place where we can communicate more information regarding our future, we certainly will at that time.

Finally, we are so thankful for our new deacons and their willingness to serve the body with their gifts. This month we would like to highlight Jen Rogers. Jen will be leading our Local Outreach Ministries. These ministries are done by our local body at Cole on a volunteer basis, in the local area, to benefit those inside and outside our body, and will often be event based. These events include our Food Cupboard, Crisis Meals, Library, VBS, Harvest Party, Easter Egg Hunt, etc. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please talk to Jen. Thank you Jen, we so much appreciate your servant heart.

We look forward to hearing from several global workers this month along with you. Check out September's preaching schedule in the bulletin.

In Him,

Jim, Jim, Josh, and Mike
Cole Community Elder Board

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As we enter August, it amazes us that the summer has almost passed. We are so grateful for the time we shared together at Family Camp. That time together was such a sweet time of community; we know it was God-ordained. Thank you Gloria and Eddie Middleton, Bart and Leane Chaffee, Mike and Linda Rush, and crew for your care in coordinating this weekend.

August is the time parents prepare their children (and themselves) for school. We know that in a few short weeks our quiet parking lot and church building will be filled with activities from Cole Valley Christian School. The school has requested to use the Fireside Room for lunches 2-3 times a week, and we have decided to allow it on a trial run basis. It should not interfere with Women's Bible Studies or the Keenager Kollege.

Looking into the fall, there are several things happening soon for you to be aware of including new deacons and an upcoming Church Family Meeting. We are hopeful to be commissioning several new deacons on Sunday, August 20 and releasing them into service to the body with their spiritual gifts. We are very excited about this and desire to appoint more deacons as our Lord shows us where He wants people to serve. Finally, please save the date for our fall Church Family Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 after service. We will share as much as we know at that time about where we are as a church body.

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Deacon Nominees for Congregational Review

The Deacon Council is taking shape, and the Elders seek your input on the individuals listed below. Each potential deacon is listed below by their role with a brief description of the areas they would oversee.

Please provide your input to the Deacon Council by emailing deacons@colecommunity.org by Sunday, August 13.

GLOBAL OUTREACH DEACON – JAN COWLES

This Deacon coordinates and supports ministry which is done by Cole-supported individuals and organizations whose ministry benefits those outside the body of Cole and most often overseas, and focuses on shepherding those workers. These workers include: Field Staff, Long Term Workers, National Workers, Mid and Short Term Workers, Local and Global Supported Agencies.

SUNDAY LOGISTICS DEACON – PAUL SHAFFER

This Deacon is the point of contact for what happens logistically before and after the Sunday worship service. He will be overseeing Ushers, Greeters, Coffee, Bulletin Distribution, Facility Cleanup, Communion, etc.

LOCAL OUTREACH DEACON – JEN ROGERS

This Deacon supports ministries which are done by the local body of Cole on a volunteer basis, in the local area, to benefit those both inside and outside our body, and is often event-based. This includes Food Cupboard, Crisis Meals, Library, VBS, Harvest Party, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

DISCIPLESHIP OF VOLUNTEER-LED TEACHING MINISTRIES DEACON – STEVE HARRELL

(This is a temporary Deacon Ministry until Pastors are hired.)

This Deacon is a resource for group leaders and teachers. This includes Growth Groups, Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study / Breakfast, Men's Retreat, Pure Desire, Children and Youth Ministries, All Ages and Stages, Sunday School, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DEACON – RON HILBRANDS

(This is a temporary Deacon Ministry until staff positions are hired.)

This Deacon is the point of contact for the office staff. This deacon also is the liaison with the elders on administrative issues.