



The Covenanter

OCTOBER 2021



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory." -Ephesians 1:13-14

The days are growing shorter. The nights are growing longer. Maybe this is one reason we flirt and play with the darkness during these days of Halloween. During October, the focus is placed on goblins, candy and ghosts. However, I would like us to consider focusing our attention on the Holy Ghost - God's Spirit present among us. The Holy Ghost, is the source of light within us and around us that pierces the darkness of this world. I pray God will enlighten the whole of our lives during the increasing darkness and lengthening nights.

Deborah Ann writes the following:

*May the eyes of your faith, be so enlightened . . .
may the hope of Jesus be in you heightened.
For there is great power, when in God we do trust
for He has put His Spirit right into each one of us.
May your confidence, be filled with God's might
so the hope of your calling may inflame and ignite.
For there is no other One, on whom we can rely
only God our strength and power can supply.
May the eyes of your faith, be flooded with His light
for it is on His power we are called receive sight.*

Seeing in the darkness is hard. So, God sends us His Son, the Light of the World to illumine our path. The Holy Ghost whispers to our souls and we discover a new sight, a vision of the heart. With God's help, the heart sees what the eyes cannot. Although the stores have already put out the Holiday trappings alongside those of Halloween, it's not even Christmas yet, and we discover God's given us a gift today that guarantees we are His possession. The Spirit helps us see this amid the dimness of life and saves us from groping along in gloom.

I pray amid our Fall fun, we will be thankful for the gift, our inheritance, the guarantee and the deposit that secures us as God's own. I pray for light to consume the darkness. I pray we will remain faithful amid our fun. As the "praise of His glory," I pray for enlightened hearts and minds. I pray for revival. I pray for a time of heavenly harvest, where finally, at last, we will be with Him – our Lord Jesus. I pray the reality of God will replace the imitation we've created and amid the harvest celebrations, the goblins, candy and ghost stories of this world, we would celebrate the Holy Ghost story of God's love for you and me.

Happy Harvest,

Pastor Darren

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 Sunday, March 6 3pm

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**VOICE/FLUTE/CELLO/ORGAN/
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 Sunday, April 3 4pm

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"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your gift. I have lived a longtime without answering phone calls because of creditors or not opening mail because the stress of more bills is just too overwhelming. Because of you I am able to start getting on my feet...I work multiple jobs without being able to catch up on things, but you've really made it available to me to be able to pay some things. Thank you so so much!"

-Kahea,

RIP Medical Debt Beneficiary

RIP Medical Debt receives many such letters for those who have had their medical debt forgiven. We at WPPC can provide this debt forgiveness for our neighbors in Orange and Seminole Counties.

We are currently well on our way to raising \$10,000 which will forgive 1 million dollars in debt for our neighbors.

Donations can be made through our crowdfunding

page which will track our donations. To donate please go to <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/orange-seminole-county-florida/>.

They may also be made by check payable to RIP Medical Debt. Be sure to note on the memo line that the check is for the Winter Park Presbyterian Church Campaign. Checks may be dropped in the collection plate, given to Carolyn in the church office or mailed to RIP Medical Debt at 80 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, New York 10580.

Winter Park Presbyterian Church has begun our fundraising campaign. RIP Medical Debt has opened a crowdfunding page which will track our donations. To donate please go to:

<https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/orange-and-seminole-county-florida/>

We have an anonymous donor who will match the first \$5,000 donated by the congregation.



Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of George Campbell who passed September 27th.



The 8:15 AM Worship Service will resume on October 17th in the Chapel.

Welcome back!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
9:15—10:15 AM

RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (R IN A) • ROOM 301

October 3 • Spiritual Conversations with Rich Vinci

The R in A Sunday School class continues its “spiritual conversations” series (from “pre-pandemic”) with a visit from Rear Admiral Richard Vinci, USN (ret.) In 2011, Rich and Jeanne returned to WPPC after an earlier assignment at the Orlando Naval Base. Rich retired from the Naval Dental Corps after 42 years of service. Although born in Chicago, Rich grew up in New Orleans. His distinctive career saw him climb to the top of US Naval service. It will be delightful for the R in A class to hear Rich’s story and spiritual journey through the military and civilian life.

October 10 • Paying for Our Sins: Alternative Narratives

Jay Van Hook will lead us in examining different theories concerning the meaning of Christ's death on the cross as payment for our sins.

October 17 • Planning

Class planning session for November and December. All are welcome.

October 24 • Alliance for Reforestation

Anne Hallum, founder of Alliance for Reforestation Guatemala (AIR) will describe current activities to improve the lives of people in Guatemala. WPPC has been one of the early sponsors of AIR and several members have participated in service trips to Guatemala.

October 31 • The Holy Land Revealed—Lecture 10: The Hellenization of Palestine

With this session, we resume our study of the ancient history of what many people know as the Holy Land, a geographical area that includes modern Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories. Having previously looked broadly at the spread of Greek culture in the ancient Near East, this lecture will focus on the impact of Hellenization on the non-Jewish peoples in ancient Palestine. Attention will be given to the principle of town planning that adhered to the Hippodamian gridiron concept with zones designated for specific purposes. Gene Pickler will lead the discussion.

SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 315

What happened in the early days of Christianity from about 100 AD to 400 AD.? There were many leaders, both men and women, during this time, and their writings are available to us today. Have you heard of Tertullian, Pelagius, Blandina or Helena...probably not. Come join the Seekers Class any Sunday and participate in a discussion led by Terry Irwin and Marilyn Bryant. Your faith will be enriched. (Bonus: Occasionally there are also donuts.)



MONTREAT REFLECTIONS

In the Spiritual Growth of a teenager, few things will ever be as influential as camps, conferences, and retreats. Time away for individual reflection and immersion into a Christ centered life allows teenagers to develop and grow with youth their own age. This year, we were fortunate enough to send five of our High School girls to Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, NC. I could tell you that they had the time of their lives and that the lessons they learned about God will last forever, but sometimes it is best to let them do the telling. Below you will find their reflections from the trip; their thoughts in their own words. The Youth and I wish to extend to you our thanks for your support, time, and money with this endeavor. We would also like to thank Cindy Bottomley from Merritt Island Presbyterian Church for driving the van and being a second leader for this trip. Without her help this trip would not have been possible! -Pastor Emily

My time in Montreat was one that is incomparable to anything else. Even though I was only there for a week, it felt like so much longer. The friendship, worship, connection, and love that I felt there was amazing. I think that Montreat is an experience that every youth should be able to participate in, coming from someone who's gone twice and won't be able to go anymore. I love that it targets the youth and allows them to really connect to and understand the sermons being preached. It allows us youth to be surrounded by like-minded individuals all coming together to worship God. And being that the youth are the future of not only the world, but of the church as well, I think Montreat is an event that all youth should be able to experience. -Jenn Fields

My time at Montreat is unforgettable and an experience that I will never forget. I've been to Montreat twice now and both experience have a special place in my heart. Not only are you able to meet new, interesting, kind people. You also get closer to God through the sermon and activities that are tailored to fellow youths like myself. The first time I went to Montreat I met a wonderful person from Amsterdam that I still speak to, and without Montreat I wouldn't have been able to meet her and connect through the love of God. The second time I went, I brought my cousin with me, and just watching her have the time of her life while also getting closer to God, is a memory I will never forget and I just can't wait for her to experience that again. I can't wait for other fellow youths to experience that mind blowing experience in the future, because Montreat is definitely a event that every youth should have an opportunity to experience. I went through this is my last year at the conference, I will never forget the love, the positive environment, and the love of God that runs throughout the whole experience will for ever stay in my heart. -Sutanya Thomas



MONTREAT REFLECTIONS—PAGE TWO

I had the time of my life at Montreat. I met so many nice people. One thing that stuck with me is that no matter where you are, and no matter what you do, God still loves you. Also, no matter what people do to you, you should forgive them. And there were so many activities to do. Montreat is just a safe haven for everyone. The people in my small group were the best and the thing is I don't think I would have done some of the things I did without their encouragement. I am so happy I went. I wish I could go again. Thank you for letting us go to that wonderful place. -Allecia Anderson

I had a great time at Montreat. Even though I had a lot of anxiety, I still made some good friends. I enjoyed the connection group activities, and small group chats. I enjoyed worship and Keynote a lot. I also bonded with others in my youth group. Overall, this was an amazing experience. -Sam Harmeson

Montreat taught me many things. The most important lesson I learned is that my church family is not only at WPPC, but around the country. This experience made me think deeper about what it means to be a Christian. I made many new friends and memories. I will never forget this week. -Abby Lee

To all WPPC families:

I'm excited to announce that our Children's Choir resumes practicing on **Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM**, in the sanctuary. Children of all ages are invited, and our immediate goal is to sing during the Christmas season.



I would ask everyone (adults & children) to please wear masks the entire time.

If you are interested, please contact Susan Davis for more information.

Let's make a joyful noise!

Susan Davis, WPPC Children's Choir Director
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DEACON'S DEN DENNIS SCHMALSTIG, WPPC DEACON

"For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God." - James 1:20

Anger is one of my weaknesses. When something (or someone) attacks me or makes me uncomfortable, the needle on my pressure dial swings toward the red zone. Sometimes I inwardly seethe. Sometimes, I snap. I later defend my reaction by drawing a line between my perceived enemy and me. "I'd never do what he did," I tell myself. "What a jerk!"

Fear ignites ire. Judgment justifies.

While making negative judgments is an easy way to tag a perceived enemy, it's also a sign that I secretly fear that I am like the despised. I saw this in action as a child. Whenever I showed temper, a relative with a short fuse gave me the severest rebukes. He didn't like to witness a reminder of his own flaw.

Some become addicted to rage and actively seek contention. Resentment, judgment, and even hatred become an integral part of their nature. They become anger sharks who must continually swim in an ocean of rage in order to breathe. Anyone who attempts to soothe their ragged spirits is considered a meddler or an annoying fool.

Why do people fall into this habit? Anger gives dubious gifts in the form of adrenaline rushes, feelings of superiority, and temporary relief from facing other difficulties. It also gives a false sense of power to those feeling vulnerable and weak.

Some become trapped in anger loops concerning past events. Mistreatment from twenty years ago still provokes them. They long for justice (vengeance). They replay scenes in their minds but alter the results. This time, they respond to insults and injuries with devastating counterattacks. None of this is productive, of course. Clinging to grievances erodes health and undermines peace of mind. A Buddhist teaching states, "Holding onto anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die."

My defense against anger: remind myself that I am a beloved child of God. Whatever happens to me, I am a part of God's creation. God declared His creation good. Nothing and no one can change that.



5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING UPDATE ~THE COMPASSION COMMITTEE

Our third quarterly offering for 5 Cents A Meal was taken on July 25, 2021 and we received \$321.54. These donations will help support SoSA (Society of St. Andrew--a gleanng organization), Second Harvest Food Bank, AIR (Agency for International Reforestation in Guatemala) and Madagascar Project, which helps support our missionaries, Dan and Elizabeth Turk. On behalf of the above recipients, we thank you for your generous support of these projects. The beneficiaries of these gifts will learn that through Christ's love all things are possible.



LIBRARY NEWS DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN

The Nativity: Unto us a child is born.

The eight lower windows in the church represent events in the life of our Lord beginning with the Annunciation of His birth. In a dream Joseph is told by the angel about the birth to be. Joseph took Mary as his wife but had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. That is the birth of Christ in a stable in Bethlehem. This second window shows Joseph holding a lily, symbolizing that immaculate conception. Mary looks at her newborn son cradled in the manger as she prepares to wrap him in swaddling cloths.

Barn animals are around the newborn son—the ass, the ox, and the lamb. This suggests that all creation is involved in the incarnation. The animals stop munching to see this new life in their stable. The ox and the lamb are often symbols of sacrifices. The ass shown here at the birth of our Lord also carried Him as a young child in the flight to Egypt and brought Him into Jerusalem during Passover Week, which ended in His crucifixion.

The lower panel shows a rose. Isaiah uses the rose as a symbol of an ideal kingdom which is associated with an ideal person, the Messiah to come out of King David's lineage. It became associated with our Lord's Nativity. By the 15th century the rose was more to represent Mary, the mother than her Son. Note that here the rose represents both.





ALLIANCE FOR REFORESTATION (AIR) A WPPC MISSION PARTNER

Alliance for Reforestation Guatemala (AIR) is a long-standing mission partner with WPPC. Designed to improve the lives of people in rural Guatemala, it has the interlocking goals of reducing devastating landslides, improving nutrition, and reducing women's death from smoke. AIR has its roots in a Stetson University student trip to Guatemala led by Anne Hallum who was impressed by the malnutrition and destructive landslides experienced by community. Inspired by this experience and supported by others, Anne worked to create AIR in 1993. The program is based on a community empowerment model that enables community members to make key decision and to take effective ownership of the results.



AIR has a team of highly trained technicians who work with a community for five years in order to establish lasting change. They are trained in agro-forestry and environmental engineering and come from the area where AIR works and are thus able to communicate in the native languages of Kaqchikel and Quiche as well as Spanish. Those of us who have volunteered with AIR have come to also appreciate their commitment and willingness to go the extra mile.

AIR has planted over 7 million trees to fight these landslides and provide other sources of income. The entire process is based in Guatemala—from the small seedlings to the tree farms that are finally created. Many volunteers from WPPC have planted trees along with community members. These trees become the property of the community and often form the basis for community income ventures.



Sylvia Reaves and Stetson intern working with seedlings. (2001)



Meg (above) & Rusty (left) Baldwin planting tiny pine trees. (2015)

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Anne Hallum and Mary Van Hook with partner family (wife and teen age daughter working on lunch).

AIR has an educational focus to train students in effective farming and the environment. They also work with students to create a school garden and a tree nursey. The majority of Guatemalan youth cannot continue in school because of cost. AIR has created a scholarship program for students selected from families that participate in the program. (See additional info in the September 2021 Covenant.)

AIR has also responded to emergencies in the area. When the major earthquake hit the area served by AIR, they responded immediately with boots for the volunteer firemen and provided for food.



Shelby Reaves with AIR Partner family members. (2001)

WPPC has been blessed to be part of the AIR ministry. Over the years many members have participated in service mission trips to help build the office building and demonstration garden, to plant trees, to build stoves, and participate in the educational program. Those of us who participated returned with a renewed appreciation for the value of the work and the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

AIR technicians also work with community members to improve farming methods that can enhance the soil and the nutrition of community members. To date they have trained 5000 families in their communities.

AIR also helps build fuel efficient stoves that vent dangerous fumes to address a problem that kills many individuals. Communities select the families to receive a stove. These are families that have contributed to the community and also participate in building a stove. To date AIR has built 880 stoves. Those of us who have been engaged in building a stove with a family come to appreciate their investment in this process and the mission of AIR.



Building and using the fuel efficient stoves.

WPPC members have supported AIR financially in many ways, for example, Denise and Glenn Riccio donated plants and Crystal Fern crafts and bakery creations to be sold at the Global Market. AIR also receives funds from the 5 cents a meal collections.

AIR also has received recognition at the international level. These

awards include Best Environmental Organization of the Year, Equator Prize for Nature-Based Sustainable Development (United Nations), United Nations ECOSOC, Instituto Nacional de Agricultura y Bosques, Guatemala, National Arbor Day, United National Conference on Climate Change, and Momentum of Change; Women for Results. Anne received the J. Sterling Morton Award for International Excellence and was a finalist for the CNN Heroes Award.

We are fortunate to have Anne Hallum coming to WPPC on October 24th to meet with the R and A class and present a Moment for Mission to the congregation to learn more about the work of the organization and ways that people can be part of this mission. For more information about AIR and to view some beautiful pictures see www.airguatemala.org.

Mary Van Hook, Compassion Committee

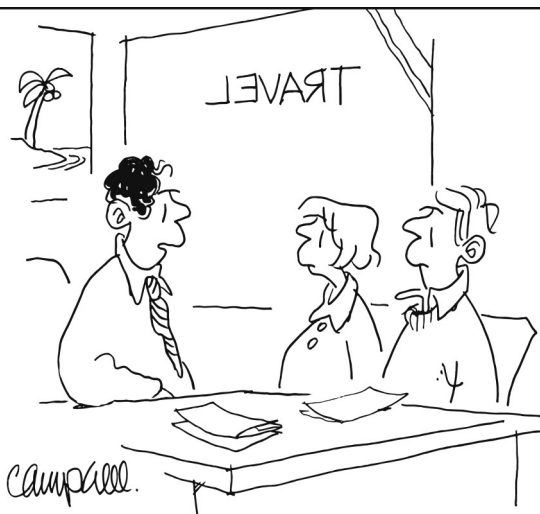
Bible Quiz

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answer: F



"You can still find an unspoiled paradise, but I'm afraid you have to die first."



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

⑤ x 3 =	⑥ x 6 =
⑦ x 4 =	⑨ x 3 =
④ x 6 =	③ x 8 =
② x 10 =	⑩ x 4 =
⑨ x 5 =	⑪ x 8 =

KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _____.

Come and share your master's happiness!'"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.




F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
 b_ _ n s_v_d thr_ _ gh
 f_ _ th, _ nd th_s _ s n_t
 y_ _ r _ wn d_ _ ng; _ t _ s
 th_ g_ft _ f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s lt _ f w_rks, s_ th_t
 n_ _ n_ m_y b_ _ st.

_ph_s_ _ ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

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<u>17</u> Shirley Portz	<u>18</u> Carolyn Boyle	<u>19</u> Camden Dreasher	<u>20</u> Ann McIntosh	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
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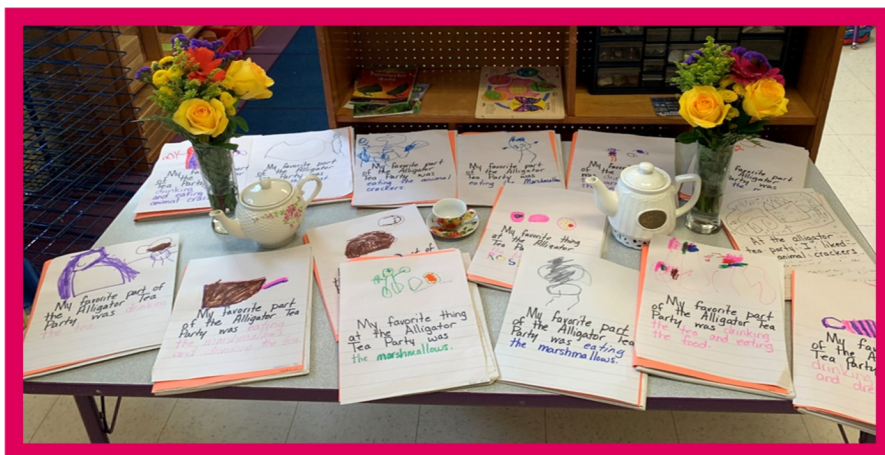
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Recently our VPK Alligators class teachers, Mrs. Kearney and Mrs. Gabra, held a tea party during their letter T week. Everyone dressed in their best clothes for this special occasion with freshly brewed raspberry tea and small snacks. The children practiced restaurant manners such as saying “please” and “thank you,” speaking in soft voices and taking turns during conversation, patiently waiting to be served, carefully passing food and properly sipping tea.

Afterwards, each child was asked what their favorite part of the tea party was. A teacher wrote their words on lined paper and the children illustrated the top of the page. Answers ranged from “drinking tea” to “eating marshmallows” to “dressing up.”

Over the last 18 months or so families are spending more time at home, attending fewer group activities and dining out less. Parents tell us they are more concerned about social and emotional development than ever before. While we are busy teaching the young children in our care the academic skills that are crucial for success in school, we have always recognized the importance of soft skills that are vital for success in all areas of life and will continue to teach them through rich learning opportunities.





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