

Today's Scripture November 12, 2023

PASSAGE: Matthew 5:9, "Blessed Are The Peacemakers"

TEACHER: Keith Harrington, Guest Teacher

Bulletin Updates

KEENAGERS NOVEMBER STUDY AND THANKSGIVING MEAL TOMORROW

Our Keenagers group will meet tomorrow, November 13 at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room for worship, prayer, study of 1 Peter, and our annual Thanksgiving meal. Visitors are always welcome to join us! Contact Pastor Chuck for more info.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED FOR BRUCE TUTTLE

With the guidance, loving help and support of Pastor Steve Evans officiating, a memorial service is planned for Bruce Tuttle on Wednesday, November 15 at 2 P.M. here in the Cole Community auditorium with a reception to follow. Please note that the library will be closed during this time.

PARENT MEETING NOVEMBER 19

The Children's Ministry is onboarding two new curriculums for our Sunday School classes starting this month. We'll be hosting an informal meeting after church on Sunday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Berean Room for parents to learn more.

MEN'S BREAKFAST TO EXAMINE THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR "WHY WE GATHER"

Men, have you ever wondered what happens at the Thursday morning men's breakfast? If so, this is your chance to find out. Jay Remley and Steve Harrell will be conducting a special seminar this Thursday, Nov. 16 entitled "Why We Gather." We'll be looking at the scriptural basis for our meetings and enjoy some round table fellowship. Breakfast begins at 6 a.m. in the Fireside Room, and if you're new it's on us! Please join us for this special meeting, and if you'd like to be on our email distribution list, you can contact us at deacons@colecommunity.org.

Financial Update

as of November 6, 2023

This Week's Giving	\$7,387
YTD Spending	\$353,770
YTD Giving	\$401,547

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OCC GIFTS THIS SEASON

We're sending a big "thank you" to each one of you who filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, and we'd like to also thank Mark & Karla Slusser and John & Janet Schultz for all of the help with this project.

Please remember to pray for these children who will receive shoebox gifts this Christmas, and if you have any unfilled shoeboxes, return them to the church office so we don't get charged for them.

You can still fill a shoebox **online** at samaritanaspurse.org for a short time. Please call Lynda Squire with questions at (208) 376-5777.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP FOR THIS YEAR'S HARVEST PARTY

I was so thankful to have witnessed the Lord in ACTION through this congregation before and during the Harvest Party. Thank you to all who prayed, marketed, donated candy, passed out fliers, decorated cars, greeted families, passed out Bibles, cleaned up, donated and helped with the chili feed, games, decorations, crafts, and wrangled kids in-and-out of the bounce house! And thanks to the office staff! There were families that stayed the entire time and were warmly and lovingly engaged by you. Please continue to pray for these planted seeds to grow and want to learn more about Jesus! - Jen Rogers, Deacon of Local Outreach

A NOTE FROM THE TUTTLE FAMILY

Thank you for your ongoing love and prayers for us. Following the passing of our beloved husband and father, Bruce, on October 24th, we have been walking by faith each day and trusting the Lord for our family.

Thank you for your loving prayers for Bruce and our family as he battled this health challenge. We are certain that he is at Home with the Lord, and his last words with his hand on his heart, as he was pointing toward Heaven on Monday evening October 23, were, "I am fine, and I love you."

Although we have deep sorrow, we have hope, which is sustaining us by God's faithful tender love. Please continue to hold us in your prayers through this difficult time as we adjust to this loss. Bruce's obituary will be posted on the Bowman Funeral Parlor website.

Elder Updates

Hello everyone and happy November,

As we near Thanksgiving, it seems fitting to start this update with a big thank you to the team from Rock Harbor who have been serving us through worship and teaching for the past month, and will continue to help through the rest of this month. The break for many of us has been greatly appreciated. Delving into the words of Jesus is always refreshing, and with many good reminders of how we ought to be approaching our spiritual lives. The way Jesus calls us to live our lives is dramatically different than how the world expects, but it is good, just as God is good. With that, thank you Rock Harbor for graciously leading us in this series.

On the subject of thanks, we would like to highlight the work of another faithful deacon, Nancy Binford-Bohme. Nancy is the Deacon of Fellowship and Gathering, and she and her team work behind the scenes to prepare for each event. For anything from our most recent church potluck, vision lunches, funerals, special events, this ministry is willing to help organize. We are so grateful for the work she does in it. Nancy also is one of two deacons on the Deacon Council, who along with helping develop the deacon ministry, also is the liaison between ALL of the deacons, and the Elders. When you see Nancy, make sure you say, "thank you" or see if she needs a hand with anything coming up.

In December, we are excited to be diving into an advent series with Kirk Cramer. You will remember Kirk from his "Postcards from the Apostles" series in August. Just as the Jewish world was eagerly anticipating the coming of the Messiah, we are excited for the coming Christmas season. A more specific preaching schedule, and maybe some other opportunities are coming soon, but we are excited to have Pastor Kirk back to share God's word.

We elders have been using this reprieve to really dive into meeting with our potential partners, and digging more into details to find out what is best for not only our body here at Cole, but community around us, and also the kingdom as a whole. As we continue forward, we have been seeking counsel from some Godly men who know Cole to help us through this process. Each meeting has been encouraging, both in their words, but also their excitement and passion for the growth of God's body here. The Lord is moving, and we are excited to see what plans he unfolds for us here. Please continue to faithfully pray for God's direction as we approach this critical decision, for God to guide this whole process to bring the right people to the right places to bring as much glory to God as possible through this whole process. To Him be the glory, the power, and the honor.

In Him,

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