

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

October 6 (1.30p)	Music Ministry at Westminster Woods
October 7 (6.30p)	Deacons' Meeting
October 9 (8.30a)	Elder Prayer Meeting
October 9 (7-8.30p)	High Life at the Ringhavers'
October 12 (7-10a)	Galatians 6.2 Service Day
October 12 (10a-2p)	Seamark Ranch Fall Festival
October 13 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 14 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
October 20 (9.30a)	Coffee & Donuts on the Front Lawn
October 20 (10.30a)	Worship on the Front Lawn

ELDER NOMINATIONS

For the next month, the Session will receive nominations for the office of elder. For qualifications, please review 1 Timothy 3.1-7 and Titus 1.6-9. We invite all members of Christ Church to prayerfully consider making a nomination. Please fill out a nomination card at the Information Table in the back corner of the sanctuary. The Session desires to grow their membership by 2-3 elders this year in order to create a sustainable rotation and also even out age demographics.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT WESTMINSTER WOODS

Please join us this afternoon to sing songs and hymns with residents at the Westminster Woods retirement community (25 FL-13, 32259). We will meet for lunch after worship, then travel to Westminster Woods to sing from 1.30-2p.

SEAMARK RANCH FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12 (10a-2p) and come out to Seamark Ranch for their annual Fall Festival. This is a wonderful event and serves as a great introduction to the ministry and work of Seamark Ranch.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fall Small Groups are under way! If you have not done so already, please register online for the study you plan to attend. We will all be studying the same topic: *Loving God With All Your Mind*. Please contact Anne Groh with any questions.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity • October 6, 2019

————— ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship, and silence all mobile devices.

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 135

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD,

In the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
Unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

Words & Music: Mason

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prior to the corporate prayer, we take a moment to confess our sins in silence.

Heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from your sight; we cannot cover our sins or conceal our faults from you. We've been stubborn of heart, following our own counsel and forsaking your ways. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, cleanse us from our sins that we may walk in a manner pleasing to you by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder; he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
Thou hast washed us with thy blood; thou hast washed us with thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God!

Words: Newton

Music: Taylor

HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Words: Bancroft

Music: Cook

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The "holy catholic Church" refers to the entire company of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.*

Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the collection of the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 54

- ¹ O God, save me by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.
- ² O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- ³ For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.
- ⁴ Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- ⁵ He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.
- ⁶ With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.
- ⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

After the Psalm, we respond:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,

but the word of our God stands forever!

¹ Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. ² And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?” ³ Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!” ⁴ Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. ⁵ Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders.

⁶ So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

⁷ But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. ⁸ And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. ⁹ And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

¹⁰ In Judah it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.” ¹¹ And our enemies said, “They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work.” ¹² At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, “You must return to us.” ¹³ So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴ And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

¹⁵ When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶ From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷ who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. ¹⁸ And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹ And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰ In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

²¹ So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. ²² I also said to the people at that time, “Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day.” ²³ So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

God Fights for Us
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Byrne

Music: Hull

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Steve Beaver

After our congregational supplications, we say the prayer our Savior has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Send Out Your Light

Then, after the offering, we thank God for his gifts by singing the Doxology.



**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me, thou art not like them, untrue.
O, while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might;
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure; come, disaster, scorn, and pain.
In thy service, pain is pleasure, with thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee, 'Abba, Father.' I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav'n's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days .
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Words: Lyte

Music: Poirer

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

INTERNATIONAL

Carol Arnold and her husband, Jack, began Equipping Pastors International (EPI) in 1997. Carol has traveled to all six continents, speaking at conferences and seminars to pastors and their wives, as well as to lay women across all denominations. Since Jack's death in January 2005, Carol has continued as a full-time missionary with EPI.

LOCAL

Raymond Clotaire is the pastor of Elohim Evangelical Church, a Haitian Presbyterian church of the North Florida Presbytery. Raymond is seeking to establish a reformed and gospel-centered church within the Haitian community on the west side of Jacksonville.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Branson Bishop; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell; Carol Penland

ON DEPLOYMENT: Chris Manchigiah (Mollie)

BIRTHS: Katherine "Kate" Elliot Romine (Spence & Jessie)

