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**NOVEMBER
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**A Prayer for Peace
Philippians 4:1-9**

The Apostle Paul writes his most loving letter to his friends at Philippi, a church which he had founded and who supported him in hard times. Consequently, it is his most vulnerable letter, where Paul writes from prison of his sufferings and his readiness - perhaps even longing - for death. But even in this difficult moment of his life, Paul closes the letter with a note of joy and a word about prayer which is surely autobiographical.

Life was not easy for those early Christians. They suffered the same privations and diseases every other human suffers. They suffered sometimes precisely because they were Christians living in an unChristian world. Certainly, Paul suffered for being a Christian. But still he can counsel them to "rejoice in the Lord always." Why? "The Lord is near," he says.

Does he mean the Lord will soon return? Perhaps. But obviously he also believes the Lord is with us now, with us in every situation, with us in every moment, aware of us, and supporting us in whatever we face. Elsewhere Paul says, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God" (Rom 8:38-39). He also says, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us" (Rom 8:18). These were the abiding convictions of Paul's faith, and no pain or suffering ever dissuaded him from the eternal hope of God's promise.

Paul advises them not to worry about anything, but to pray - with thanksgiving - in every situation. "The Lord is with us." We ought not pray without recognizing all that God has already done for us and continues to provide. But notice what Paul promises as the result of our praying. He does not say we will get everything we want. What Paul promises is this: "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philip. 4:7).

Surely Paul has the Hebrew word *shalom* in mind when he says this. In Hebrew *shalom* means much more than just "an absence of hostility." It means wholeness, harmony, righteousness with justice, community, safety, equilibrium. It means "shalom on earth, good will toward all." It means locating yourself in the flow of God's goodness, accepting God's embrace, and letting God place you in the Divine will and in the beloved community.

Shalom is the goal and the result of Christian prayer. And when we list all our hurts and hopes and wishes before God in specific detail, we are not communicating anything God doesn't already know. We are making ourselves aware of God's awareness of these things. We are hearing God's call to be God's agents for each situation and person and need. We are trusting ourselves and our beloved and our community and our world to God's ultimate mercy and justice. I don't know about you, but a lot of things knock me off balance. And only a re-centering in the love of God returns me to the sense of well being and hope for healing which God alone can provide. Prayer is not getting God to run errands for us or to choose us over any other human being, for God loves no child more than another. No, prayer is putting ourselves at God's disposal, and submitting to God's will, and finding our peace in God's presence.

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Our Mission
Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world

Our Vision
To **Know** Christ personally,
Grow with Christ intimately,
and **Show** Christ passionately

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Your Place in Service

Infants/Toddlers-November
Pat & Peggy Wilson

Finances for 2018

2018 Total Budget Income to Date \$ 144,404.72

****Monthly amount needed to meet monthly expenses:
\$ 18,070.00**

September Financial Breakdown:

September Giving (Budget):	\$ 14,785.04
Colonial Pres. Payment (Budget):	\$
Amazon/Kroger Rewards (Budget):	\$
Benevolence:	\$ 61.00
Memorial:	\$ 350.00
Missions (Sale items):	\$ 70.00
Music Ministry:	\$
Youth Activity:	\$ 61.00
Flood Victims:	\$ 233.19

2018 Envelope Giving:

Jan. Budget:	\$ 16,700.31
Feb. Budget:	\$ 18,043.23
March Budget:	\$ 12,058.14
April Budget:	\$ 17,481.31
May Budget:	\$ 15,001.93
June Budget:	\$ 15,867.32
July Budget:	\$ 17,061.01
Aug. Budget:	\$ 17,406.43
Sept. Budget:	\$ 14,785.04
Oct. Budget:	\$
Nov. Budget:	\$
Dec. Budget:	\$

Prayer Concerns

- Our Church
- Pastor Quentin's Mother & family, in her illness
- Bob Crawford's brother-in-law, James Long
- Joe Dudley's nephew, Johnny, who has lung cancer
- Reatha Linkenhoker, who is staying with her Granddaughter in WV until she is fully recovered
- Karen Viele's family friend, baby Allison, who is back in the hospital for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Kristy Knott's friend, Ashley Meaves' baby, who was born 9 weeks early
- Debbie Agee's family friend in Floyd, who passed away
- Mary & Gene Webb's friend, Linda Hurt & family, as Hospice Care has been called in for her for vascular dementia

Remember our homebound and those in nursing homes

Betty Brown	Yvonne and Jim Metz
Madaline Brown (Pheasant Ridge)	Nadine Minnix
Lois Burge	Shirley Moore (Brandon Oaks)
Jane Byrum (The "Oaks")	Betty Obenchain
Carol Camp	Louise Parris
Becky Erdmann	Evelyn Ragland (Elm Park)
Freda Guill	Ruby Whitehead (The Glebe)
Dody Matze	
Christine Martin (Burkeville, VA)	

From the  of Joe

The monthly info-memo is: **To Inform, Enlighten, & Encourage:**

I have been asked to prepare a monthly memo for CONNECT that builds from the Info-Memo I have prepared for Sunday School and submitted to the Staff & Teachers since April 2015. My focus is the role played by Sunday School; *that "agency for discipleship"*.

Let's jump right into it, namely-the thrust to Sunday School for several weeks has been centered on the theme titles-the product of "Passionate Preparation; Passionate Teaching". We're ending on the 3rd series titled: Biblical doctrines/ education.

However, let's close out this initial Info-Memo, with the results of a recent questionnaire posed to Sunday School from a teaching Theme—"Connecting and Engaging with People in Church"—three of the questions posed got interesting responses (classes responding will remain confidential):

1. *How do we perceive ourselves as a church? Friendly, caring, divisive, disjointed, struggling, helpful, no programs for the Outreach, decline in membership.*
2. *Have we invited someone to a SS class, recently? Yes & no.*
3. *Can we state any of our beliefs that are distinct to us as Baptists? Communion, Baptism by emersion, priesthood of the believer, once saved – always saved, the Trinity.*

Thank you for listening, Joe

Know, Grow, and Show

	Sept 2	Sept 9	Sept 16	Sept 23	Sept 30
Sunday School	40	40	57	36	40
Worship	42	52	75	60	65
Small Groups	-	12	14	4	14

Current Sunday School Studies

Class	Teacher	Current Study
Faithkeepers	Ric Scott	“James-Practical Faith” “Principle of Stewardship”
Friendship	Joyce Short	“Book of Romans”
Sunshine	Jean Grady/ Katie Wood	“Connecting/Engaging People” “The Art of Prayer”
Men	Mike Agee	“Connecting/Engaging People” “The Art of Prayer”
New Beginnings	Tim Emick/ Bob Crawford	“James-Practical Faith” “Principle of Stewardship”
Pastor's	Quentin Madden	“Headlines News”
Youth	Melissa/Tracy	“Pretend” “Book of Habakkuk”
Grades 1 st -5 th	Nancy Burgess	“Old Testament Bible Stories”

Children

Building Blocks of Faith: Gratitude

Children of all ages are invited to join us **Sunday, Nov. 11**, from 12-2 PM in the Colonial Presbyterian Church fellowship hall for our first Building Blocks of Faith event. This year, we're using Legos to help us learn important lessons about our faith! This first “Building Blocks of Faith” event will celebrate all the things we have to thank God for. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up by **November 4**.

- If you would be interested in occasionally hosting our PrayGround or teaching the children's Sunday School class, please let Melissa know.

Youth

Youth Dinner & Discipleship

Dinner & Discipleship: Come with us as “We Make the Road by Walking” **on Sunday evenings, from 5-7**. Dinner is provided, and each week, we are moving through the Bible with the help of discussion, readings, and YouTube videos, as well as meditation, art, and journaling! We still have some slots available for dinner, so if you would like to provide dinner for our youth one Sunday, let Pastor Melissa know, or sign up at <http://bit.ly/PBJYouthdinner>

Join us **Monday Nov. 5th from 6-8: 30 PM** at Thunder Valley (\$10 for pizza, a drink, & unlimited go-karts, laser tag, mini golf).

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat a great success! We had well over 100 children participate. What a great way for us to share God's love in such a fun way!

Missions

Children's Chapel at the Rescue Mission

Join us **Thursday, November 8th at 5:45 pm** at the Rescue Mission when we lead children's chapel.

*In light of the recent flooding, we are not currently collecting items for the next Mission Sale, at this time. We have some work to do to clean up the garage before we can continue to take donations for our next sale in the Spring. Sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your understand.

Legos Needed

This year, our PBJ Kids theme is “Building Blocks of Faith.” We are learning foundational Bible stories and beliefs, all while having fun with Legos! If you have Legos or Duplo blocks that you would like to donate, that would be a tremendous help to our children's ministry! Bring them by the church, and we'll put them to good use!

Don't Forget to Fall Back!

Don't forget that next weekend Daylight Savings Time ends **Nov. 4th** (at 2 am). Remember to set your clocks back the night before so we don't miss you in church on Sunday!

Keystone Ministry Schedule For 2018-2019

The following schedule will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year:

Monthly

- 1st week: Faithkeepers
- 2nd week: New Beginning
- 3rd week: Nancy Burgess
- 4th week: Friendship Class

** (the 5th week of any month is covered by another church)

Thank you so much to our Sunday School Classes for their service!

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday CABC Family!

Tim Vest	November 3
Betty Obenchain	November 6
Debbie Agee	November 8
Elizabeth Hatcher	November 9
Yvonne Metz	November 9
Justin Dudley	November 12
Paul (Pat) Wilson	November 12
Danielle Flory	November 18
Genevieve Starkey	November 20
Catie McCown	November 21

Discipleship

The Mansassas Group is partnering with us to offer free community health seminars here at CABC. These will take place on the following dates from **5:30-7 PM:**

11/7: “Adapting to Losses: whether from death, or major life changes” Focus is understanding & coping methods. Speaker: Dan DeVilbiss

11/14: “In All Things Give Thanks; the power of gratitude to heal mind, body, spirit, and relationships” Speaker: Susan Boyes

11/28: “Anger: Just Normal, or Toxic?” Outcomes depend on how you handle it. Speaker: Lou Perrott

Advent Decorating/ Potluck Soup lunch

Please join us **November 25th** following worship for a Potluck Soup lunch and decoration of our sanctuary for the Advent season. We ask that you bring a soup and the recipe to share. This is a wonderful way to kick off the season with fellowship! Hope you can join us!

Quarterly Business Meeting & Budget Proposal

Mark your calendars for our next quarterly business meeting to include budget proposal for 2019. This will take place **November 18th** following worship.