

## Elder Updates

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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 Crager. 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

## Today's Scripture November 19, 2023

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**PASSAGE:** Matthew 5:10-11, "Blessed Are The Persecuted"

**TEACHER:** Keith Harrington, Guest Teacher

## Bulletin Updates

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PARENT MEETING TODAY

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 today at 11:30 a.m. in the Berean Room for parents to learn more.

### 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.

## Financial Update

as of November 14, 2023

This Week's Giving	\$11,604
YTD Spending	\$364,910
YTD Giving	\$413,151

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# NOVEMBER

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NOVEMBER 5 MATTHEW 5:8

NOVEMBER 12 MATTHEW 5:9

NOVEMBER 19 MATTHEW 5:10-11

NOVEMBER 26 MATTHEW 5:12,

PREACHING BY KEITH  
HARRINGTON

## The Beatitudes BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED Pastor Keith Harrington

**Matthew 5:10** *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

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**2 Timothy 3:12** *Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*

Do not allow the \_\_\_\_\_ you to be greater than the \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Romans 5:3-5** *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*



■ God's Love & Righteousness

**Matthew 5:44** *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*

**Hebrews 10:38-39** *"But my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.*