

## Over the Coffee

November begins with some wild events in our culture. The Chicago Cubs actually won the World Series on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unfortunately, it was a victory over the Cleveland Indians. Still, pretty amazing. My son, Joel, watched the seventh game at a bar-restaurant in Wrigleyville near the stadium and reported that it was pretty exciting. He texted me a picture of the crowd walking in the streets headed for the El train. All I could see were people's backs, but it was wall to wall across the road and onto sidewalk. A happy crowd.

Another wild event in this month is our Presidential Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope you make an effort to vote and participate in our democratic process. Daylight saving time ends on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully everyone will be well rested for church on that day.

The last weeks of the Common Lectionary Year C (Luke) are this month. On November 27<sup>th</sup> we begin again in Year A – with Matthew's gospel. The passages for this month are as follows:

- Nov. 6 Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 145:1-5,17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38
- Nov. 13 Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12:1-6, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19
- Nov. 20 Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43
- Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving Day) Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100, Philippians 4:4-9,  
John 6:25-35
- Nov. 27 Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Please keep the Church Council in your prayers during this month. We need to make plans for officers and team members for next year and begin to put the budget together for 2017. Our current officers and team members have done heroic work and we have accomplished much during the past year. For a church of our size and budget we have been generous, frugal, and at the same time responsive to needs in our giving and ministry together as a congregation. It is a delight to know that we have seen North Baptist Church as “Christ's” church and not “our” church. We follow His directions in the way that we live as a church fellowship.

Pastor Cy

## November Anniversaries

Lance & Anne Kesterson - 11/1

### November Birthdays

Marilyn Lewis - 11/5  
Judy Barrington - 11/6  
Nancy Gay - 11/8  
Karl Hildebrand - 11/8  
Nancy Morris - 11/8  
Terry Moore - 11/11  
Matthew Ryan - 11/11  
Tate Michael Green - 11/12  
Terri Callahan - 11/13  
Mark Callahan - 11/18  
Beverly Dowler - 11/18  
Bennie Smith - 11/18  
Leroy Croxton - 11/19  
Marcus Steele - 11/20  
Debbie Smalley - 11/21  
Linda Thompson - 11/23  
Rita Hallam - 11/25  
Faith Hildebrand - 11/28

### Assistance with Utilities and Groceries

Anyone having trouble paying bills or feeding a family may be referred to the Clintonville Resource Center for assistance. Individuals or families must live north of Hudson Street and south of Worthington, west of I-71 and east of Route 315, and must bring an ID and proof of address (such as a utility bill in their name) to CRC between noon and 4:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. CRC is located at 3222 N. High St., Columbus, OH; phone: 614-268-3539. Also, if anyone needs special assistance please do not hesitate to bring your situation to the attention of Pastor Cy.

### Ann Judson Circle

The Ann Judson Circle met at the church on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with 16 members and one guest present. Program speaker Bettie Meadows from Damsel in Defense presented methods of self defense using various gadgets in fending off assailants and gave out information on benefits of membership in IDShield. After a fellowship dessert the circle business was conducted. For devotions Pat Petersen read a poem on the beauty of God's creation and handed out autumn-turned maple leaves and asked each member to share a specific beauty about her leaf.

### New Addresses

Cedric Shields' new address is Wesley Glen, 5155 North High Street, Apt. 506W, Columbus, OH 43214; phone 614-842-8106.

Rev. Ben Heskett, Worthington Christian Village, 155 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus, OH 43235.



## NBC ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*Please come share the joy of Christmas with Terry and Judy once again this year. This is our 29<sup>th</sup> year of hosting our Lord's birthday. (Terry wants it to be a surprise party! ☺)*

*We will provide the meal and place.  
You provide items for CRC.*

*Once again items needed for CRC:  
Canned goods, cereal, hats, gloves & scarfs for men, women, boys & girls*

*WHERE: Terry & Judy's house  
619 Center Woods Drive*

*DATE: Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016*

*TIME: 6:00 p.m.*

*RSVP by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

### DIRECTIONS

*Take Morse Road to Indianola and turn north onto Indianola, or take Lincoln Avenue to Indianola and turn south. Follow Indianola to Indian Summer Drive on west side and turn into Indian Hollow subdivision. Go to the first street (Mehrman Way) and turn left, then go to the next street and turn right onto Center Woods Drive. The address is 619 Center Woods Drive and the house is on the left (south) side of the street.*

### Financial Secretary's Report

CATEGORY	OCTOBER
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$9,007.00
MISSIONS / DESIGNATED	
WMO	1,399.28
OTHER	
Dowdy Memorial	2,105.00
Fellowship Fund	123.00
Parking Donation	50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$12,684.28
Bette Martin, Financial Secretary	

## Treasurer's Report for October 2016

## BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6 - Psalm 119:105  
 November 13 - Proverbs 3:5  
 November 20 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17  
 November 27 - 2 Corinthians 5:17



Jan Snowball / Tim McCarthy

### Communion

The Worship Team will serve communion in November and December.

## Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,  
 The seasons come and go.  
 The harvest is all gathered in  
 And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,  
 The fields, their yellow grain.  
 So open wide the doorway-  
 Thanksgiving comes again!



### Prayer Needs

Judy Darst - friend Jane's brother-in-law Dayle had colon cancer -- may have returned  
 Dorothy Johnson - Parkinson's disease  
 Carol Miller - back pain; healing and peace for step-father John, aunts Suddie and Wanda and cousin Randy  
 Cedric Shields - assisted living in Wesley Glen  
 Cindy Tillis - recovering from back surgery  
 Bill Vargo - requests prayer  
 Steve & Ann Waltman - friend Jill Geifler for further cancer surgery  
 Pat & Bill Whittington: Pat - stronger lungs;  
 Bill - Alzheimer's  
 Marilyn Yost - back pain  
 Marilyn Yost's nephew Tom Yost - healing of remaining cancer

INCOME	
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 9,007.00
Designated Memorial Offering	
Memorial Offering: Dowdy Memorial	2,105.00
TOTAL Designated Memorial Offering	2,105.00
Designated Offering - Fellowship Fund	123.00
Designated Offering - WMO Offering	1,399.28
Parking Donations	50.00
Receipts - Other	
Receipts - Other: Bank Interest	0.64
TOTAL Receipts - Other	0.64
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,684.92
EXPENSES	
Fees:penalty	
	25.00
Ministry Expenses: ABC United Missions	1,000.00
Ministry Expenses: Food for Luncheons	210.09
Ministry Team: Mission Team Expenses	78.50
Operating Expenses: Office Supplies	
	72.19
Operating Expenses: Facilities-Equip.-Maint.	317.50
Operating Expenses: Pastorial Substitute	75.00
Operating Expenses: Postage	94.00
Operating Expenses: Utilities	904.72
Pastor's Compensation: Cash Salary	
	1,333.34
Pastor's Compensation: Housing Allowance	2,166.66
Pastor's Compensation: M & M Retirement	602.84
Pastor's Comp.: Medical Reimbursement	813.75
Pastor's Comp.: Social Security-Medicare	267.75
Staff Expenses: Custodial Services	
	300.00
Staff Expenses: Musician Services	350.00
Taxes Withheld	(63.74)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,547.60
Selected Fund Balances	
Dowdy Memorial	2,485.00
World Mission Offering	1,758.98
Building Fund	2,366.70
Checking Account Balance, 10/31/16	
	\$ 7,917.92
Money Market Saving Acct. Balance, 10/31/16	
	\$15,005.85
Tim McCarthy, Treasurer	

# THE PILGRIMS' BIBLE

The Pilgrims landed in America in 1620. The King James Bible was published in 1611. So, you would think the Pilgrims would have gotten off the Mayflower with King James Bibles in their hands. Not so. When the Pilgrims landed, they set foot on American soil with the Geneva Bible. It was this Bible which was published in 1560 that they had been using for years and was the most popular Bible in the English language at that time. Dr. Marshall Foster writes concerning the Geneva Bible, "Nearly forgotten by the modern world, this version of the Holy Scriptures was researched, compiled, and translated into English by exiled Reformers in Geneva, Switzerland, between 1557 and 1560, and was destined to be the major component of the English-speaking people's rise from the backwaters of history to the center of civilization... The Geneva Bible surely was carried aboard their (the Jamestown settlers) three ships that sailed from England in December of 1606. The New England Pilgrims likewise relied on the Geneva Bible for comfort and strength on their 66-day voyage aboard the Mayflower in 1620, and were even more dependent upon it as they wrote the Mayflower Compact, a document unique in world history and the first constitutional government in the western hemisphere.... It is no exaggeration to say that the Geneva Bible was the most significant catalyst of the transformation of England, Scotland, and America from slavish feudalism to the heights of Christian civilization." (p. xxiii, 1599 Geneva Bible)

Prior to the Reformation, ordinary believers did not have access to the Bible. It was not until the printing of Luther's German Bible in 1534 and the printing of the Geneva Bible in English in 1560, that the Christian public could own and hold the Bible in their own hands for personal and family reading and study. At one time it was a capital crime even to read the Bible in England in the English language. William Tyndale, risking his own life, translated the New Testament into English and published it for the first time in 1526. Tyndale had said to a clergyman, "...if God spare my life, ere many years pass I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of Scripture than thou (a theologian) dost." (p. xxiv, 1599 Geneva Bible) This New Testament was smuggled into England from Belgium. For this great work of Tyndale, he was hunted down in Belgium and captured and on March 6, 1536 was burned at the stake. His Bible, however, did not die and made it to some English preachers and even to King Henry VIII himself who became a supporter of Protestant reformers. The English Bible, however, was still reserved for pulpits and was not yet available to the people.

In 1553, Mary Tudor became queen of England and had resolved to force England back to Roman Catholicism and ordered the burning of all English Bibles. Marshall Foster writes, "She caused more than 300 reformers, pastors and Bible translators to be burned at the stake, well earning her for all of history the sobriquet Bloody Mary." (p. xxiv, 1599 Geneva Bible) Because of her persecution of protestants, approximately 800 English scholars had to flee to the Continent. Many of these went to Geneva and studied under John Calvin. They were "some of the finest theologians and Biblical scholars in history" relates Foster. It was these Bible scholars who translated the Geneva Bible between 1557 and 1560. They not only translated the whole Bible into English but also included their notes with it.

Foster writes, "The completed Geneva Bible was published in 1560 and dedicated to Queen Elizabeth, who had succeeded her half-sister Bloody Mary to the throne and, at least for political reasons, supported a definitive break with the Church of Rome. The Geneva Bible was an instant success that captured the hearts of the people with its powerful, uncompromising prose and more than 300,000 words of annotations in the margins to aid in personal study and understanding." (p. xxiv, 1599 Geneva Bible) It went through many editions and was an instant hit with the people. Now they could have their own personal Bibles to read and study. It was used by generations of English speakers in England, Scotland, and America.

It was the notes of the Geneva Bible that upset King James I. The notes taught that the Law of God was over the King and that he was not supreme. God was sovereign over all including churches and kings. The notes taught that a tyrant could be held accountable to God's Word. Because of such notes, King James had Bible scholars in England to come up with a new translation of the Bible without notes, and the Geneva Bible was eventually outlawed in the English realm.

The Geneva Bible was a Bible of firsts. It was the first English Bible to be translated wholly from the original languages. It was the first Bible to be printed in easy-to-read type. It was the first study Bible with the notes of the reformers on every page. It was the first Bible with chapter and verse numbers. It was the first Bible to be printed in smaller versions that were portable and affordable for the common man.

Dr. Joseph C. Morecraft writes concerning the Geneva Bible, "The Geneva Bible was translated by members of John Knox's English Puritan church in Geneva, Switzerland, during the last years of John Calvin's ministry there. This Bible was the Bible of the English Reformation. William Shakespeare, John Bunyan, John Milton, the Pilgrims, and the Jamestown settlers, along with most other English and Scottish Protestants, used the Geneva Bible almost exclusively.... The Geneva Bible was not only a popular and readable text because it was translated into the language of the common man, but it also had commentary on each page that was reflective of the theology of John Calvin, John Knox, and the Protestant Reformation with significant political and social applications." (p. 253-254 - John Calvin, Man of the Millennium)

The Geneva Bible was recently republished in 2006 by Tolle Lege Press. In his closing remarks in the introduction of this new edition, Dr. Marshall Foster says, "Many people have forgotten, abandoned, or rejected the great lessons of the Reformation and the Biblical theology that inspired the greatest accomplishments of Western Civilization. We fervently pray that the re-introduction of this powerful tool of Godly dominion, the Geneva Bible, will, with God's favor light the fires of another powerful reformation." (p. xxvi, 1599 Geneva Bible)

May we continue to remember the Pilgrims and their faith and be inspired by the Word of God as they were to establish the Kingdom of God on the shores of America. May we in our day promote that same Kingdom and its teachings in this great land.

<http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/watchman-radio-hour/read/articles/the-pilgrims-bible-11813.html>