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What About Grace?

In our discussion in these last months, about taking heaven by storm and all of the passion we ought to have for such a marvelous and unlimited God, you may have wondered how this fits in with salvation by grace. "I thought we did not earn our way into heaven?" "If salvation is a gift why do I have to do anything for it?"

If a Pittsburgh radio station called and said you won a million dollars; it's already yours and all you had to do was come to the station in the south hills to get it—would you go? Would you sit in Rt. 28 traffic to get there? Would you sit in Rt. 28 construction to get there? Would you not do so and be happy about it? You would even go through the Fort Pitt tunnels at rush hour and probably smile all the way. We are not talking about earning your salvation we are talking about living it out in the real world because you already possess it. You are willing to swim up stream with passion to reach your destination because it is already yours. Thomas Watson called it violence because that is the image Jesus used: not harmful violence or violence against others but passion and discipline of the "I will sacrifice whatever it takes to stay on this path" kind.

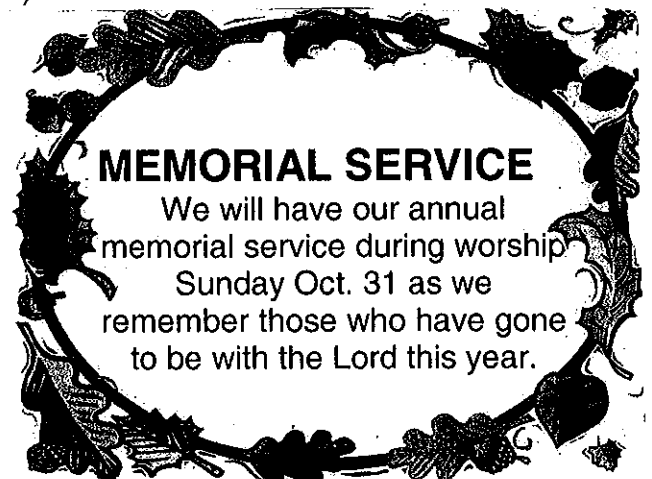
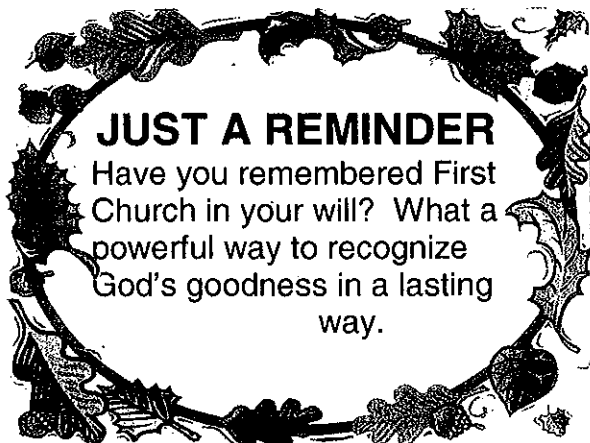
"Though heaven is given to us freely, yet we must take pains for it. Canaan was given Israel freely, but they had to fight with the Canaanites. It is not a lazy wish or a sleepy prayer that will bring us to heaven; we must offer violence. Therefore in Scripture our earnestness for heaven is shown by those allegories and metaphors that imply violence."

Watson says these include striving as in "Strive to enter the strait gate." (Luke 13:24) or wrestling as in wrestling with sin or the powers of hell (Eph. 6:12). There is also running as in "So run in such a way that you may win" (I Cor. 9:24) and a pressing on to the mark (Phil. 3:14). And we all know there is a fighting as in "Fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12).

We live in a culture that thinks everybody should play in the game. Whatever you think about this when it comes to little league, it is certainly what we see in the body of Christ. God does not call any bench warmers. There is no second string; all are called to be in the game. Do you think God was kidding in II Peter 1:10-11? "Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you, for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you."

Are we ready to be as passionate for God as the people around us are for their worldly and temporary causes? Do we understand that this is not to earn favor with God but because we love God and those created in his image?

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)
Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)
Allyn



WORSHIP FOR OCTOBER

October 3, 2010

11:00 AM, Communion

Sermon: Feeding On The Wind
Hosea 11:12-12:16



October 24, 2010

11:00 AM, Stewardship Celebration Sunday

Genesis 158:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-6

Sermon: By Faith Alone
Romans 3:21-30

October 10, 2010

11:00 AM

Genesis 32:22-28, Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon: Ransom and Redemption
Hosea 13

October 31, 2010

11:00 AM, Memorial Sunday/All Saints/Reformation

Genesis 2:10-17, II Corinthians 5:14-21

Sermon: Christ Alone
Romans 5:16-21



October 17, 2010

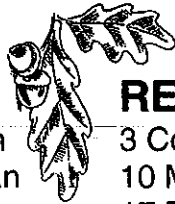
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Isaiah 57:15-21, Matthew 6:19-30

Sermon: I Will Heal Their Waywardness
Hosea 14

ACOLYTE

3 Hayley Hoffman
10 Hannah Hoffman
17 Dominic Hoffman
24 Frailey Scaife
31 Sierra Aires



READERS

3 Communion
10 Mert Hellein
17 Bonnie Ferguson
24 Janet McKelvey
31 Sue Hankey



NURSERY

3 Janine Muir
10 Melissa Flanders
17 Lora Williamson
24 Kim Yankasky
31 Sarah Heckert



COUNTERS

3 Stubbs
10 Flanders
17 Scaife
24 Krozely
31 Thomas



SOUND SYSTEM

3 Tom Thomas
10 Janessa Muir
17 Glenn Krozely
24 Michael Toy
31 John Yankasky



USHERS

3 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion
10 Albright/Dan Wolfe
17 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
24 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
31 Epworth/Bobbi Williamson



WELCOME CENTER

3 Sandy Scherf
10 Mary Jo Lipski
17 Janine Muir
24 Janet McKelvey
31 Sandy Scherf



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our 2010 Charge Conference will be Oct. 19 at 7:00 at Manorville. Staff Parish will meet with the District superintendent at 6:00 and Lay leaders will meet with the district lay leader at 6:00. You are invited as we look back on this year and look ahead to 2011.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

As we think about our stewardship for the coming year we will celebrate faith and God's goodness together at our worship service Oct. 24. Watch your mail for more information and a challenge.



WELCOME CENTER

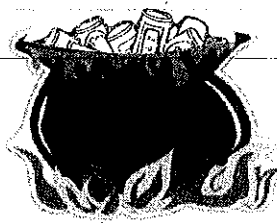
The hospitality team needs greeters for the welcome center for November and December. Please call Sandy Scherf 724-763-1008 or Mary Jo Lipski 724-545-2289



Good Samaritan Window Update

We have over 35,000 dollars towards the restoration of the Good Samaritan Window. We, the committee are very thankful for the support we have received since this window project began. We have one window completed and are well on our way towards our second one. We ask that you will continue to support our campaign as the year 2010 winds down.

Now Thank We All Our God
Window Committee



CANS FOR VBS 2011

In the past month (through September 15th) we received 4,407 cans for our 2011 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2010 is 7,638 cans. Thank you to those who brought in cans. Please continue to save or start saving aluminum cans – pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans. Drop your cans off at the church ramp anytime.

Thank you, The Can Man



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

Thursday, October 14th

7:00 PM Covenant Center

PROGRAM: Making Keepsake

Boxes with Sandy Scherf

DEVOTIONS: Sally Felton

HOSTESSES: Mert, Jenny &

Becky Hellein



Our Mission and Vision...

As a church we have a mission. It is summed up in the five areas below. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. [EVANGELISM]

C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship. [WORSHIP]

TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith. [CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]

U--Use the gifts God has given you to serve. [DISCIPLESHIP]

S--Set aside a portion of your personal resources to be returned to God. [STEWARDSHIP]



**REMEMBER YOUR FOOD BANK DONATIONS.
THEY ARE PICKED UP THE LAST TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH. THANK YOU!**

Thank You

Dear Margaret Patton Scholarship Committee,
I would like to thank you for the gracious scholarship. This money is helping me finish my last year of Physician Assistant School. I am currently traveling around the state working at various hospitals. It's always great to know that no matter how far away from home I am, I still have my Church family thinking about me. I really appreciate everything that the Church has done for me and look forward to sharing all the knowledge I have learned during my schooling with everyone.

Thank you,
Kayla Rush



A Day The Bridge Closed

One day when the bridge was closed for the movie filming, I received a phone call from Joe Whitaker of California. His great, great grandparents were the donors of the good shepherd window – Mary G. Heiner and Daniel B. Heiner. Joe visited the church to see the window and wanted to bring his son, who was in the helicopter, to see it the next day. He intends to scan some old family pictures to the church when he returns home. Something good for First Church did come from the bridge being closed!

Alice Ternent
Church Historian



PASTOR'S BUSINESS CARD

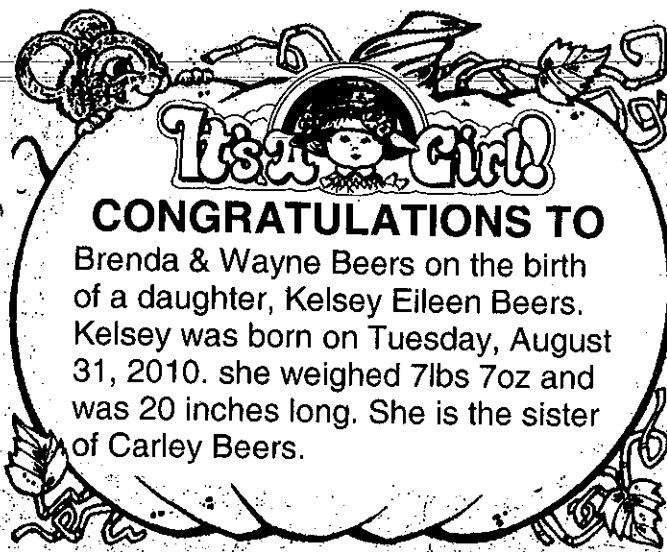
A pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 says...

Wait just a minute! We're not going to give you the punch line. If you want to know the end of the joke, do your homework: open your Bible and look up the verses for yourself!



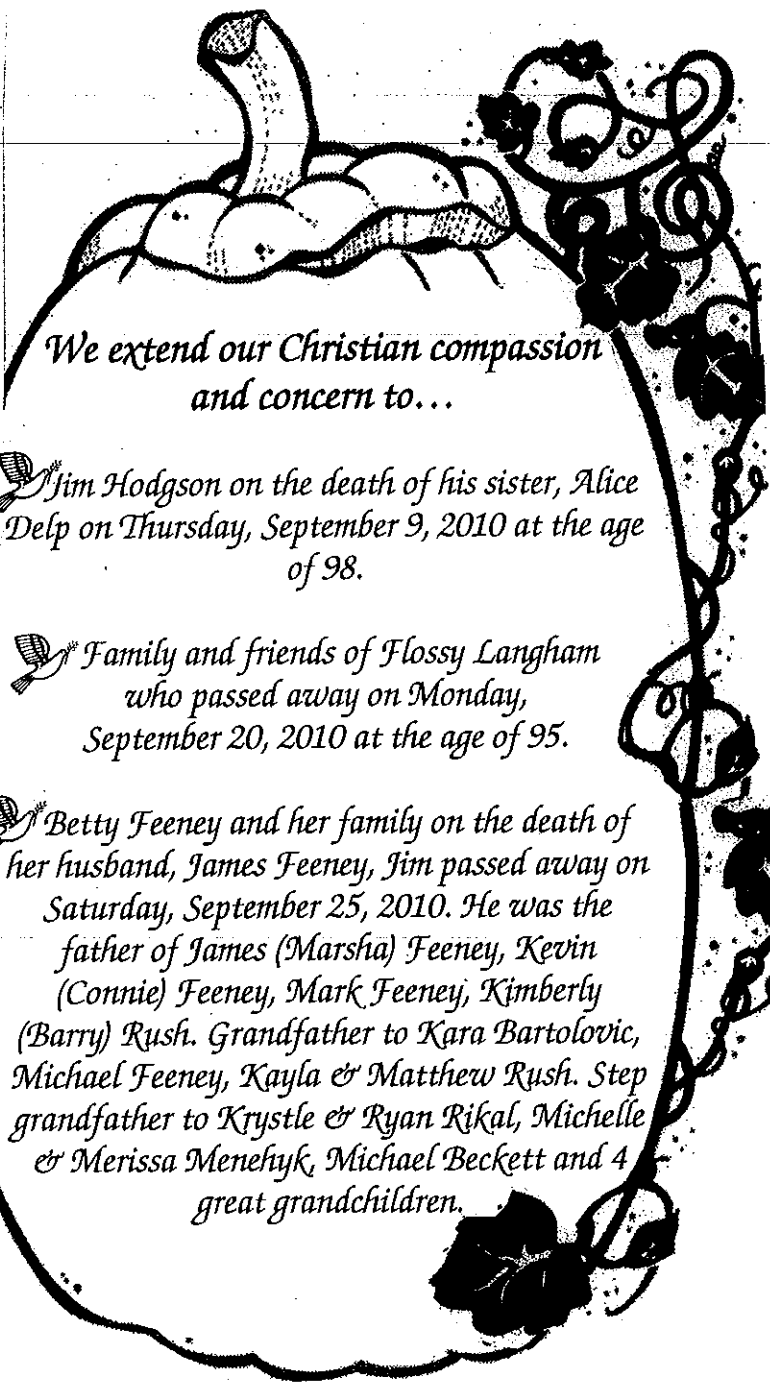
It's a Girl!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Brenda & Wayne Beers on the birth of a daughter, Kelsey Eileen Beers. Kelsey was born on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. she weighed 7lbs 7oz and was 20 inches long. She is the sister of Carley Beers.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brandon Schrecengost
- 6 Sierra Aires
- 6 Norma King
- 6 Patrick Wolfe
- 7 Matthew Kachur
- 10 Frank Kiss
- 10 Mark Porter
- 11 Melissa Flanders
- 14 Laurie Lemons
- 15 Michael Luke
- 15 Brad Volek
- 17 John Yankasky
- 18 Carolyn Gallaher
- 18 Kaitlin Gaughan
- 20 Lindsay Harkleroad
- 21 Rick Reefer
- 22 Lance Zielinski
- 28 Ryan Cornman
- 28 Julie Heigley
- 29 Fay A. Asay
- 29 Rocko Buffone 
- 29 Donna Hidingar
- 30 Hayley Hoffman



We extend our Christian compassion and concern to...

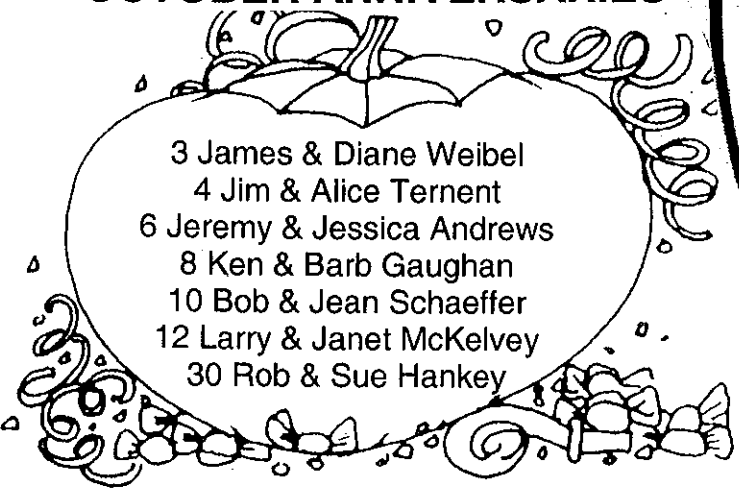
Jim Hodgson on the death of his sister, Alice Delp on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at the age of 98.

Family and friends of Flossy Langham who passed away on Monday, September 20, 2010 at the age of 95.

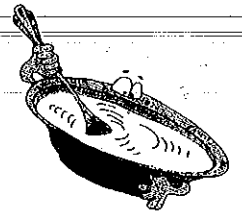
Betty Feeney and her family on the death of her husband, James Feeney, Jim passed away on Saturday, September 25, 2010. He was the father of James (Marsha) Feeney, Kevin (Connie) Feeney, Mark Feeney, Kimberly (Barry) Rush. Grandfather to Kara Bartolovic, Michael Feeney, Kayla & Matthew Rush. Step grandfather to Krystle & Ryan Rikal, Michelle & Merissa Menehyk, Michael Beckett and 4 great grandchildren.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 James & Diane Weibel
- 4 Jim & Alice Ternent
- 6 Jeremy & Jessica Andrews
- 8 Ken & Barb Gaughan
- 10 Bob & Jean Schaeffer
- 12 Larry & Janet McKelvey
- 30 Rob & Sue Hankey



SOUP SALE



There will be a soup sale in place of one of the fall dinners. Soup will be **PRE-ORDERED** only and sold by the quart at a price of \$5.00. Soup can be ordered until Sunday, October 24th.

We have Broccoli Cheese, and Vegetable Beef. You can pick it up on Friday, October 29th at the Covenant Center between 3:30 and 5:30 PM or on Sunday, October 31st after church. Please specify which day you will pick up your soup at the bottom of the page.

Please order on the form that follows and place in the offering plate or return it to the office. Thank you!



I would like to order:

SOUP	Broccoli Cheese	Vegetable Beef
No. Quarts		



I WILL PICK UP MY SOUP

FRIDAY _____ **SUNDAY** _____

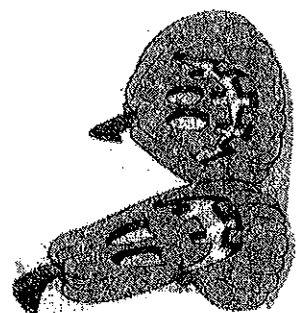
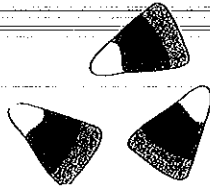
(Please check one, Thank You)

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE RETURN QUART JARS FROM THE LAST SOUP SALE. Thank You!

OCTOBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion	6:30 PM Trustees	8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	8:00 AM OVR-CC 10:00 AM WPAEC-Library		GOLF OUTING 11:00 AM Family Behavior-CC 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CELEBRATION SUNDAY 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship SOUP SALE DEADLINE	7:00 PM Discipleship NEWSLETTER DAY	8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	Make Soup-CC	3:30-5:30 PM Pick up Soup-CC	6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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MEMORIAL SUNDAY 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Pick up Soup-CC						



Happy Halloween