

From front cover

As we look at these verses of Scripture, we see that **God is faithful in His character**. This psalm opens on a joyful note of worship with praise to God from the psalmist, in heaven, and on earth, and especially from the people of Israel, who rejoice in the Lord all day long. The psalmist sings, the angels praise, and even the mountains sing for joy.

The psalmist wanted both them and us to know that God's mercy and love was being built up--even though the city and temple had been torn down, and the crown and throne of David had been cast down. God was still on the throne, and David's "seed" was secured forever in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

If any people on earth have a right to praise God, it is the nation of Israel-God's chosen people. They had a holy land, given to them by God, a royal dynasty chosen by God, and the light of the holy law that guided their steps in the ways of the Lord.

No matter how much we suffer because of the sins of others, and no matter how perplexed we may be at the providential workings of the Lord, we should still be able to say by faith, "**Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!**" That's the way of trust...faith in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

Peace and blessings,

*Pastor Jim & Fran*



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# The Herald

## God Is Faithful, Praise Him

*"Your arm is endued with power; Your hand is strong, Your right hand exalted. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence O Lord" (Psalm 89:13-15).*



Let's take a moment to look at what the month of October is all about; then we will get back to our Scripture.

Mainly, the month of October is known for its autumn foliage with pumpkin-themed events and celebrating Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is also, National Book month (Do people still read books?); and Breast Cancer Awareness month.

October promotes values such as peace, education, health, and equality. October's birth stones are Opal and Pink Tourmaline; symbolizing love and compassion. The Marigold is the flower of October and it symbolizes warmth and affection.

I will finish up with a little October humor. **Why does everyone love October?** Because it is a month that everyone **FALLS** for each year! **What ailments do dad's get in October?** They get **rakes** and **pains**. (The leaves are falling!)

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## Pastor Appreciation Sunday

On October 5th, we will celebrate our pastor during Pastor Appreciation Sunday. There will be a luncheon following the service. We will serve sliders from Save-A-Lot with chips. Dessert will be provided.

All members are welcome to bring a side dish. Please sign up on the sheet provided. It is located on the back pew. There will be a basket at the altar for cards.

We hope you all will join us in celebrating Pastor Jim and his wife, Fran.



### ***A Journey into Ancient Jewish Wedding Traditions & the Return of Christ***

Join us Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Benton for a powerful evening of music, teaching, and visual storytelling. Experience the beauty of a first-century Galilean wedding and its rich symbolism of Christ's love for His Bride, the Church.

Freewill offering to support BWCMA Food Pantry & Summer Lunch. All are welcome!



Come join the fun and fellowship at Sing 'n Share on Wednesday, October 15th at 4 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Mark calendar now and plan to attend.

### **LADIES INVITED TO COFFEE**

All ladies are invited to 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on October 1st at 9:30 A.M.



### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



- 9th Nickey Berrong
- 16th Ruthann Carter
- 24th John D. Aiken
- 25th John D. & Mary Ellen Aiken

### **Pantry Update & Winter Needs**

If you or someone you know needs a wheelchair, walker, or similar item, please reach out—we receive and share these resources. Following a deep clean, all clothing was removed from the pantry, so we're gratefully accepting cold-weather donations: blankets, gloves, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, scarves, and more. Food, hygiene items, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

—Your Friends in Christ



**October Offering  
Saltine Crackers**

#### **THIS MONTH**

Oct. 1st	9:30 A.M.	Ladies' Coffee at The Buzz
Oct. 3rd	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Heritage Woods
Oct. 14th	9:00 A.M.	Trustee Board meeting
Oct. 15th	4:00 P.M.	Sing 'n Share
Oct 15th	5:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
Oct. 17th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Helia Health
Oct. 26th	5:00 P.M.	Galilean Wedding Presentation
Oct. 30th	9:00 A.M.	Brown Bag Packing

#### **WEEKLY**

Sun.	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

### **Update From the Trustees**

- The State Fire Marshal recently inspected our boiler and identified a few issues. Thankfully, no citations were issued. We are taking steps to correct the concerns promptly.
- A Certificate of Deposit (CD) was purchased through Edward Jones in the amount of \$3,000 at an interest rate of 3.95%.
- Our current copier has reached the end of its support life. A new copier has been leased for 60 months, which includes a maintenance agreement to ensure continued reliability.

Special thanks to John D. for providing the minutes that served as the foundation for this report.

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