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**OCTOBER, 2016**

**“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”**

For Pastor Tim:

Our God has sent you to this place  
To lead us in the way  
That He would have us work and think  
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whatever the need,  
You go the extra mile -  
Always ready and willing to share  
A comforting thought and a smile.

We're grateful that you're here with us  
To teach us from His word,  
And we will try to do our best  
In service of our Lord.

We **thank you** for your ministry,  
Your guidance and your care.  
His greatest blessings for your life  
Is our most humble prayer.  
Author Unknown



**October 9, 2016**  
**Day**

**Article From Pastor Tim**

*38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~Romans 8: 38-39*

My favorite holiday of the year is Halloween. I love the costumes, the candy, and especially the decorations! There is something very fun about dressing up like you would not do on any other day, eating copious amounts of candy, and making your house look like a silly graveyard. Some of my favorite childhood memories revolve around walking from house to house to get delicious snacks.

Now, some Church leaders will decry Halloween, noting that it is dark and creepy. They will say that it is the Devil's holiday, and that we as good Christians should abstain from celebrating it. Halloween, for most people in modern times, has no serious relation to anything truly dark or sinister or sinful. (other than gluttony over candy) instead, the wonderful part about Halloween is how the celebrations take all kinds of things that could be dangerous or scary and make them playful and fun.

The ghosts, goblins, and demons that you will see at Trunk or Treat (or maybe on your doorstep) are not scary. Instead they are cute. Instead of bringing terror, they bring happiness. In our modern times, we don't often go to other people's houses. But we do on Halloween!

This overturning of expectations comes not just from Halloween, but more importantly from the love of God through Jesus Christ. We see demons and stuff like that on Halloween as funny. But the folks Paul was writing to in Romans saw demons all around them in their everyday life causing pain and suffering. When Paul says we no longer have to fear the things that go bump in the dark, it is because we have the light of the world on our side!

So, as we head on towards Halloween, don't just look forward to candy. Instead, take a moment to thank God for the love of Christ that casts out all fear.

God Bless,  
Pastor Tim

# Welcome

New members in worshipping at Flat Rock are:  
Rita and Misti Ridenour from transfer membership and Allen as a retired Methodist minister from the West Virginia charge conference and as such he is always full member.



**Good Samaritan Food Pantry:**

For the month of September our church furnished Macaroni & Cheese and jars of jelly. As usual you all stepped up and helped with all the money donations.

Our church will work the food bank, giving out these boxes on October 29 along with bags of candy. (We are seeking bags of candy now) If you have not ever done this, you should be sure to help and give THANKS for this ministry.

An annual Fish Fry is scheduled for October 8 at Stokesdale Christian Church. It begins at 5:00 pm plus music at 6:30 pm by a bluegrass band. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 children ages 6 and up, and free under 6. Come out and support your Good Samaritan Ministries.



BOO! Come out and see the kids costumes. Eat hot dogs with all the good fixing's, give out goodies to the little ones, and just remember when you were a kid and how much fun we had on Halloween night. It starts at dark!



Some of our lovely UMW ladies at the Tabitha's Tea



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Thea Joyner	Oct. 2	Vernon Bessling	Oct. 12
Mya Joyner	4	Avery Haynes	15
Pita Pegram	8	Kim Losito	15
Ken Watkins	9	Mallory Ellington	29
Teresa Ellison	10		



**ANNIVERSARY**

Mark and Sissy Doggett	October 11
Charlie and Emily Fields	25
Jerry and Denise Pegram	26
Strick and Dolly Strickland	29

**WEEKLY MINISTRIES**

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Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
	4:-5:00 pm	Liturgical Dance Team Practice
	5:15—6:30 pm	UMYF Meeting
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	“Covent” Bible Study

**Worship Helpers for October**

Ushers: Linda Byrd and Vernon Bessling

(Ushers: PLEASE REPORT ATTENDANCE AND RECORD IN TABLET ON BACK PEW)

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Oct. 2	Mandy Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Wayne Farrar
Oct. 9	Lisa Hutchens & Dakota Williams	Emily Fields & Faith Williams
Oct. 16	Bobbie Williams & Ryan Fields	Lisa Hutchens & Ethan Cox
Oct. 23	Margaret Norris & Jerry Pegram	Bobbie Williams & Charlie Fields
Oct 30	Lisa Hutchens & Dakota Williams	Jill Joyner & Wayne Farrar

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)**

**“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”**

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**Memorials:**

To the cemetery fund in memory of Carl Haynes family by Robert Haynes. To the building fund in memory of David “Brad” Hohn’s birthday from Drew and Cathy Eiker.

**MISSIONS:**

Toys for Henderson settlement are needed. Bring in and place in donation box in downstairs foyer. Please have them here by October 2. Thank you again for your help.



Spread the Joy of Christmas and the word of Jesus with shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Boxes are available in the church and need to be packed and returned by November 13. Thank you for your participation. Wayne Farrar

**United Methodist Women**

We start off the month with the STEW on October 1st. We will have our meeting on October 8th, 2016 in the Christian Fellowship Center at 10:00 a.m. This is our Pledge Card Meeting. All ladies attending will be hostesses bringing a breakfast item for refreshments. Emily Fields will be doing our devotions, Rita Ridenour our program, Margaret Norris our response moment. We will have a Children's Sabbath later in the month on a Sunday morning.

Margaret Norris / UMW President

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*mark your calendars**

October 1	7:00 am	Stew Day (bring all cooked items to add to pot)
October 1	11:30 am	Pick up Stew
October 8	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
October 8	5:00 pm	Good Samaritan Fish Fry @Stokesdale Christian Church
October 9		Pastor’s Appreciation Day
October 10	7:00 pm	Nominations Committee Mtg.
October 15	7-9 pm	Variety Show at Summerfield UMC
October 17	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg. for Budget and audit
October 20	7:00 pm	P.P.R. meeting
October 23		Observing Children’s Sabbath with Jill Joyner
October 23		4th Sunday Lunch
October 24	7:00 pm	Administrative Council Mtg.
October 24	Noon	Deadline - November Newsletter
October 29	9-11 am	Work the Good Samaritan Food Boxes (candy bags)
October 30		5th Sunday Singing
October 31	5-7 pm	Halloween with hot dogs and drinks

Note: If you serve on any committees, we urge your attendance at the meetings listed above as we prepare our church for Charge Conference in November.