

# Our Daily Bread

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
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## OCTOBER 2019

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Context means everything. Sometimes you simply can't take things at face value. Knowing the history and context can dramatically alter your view of something or some event. The hymn *In The Garden* is one of those things. While the hymn is beloved by many people, for others it appears to be a rather extreme demonstration of ego. To believe that you are the only one who has experienced Jesus love seems a little self-centered. However, when you know the context surrounding the hymn, your view of the hymn may change.

The hymn was written by C. Austin Miles around 1912. Miles had a profound experience after reading John 20 where Mary Magdalene meets the risen Christ. He saw a vision of Mary meeting Jesus in the garden near the tomb. In his vision he too saw the risen Lord and stood as an observer as Mary greeted Jesus with amazement and joy.

Upon awaking from his vision, still sitting in his chair and clutching his Bible tightly, he wrote the words to this hymn based on what he saw. Later that evening he wrote the music. And it has since become a favorite of many.

So, what at first appears to be a somewhat egocentric hymn is not about a person's relationship with Jesus, but about the experiences of Mary Magdalene. From that perspective the hymn becomes a powerful testament to Christ's resurrection.

Too often we rush to judgement without knowing all the facts or context. As Christians it is not our job to judge other people's faith or their salvation. But we are often called on to make decisions regarding others sincerity, honesty, and other facts that effect our decisions and life. As you face tough decisions put your trust in the word of God and strive to understand before judging.

Yes, context can change everything.

Janet

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE FOR OCTOMBER

1. October 6 - Pat Nash
2. October 13 - Pat Nash
3. October 20 - Pat Nash
4. October 27 - Bill Gast

### OCTOMBER GOSPEL READINGS

- October 6 - Luke 17:5-10  
October 13 - Luke 17:11-19  
October 20 - Luke 18:1-8  
October 27 - Luke 18:9-14

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I am acknowledging those of you who participate in the Worship Service each month. We would love to have everyone who worships here be a part of the Worship Service. Talk to Barry Krueger if you would like to volunteer for a specific task, or just sign up on the sheets across from the sanctuary kitchen.

Special thanks in September go to:

1. The liturgists – Bryan Booth Krueger, Julie Ciuro, Bill Gast, and Pat Nash
2. The greeters – Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
3. The acolytes – Michelle and Tiffany Kalu,
4. Those who brought snacks for after worship – Pat Nash, Elizabeth Price, and Irmagene Mitchell
5. Those who brought flowers – Barry Krueger and Bryan Booth Krueger (3 times)
6. Joan Christy for being the Gatekeeper
7. Lori Gast for filling the candles with oil
8. Pat Nash hosts the after worship refreshment time with help from Church Life
9. Bryan Booth Krueger for helping prepare the communion, and picking up the attendance sheets after the service
10. Elders serving communion: Joan Christy and Lori Gast
11. Julie Ciuro for making the Communion Bread

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Church Life celebrates members and friends birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

- October 3 William Boyanton  
October 3 Makia Epie  
October 16 Chekezie Kalu

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- October 29 Bill and Lori Gast

## TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2019:

Income	\$6,144
Expenses	\$11,361

Year-to-Date:

Income	\$45,189
Expenses	\$54,460

Thank you for your participation and faithfulness. After having 6 month of the year being pretty good, we fell \$3000 in usable income in July, the lowest all year. We had to replace 1 A/C unit and the bill hit in August, plus we had to repair another A/C unit.

Please continue to support the church with your giving of time, treasure, and talent, and your faithful attendance in church. Also continue to pray for the church.

If you have any questions or comments, just call me at 972-223-3631. Thank You, Joan Christy, treasurer.

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Stewardship is "utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Jesus "did not rejoice in the tithe or a big offering as much as He did in the sacrificial, complete giving of a widow, but Jesus called all disciples to absolute surrender of ourselves and our substance to Him."

"Thus, the New Testament concept of stewardship centers in our commitment to Jesus Christ. When He becomes our Lord, He becomes Lord of our time, talents, finances, and everything. We realize that we are not our own, but are bought with a price."

(Previous quotes are from the Holman Bible Dictionary, Trent C. Butler, Ph.D., General Editor, Nashville, TN, 1991, pp. 1303-1304.)

We will have the opportunity to present our pledge cards during our morning worship service on October 27. Our church needs each family group to prayerfully consider tithing or increasing their contribution level, so that we may continue to serve God, our community and one another.

Thank you.

Stewardship Committee

### STATED SESSION MEETING

Our next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2019 at 12:15 p.m. in the Rainbow Room. If you are an elder and you cannot make it, please let Lori Gast know – (214) 218-7784.

### BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

### CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Our thoughts are with the homeless, so we are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Our leaders, our Presbytery, our church, the Session, our troops, Lorrinda and Joe Alexander, Grace Presbytery, Margie Sonntag, Millie Allen, Tom Price, Bill and Nina Swaney, Sue Fitch, Joan Christy's nephew Ryan McNeil, continued prayers for Cameroon, Makia and Mireille Epie, Irmagene Mitchell, prayers for Russia, Karla Krueger, Cora Marsaw, Sonia Wills, a relative of Janet's is suffering with depression, Sharon and Clyde Lockhart, Martha Brashear fractured a bone in her back – prayers for her and Truman, Jennifer Swan, Diane Sharp, Janet had wrist surgery, Makia's neighbor is in hospice, Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University and he needs our continued prayers, Kate Phillip is trying to get custody of her niece, Cori Laws, Devynne Boyanton, Phyllis Speck, LaNelle Pierce has lung cancer, Linda Sharp, Jim Palmer and his family, Charlie Ciuro, family and friends of Bob Drury, people affected by the violence in Midland/Odessa, all those affected by the hurricane, Irmagene's son Gary and her daughter Lisa, Dwayne, Zac Tucker diagnosed with Leukemia, travel mercies for Catherine Enoh, Julie's daughter Becky's parents-in-law, neighbors south of us that were affected by the recent storms, Aurelia's son Joshua Coleman

### CELEBRATIONS

Celebration of life for Chikezie's mother and Nnennaya thanks her church family for coming, Bryan's mother is doing much better.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Group Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service with communion	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>8</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Group Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service Congregational Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>15</b> 10:30 AM Worship Committee Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>22</b> 10:30 AM Tuesday Group Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Art Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Bears 7:00 PM Boy Scout 109	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		