

# THE OCTOBER 2017 PARK BENCH

## ~ Pastor's Page ~

Greetings in the name of the Lord,

Well...Fall has fallen! At least the calendar says so, but the ninety-degree thermometer today says it's more like mid-July..... But change is *'a comin'*!

*"The only constant we can be certain of is change"*, said the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus. In making this statement, Heraclitus stated what many of us have always known to be true.... that there is very little around us in which we can be confident and secure with any level of certainty. Stock markets change, the value of a dollar changes as uncertainty prevails in different regions; the leaves change, even the mountains that appear so vast and unchanging are constantly eroding. And people change. Happiness is often fleeting, elusive; or both! And sorrow comes.

Such realities drive us to seek stability in our lives. Because of sin, however, we tend to look for permanence in things that are also changing. Whether it is a relationship, a bank account or something else, we all too often seek stability in the realm of created things....but all *things* in creation are subject to change.

To find true stability and constancy, we must look beyond the created order to the Creator, where in His Word we read, *"the Lord God Almighty does not change"* (Malachi 3:6) This should come as a great comfort in a world that is undergoes constant change and uncertainty.

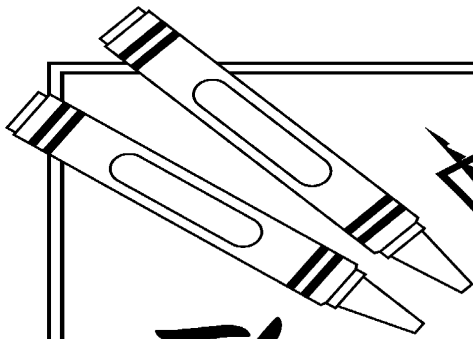
We have recently begun studying the gospel of John on Sunday mornings. John begins his gospel differently than the other gospel writers. He does not begin with a Savior being born in a Bethlehem stable, but in a Savior that is the promise of the ages...the Ancient of Days, through whom all things were made. He is anchored in eternity. He is the only TRUE constant. Theologians refer to this inability to change as His *immutability*. Not only *will* He not change, He *cannot* change. The author of the book of Hebrews affirms this when he writes, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8)

The great seventeenth century Scottish Pastor, Samuel Rutherford, wrote, *"Build not your nest on any tree of earth, seeing God has sold the forest to Death. But rather soar upwards to the sure and immutable refuge in the Clefts of the Rock."* What a blessing that the Anchor of our soul now sits at the right hand of the Father interceding on our behalf. The cross on which He died provides even and stable ground for all of us sinners who change our minds and allegiances like the wind. We see unstable allegiances in politics; at our favorite sporting events; in the media....and sadly, we even see it in churches. But we will NEVER see it in our Great God and Savior.

We live in a fallen world, and so it can be easy to become fearful as we are constantly barraged by a steady news diet of tragedy, wars, rumors of wars... Change is ever present, and not every change is positive.

If we trust in Christ, however, we have no need to fear. We are relying on the One who is incapable of changing and who will never allow His promises to fail. When we are fearful, let us remember that God and His goodness to us are unchanging; thus, we are ever secure in Him. May His name be forever blessed as we march forward remembering these things in days of uncertainty.

In His Service  
Pastor George



# PUZZLE

## The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

*Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.*

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

“ \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_  
 through \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ”

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

*We are collecting winter coats for children through adult 3X sizes for North Hills Community Outreach. October 13 will be the final day to bring your donations. Please put them on the stage in the gym.*



Shelby Cunningham was married to Lincoln S. Roop on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of her parents, Scott and Sally Cunningham. Honored guests at the wedding ceremony included the bride's grandparents, The Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Cunningham.

Visit [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org) for our denomination's news and what is happening in our region.



- 2 Millie Flinchum
- 4 MARGE and DAN DOUGLASS
- 8 RICH and LESLIE WORST
- 8 MARCY & SCOTT HOFSTETTER
- 8 Stephen McKenna ( his 17<sup>th</sup> ! )
- 10 KAREN & JEFF OTT
- 11 Buck Bucklew
- 12 Kelly Seybert
- 13 WENDY & DAVE SPURLING (their 10<sup>th</sup> ! )
- 14 Debbie Moeller
- 15 Bill McGahee
- 19 Dave O'Leary
- 19 Marge Douglass
- 20 Margaret Kelly
- 21 DAVE & MICHELE O'LEARY
- 22 Scott Cunningham
- 23 Lois Exton
- 25 June Elder
- 26 Steven Cunningham
- 28 EDDIE & EMILIE GILDERNEW
- 30 Nancy McNaughton
- 31 REV. ROBERT CUNNINGHAM retired 1985 after 33 years as our pastor.



Boucek's Battalion      Items for our Soldiers 2017

Power bars, protein bars (preferably at least 10 grams of protein)

Small packs of peanuts, sunflower seeds or other nut

Granola bars      Small puzzle books (thin paperbacks; crossword/word search/Sudoku)

Baby powder (travel size only)      Packs of Ramen Noodles

Packets of Hot chocolate/coffee      Deodorant

Disposable razors      Chewing gum

Drink mixes (boxes of single serving packs; usually 10 or 12 to a box)

Hard candy ~~ NO chocolate PLEASE      Chapstick

DVDs (gently used)      Deck of cards

Socks (white, crew cut or higher)      Toothpaste (travel size only)

Dental floss

Handmade Christmas cards or Thank-you cards to the Soldiers

Kleenex (pocket sized packs)      Slim Jims      Toothbrushes

Bottles of hand sanitizers, 2 oz.      Dominos or Checkers (travel size)

The 2017 collection begins on Oct 1st and ends Oct 31st. All items can be dropped off at Sts. John and Paul Church, 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd, Sewickley, 15143. In the lobby on the lower level of the Cardinal DiNardo Center, CDC. There will be bins there with "Christmas for our Troops" signs. Please help us spread the word on this project, share it with anyone who can join in, near or far!! **This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year !** Go to our web site [[www.bouckesbattalion.org](http://www.bouckesbattalion.org).] for more information and events.



If you prefer to bring them here to the church please put them on the stage in the gym by October 29<sup>th</sup>, mark them "SOLDIERS" and we will see that they are delivered.



- ^ **Jeremy Styron** has some very concerning developments in his welfare. His parents Jack and Wanda are appreciative of your thoughts and prayers for their son.
- ^ **Mary Eberhardt** asks for prayers for strength for her daughter **Sue Snyder** and her family. Sue is hospitalized with possible pneumonia. It was 19 years ago that Sue had a brain tumor and her family has been lovingly caring for her.
- ^ **Kaitlyn Frances, 16**, is continuing treatment for cancer and for a severe infection. She is quite a strong young lady and she is planning to go to her homecoming this month. Kaitlyn is the great-granddaughter of Millie and John Flinchum, granddaughter of Dawn Lilly and great-great granddaughter of Dorothy McKinney. Please keep Kaitlyn and her family in your prayers - her mother, Brittany, father Jason and younger sister Brianna.
- ^ **Mr. Todd Stefan**, North Allegheny Band Director's father recently underwent very serious surgery. Abby Hofstetter asks that we keep the family in our prayers. Mr. Stefan lost his wife just a year ago.
- ^ **Bill Craig**, husband of Darlene Dennis' best friend Ellen, was life-flighted to Mercy Hospital for surgery on a 90% blocked carotid artery. **His sister in law, Kathy**, fell and fractured her wrist and elbow on her way to her church.
- ^ **Please let us remember** and pray for all those affected by the devastating hurricanes causing damage and loss.
- ^ **Prayer for all** the policeman and first responders who are in danger as they are out there doing their job. Especially Shawn McNaughton who is a member of this church family and works in Cecil Township.
- ❖ **Answered Prayer and Praise for :** **Bill McGahee**, son of Jenny McGahee, has completed his treatment and tests results are clean. Praise God !
- ^ **Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones :** **Robbie Wood**, 66, son of the late Robert and Hilda Wood, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 25, 2017. Robbie was the brother of Denise Hartle and Sandy Letourneau. He leaves his wife Kathy and children RJ and Kelly. Robbie grew up in this church and remained friends with many of us.
- ❖ **Continued Concern For:** John Cress, Jean Willoughby, Bill Mooney, Cindy Foight's father Bill, Mary Glassburn, Katie Jones, Tim McCrory, Landon Noulett, Edith Yockel, Christians around the world who are being persecuted.
- ❖ **Those With Cancer:** Bill Smith, Lance Cunningham, Matt O'Leary, Robert Stinebiser, Horatia Hammerschmitt.
- ❖ **Missionaries :** **Becky and Larry Stanton** ( Hungary); **Peter and Sarah McCurdy** (Dominican Republic / Cuba); **Carol Sydnor** (Nepal); **Nora and Pieter Kalkman** (Prague, Czech Republic), **Brian and Lynette Smith & their boys** (Haiti). **Valerie and Aaron Osterbrock** (East Malaysia) **Ted Parks**.
- ❖ **In Service of Our Country :** **Major Doug Bauer**, his wife Hope and children, Walker & Mackenzie are now in North Dakota serving our country.

<b>Gene Worst</b> Concordia of Franklin Park 1600 Georgetown Dr. Sewickley, PA. 15143	<b>Dorothy McKinney</b> Creek Meadows Personal Care 1630 Ellwood City Road Zelienople, PA. 16063	<b>Albert (Buck ) Bucklew</b> Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16025-2612	<b>Peggy Bucklew</b> Chicora Medical Center 160 Medical Center Road Chicora, PA. 16025-2612
<b>Janet Tehois</b> Broadmore Senior Living 3275 Washington Pike Apt. 221 Bridgeville, PA. 15017 412-559-2813		<b>George Green</b> Cranberry Place 5 St. Francis Way Room 122 Cranberry Township, PA. 16066	<b>Mrs. Shirley Wright</b> Passavant Retirement Community Trillium House Room 215 Zelienople, PA. 16063 Telephone 724-452-5400
<b>Homebound - Jane Nagel &amp; Dale, Jr.</b> 4015 Wick Place Wexford, PA. 15090	<b>Gloria Meinert</b> 2915 Salisbury Court Wexford, PA. 15090	<b>Jean Downing</b>	<b>Bill and Eleanor Mooney</b> 221 Chickasaw Avenue Pittsburgh, PA. 15237

During the month of September we received a free will offering that was to benefit the Frances family who lost their home in a house fire. Through your heartfelt generosity we will be able to present a check to Jason, Brittany, Kaitlyn and Brianna Frances for almost \$3500.00. Brittany is the granddaughter of John and Millie Flinchum who have kept us up to date on the hardships this young family has had to deal with. Praise God that this will perhaps help them to recover, rebuild and go on in their lives. THANK YOU !



# Legends of the Huddle

**"Challenges Men To Be Champions"**

**Saturday - October 21 - 8:00am to noon**

**"Fathers - Sons - All Men!"**

**We cordially invite you to join the Legends for an action packed event!**

**featuring**



**Sid Bream**

A former First Baseman for Dodgers, Pirates, Braves & Astros playing 13 years in MLB. Sid played in two World Series with the Braves and is well known for "The Slide" that scored the winning run against the Pirates to send the Braves to the 1991 World Series.



**Dennis Bowman**

Dennis has been a meteorologist for over 43 years and recently retired as the meteorologist on KDRA-TV in the morning. An accomplished ventriloquist, Dennis and Chester Drawers will perform the famous Abbott and Costello comedy classic "Who's On First?"



**Mike Adams**

A former Pittsburgh Steelers Offensive Tackle 2013-2016 and Chicago Bears 2016. The Steelers Rookie of the Year in 2012.



**Jon Kolb**

A former Pittsburgh Steelers Left Tackle 1986-1991 and Four Time Super Bowl Champion IX, X, XIII, XIV. Assistant Coach with Steelers 1992-1991. A member of the Pittsburgh Steelers All-Time Team.



**Autographed Footballs Given Away During Event**

**Presented by**

**ALL IN MEN**

**FOR MEN ONLY**

Registration opens  
at 7:30 am

**Tickets: \$20**

(Includes Continental Breakfast)

**GET YOUR TICKETS**

**ADMIT ONE**

**ONLINE NOW!**

[www.TeamCSI.org](http://www.TeamCSI.org)

724-453-1400

**Location**

**Franklin Park Baptist Church**  
2470 Nicholson Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143

**Come Join These Legends!**

Each and every month we receive a hand written thank you note from director of the North Country Meals on Wheels program. Your dessert items are greatly appreciated by the clients and the staff of the MOW outreach.

*"Dear Franklin Park Baptist Church Members,  
Thank you, thank you, thank you !  
All of the goodies- 2 boxes of desserts, 5 sheet cakes and home-made cookies – are very much appreciated. No matter any one's age, a nice sweet is always a great way to finish a meal. We are grateful for your constant support of us here at North Country Meals on Wheels. Thank you and God bless ! Denise Stack, MOW volunteer*



**Donations can be made to support this event.  
Make your check payable to :  
Franklin Park Baptist Church  
and put Men's Conference in the memo.**

<http://www.franklinparkchurch.org/>

### *Children's Sunday School & Leaders*

#### *Painting Party and Fellowship*

*It's never too soon to get ready for Christmas and that is exactly what we are offering. Come join us right after church on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** for a quick lunch and an afternoon of painting with friends. Sandy Hughey will help us create a winter scene that will become a must display painting in your home each holiday season. Please check out the display painting in the back of the church and sign up right away. The cost of **\$25.00** includes lunch and all supplies needed to create your masterpiece. Please sign up soon, as the class is limited to 30 participants. Hope to see you there.*

*Jane Myers and the Social Committee*



Oct. 1 – “Stars in our Eyes- The Sneeches”.

Cindy Foight.

Oct. 8 – “Fear Not – What Was I Scared Of?”

Nancy McNaughton

Oct. 15 – “Don’t Be Judgy –Green Eggs and Ham”.

Paul Merriman

Oct. 22 – “Imaginations Gone –

Oh Think the Things You Can Think”.

Ellen McKenna

**Oct. 29 – “Bustin’ Balloons – The Zax”.**

#### *Worship Service Greeters for October*

*Oct. 1 - Steve and Melissa Maxwell*

*Oct. 8 - Ed and Dorothy Cress*

*Oct. 15. - Dan and Margie Douglass*

*Oct. 22 - Lois Gobrecht*

*Oct. 29 – Gordon and Sandy Bonham*

**Guiding Lights** will be held at the home of Cindy Merriman on Monday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. Marcy Hofstetter will lead the program.

MEMBERS : If you can not attend PLEASE let Cindy know.

724-709-8889





## Mission Group News

The last weekend of October the Mission Group will be going to Grafton to close up the addition we worked on this summer. We will leave Friday night and come home Sunday. If you plan to go please let Ralph know so transportation arrangements can be made. \*\*\* **There will be a meeting of the Mission Group and PARENTS on October 8 right after the church service to discuss fund raisers.**  
**THANK YOU, Ralph, Bill and Randy**



**World Vision Warehouse Day**  
**Saturday Oct. 7 from 9 to noon**  
 Come out and join together as we sort, fold and pack items to be distributed to those in need. Talk to Marcy Hofstetter if you have any questions or to request transportation.



### **Sir Pizza Fund Raiser** **WEXFORD LOCATION ONLY** **Corner of 910 and Brandt School Rd.**

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

*Present this coupon when paying your check and Franklin Park Baptist Church Summer Mission Group will receive 15% of your guest check total.*

Our Mission Group is sponsoring a new location for a fund raiser. Sir Pizza is located in the Franklin Village Plaza at the corner of Route 910 and Brandt School Road near the Eat N Park. Stop in between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11 and present this coupon when paying your check. Our group will receive 15 % of your total check. THANK YOU !