



TRUST

One Saturday I spent some time alone at the church. The closed blinds in the media room hid the light of day. I was caught up in a task; then when finishing up, I was startled by the sudden rumble of thunder. I was so focused on the job at hand that I failed to notice the storm that had snuck up on me. Thank God I was indoors under a roof that sheltered me.

It was then that I began to think of the mighty hand of God; His provision and protection. Even amid life's storms, He is there. Again, I recalled the story of Jesus asleep on the boat when the disciples thought they were about to bite the dust. He spoke to the waves, and the wind and they listened (Mark 4).NKJV



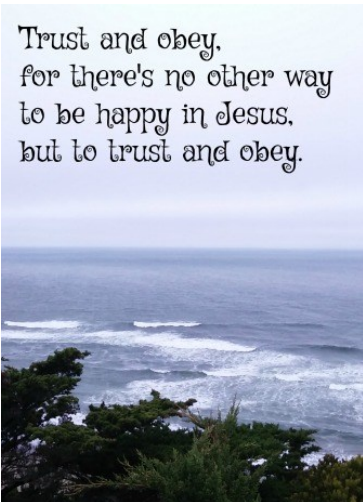
Storms come upon us. Living for Christ doesn't exempt us from challenges in this life. When we approach them correctly and allow God to be God, we will witness His awesome work.

People become overwhelmed by the hard seasons of life. My testimony includes rough spots that I didn't want to face at the time. But now that I can look back, I see He was using them for His glory. He was molding me to be more of what He wanted.

God is powerful; His Word testifies to that. He loves us and is always faithful even when the storms arrive. In Proverbs, Solomon shares these words, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight*" (Proverbs 3:5-6). NKJV

I have often said that with my finite mind, it is hard to comprehend His infinite wisdom. We look to an all-knowing (omniscience), all-powerful (omnipotent), and a God that is always there (omnipresent).

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.



Human beings will never understand how or the various ways that He works, but we must trust all that He does. Paul writes in Romans, "*And we know that ^[a] God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*" (Rom. 8:28) NKJV

When storms hit, it's hard to imagine what He might want to accomplish. It may be through adversity that God draws someone closer to Him and it may be that God allows something bad for His glory to be revealed.

By Jeremy Dykes – Executive Board Member

Apple Cinnamon Raisin Bars

- 2 cups all-purpose flour (or white whole-wheat flour)
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups packed light-brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, diced into 1/4" cubes (about 1 1/2 cups)



- ◆ Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Liberally coat a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray; set aside.
- ◆ In a medium-size bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt; set aside
- ◆ In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on medium speed, blend together sugar, eggs, butter and vanilla for 3 minutes or until smooth. Reduce speed to low and gradually add flour mixture; mix for 2 minutes or until just incorporated. Stir in diced apples, raisins and (optional) nuts, and spread into prepared pan.
- ◆ Bake at 350F degrees for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely before cutting into bars and serving.



The Fall Church Council Meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7 PM.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



The Love Feast Service with communion & foot washing is scheduled for Sunday, October 6 at 7 PM.



The Youth will be hosting a harvest party for the Pioneer Club. It will be Sunday, October 27 at 6 PM. It will be a fun time with food, games, candy & lots more fun.

We are planning to have a petting zoo, if you would like to bring a pet for the kids to enjoy let Leslie know. You must stay with your pet.



Men's Tuesday, October 22

Both Meetings start at 7 PM

Women's Tuesday, October 8

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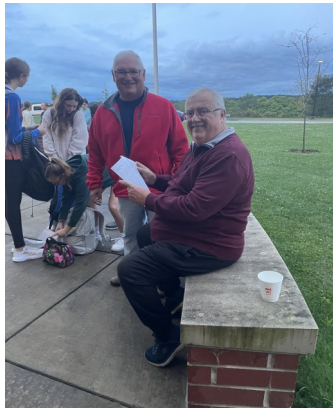
Tuesday, November 5

10 Questions Every Voter Should Ask

As Christians, we are called to be salt and light in the world, preserving it from moral decay (Matthew 5:13-16). One of the most powerful ways we can influence our society for Christ is by exercising our right to vote. When we cast our ballots according to a biblical worldview, we can shape our nation's laws, leaders, and cultural direction.

Voting is an act of stewardship, a sacred trust given to us by God. It is our responsibility to use this privilege wisely, prayerfully considering each candidate and issue in light of Scripture. By aligning our votes with God's Word, we can be a force for righteousness and justice in our communities and nation. To encourage Americans to be better equipped to vote, we've compiled 10 Questions Every Voter Should Ask.

1. **Experience:** What is the candidate's track record? Has he or she demonstrated commitment to the rule of law, ethical behavior, and biblical standards of conduct in public and private life?
2. **Constitution:** Does the candidate uphold and support the US Constitution, its Amendments, and the laws of all US government bodies, including the responsibility of those governments to enforce all laws ensuring the actions of government align with the will of the people (regarding issues such as immigration, voting, abortion, and others)?
3. **Christian Worldview:** Does the candidate evaluate positions, issues, and decisions using a biblical perspective, seeking their Christian faith for guidance? — Reference [10 Issues That Divide Christians](#) by Alex McFarland for more information.
4. **God and Country:** Does the candidate uphold freedom of expression, speech, and religious liberty and understand and support the USA's exceptional role in supporting these ideals?
5. **Family:** Does the candidate support the biblical definition of marriage between a man and a woman, that such a marriage is best for raising children, and why this is critical for a society to survive?
6. **Faith and Science:** Does the candidate demonstrate critical thinking skills, including an understanding that the Judeo-Christian faith and science are in sync with one another regarding topics such as creation, existence of God, life and reproduction, and gender identity?
7. **Reverence for Life:** Does the candidate protect human life at all stages: in the womb, newborns, toddlers, K-12, college-age, post college, middle age, and elderly until natural death?
8. **Childhood:** Does the candidate seek to protect children (under 18) from harmful facets in society, including pornography, violence, and sexual content in all media?
9. **Stewardship:** Does the candidate demonstrate concern for good economic stewardship and financial security for individuals, families, and governments, including overall sound stewardship for the states and the nation?
10. **Issues of the Day:** How involved and informed is the candidate with the facts about current issues across a variety of topics and what does the candidate believe and support regarding those issues?



On Wednesday , Sept. 25 was the “National See You At the Pole” gathering at Armstrong High School. This is an annual gathering at schools all around the nation where students, teachers, school workers, parents & grand parents pray for their schools around the flag pole before the beginning of the school day.

This year at AHS, everyone joined in a song of praise to Jesus that was led by a student playing his guitar. It was a beautiful time and someone even provided coffee and donuts.



There were some familiar faces in the crowd from Center Hill. We all came to encourage the students and be a part of this event. We are so grateful for these brave students who stand up for their faith. Great job Kids!!



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