

THE BROADCASTER

October 25, 2023

Pastor's Piece

Brothers and Sisters of the Great Plains Conference,

I ask that you join me in prayer that God will share wisdom and mercy with all involved in the war escalating between Israel and Hamas.

As you no doubt have seen in recent days, Hamas made an unusual move by invading Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip in the southern portion of the region. More than 1,200 people have been killed as of this letter, and more people have been kidnapped. Many of those victims have been women and children.

Israel has every right to defend itself, and its government has the responsibility to protect its people. Likewise, Palestinians — Muslim, Christian or otherwise — have for decades been treated as second-class citizens. With harsh restrictions even on basic services such as electricity and water, Palestinians living in Israel have every right to push for equity for their people.

But violence is not the answer. Terrorism is not a negotiating tactic. And bloodshed cannot be condoned.

These barbaric acts have done nothing to further the cause of equity and, in fact, have forced Israel's hand in acting to defend its people.

A conflict that stretches back thousands of years can only be resolved through the love and peace from the Creator of all involved. So please join me in prayer seeking God's intervention in this situation, particularly for God's peace to wash over all involved so that enemies might become friends and that lives could be saved.

May our world experience the blessing shared by the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:16 — "May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

Bishop David Wilson
Great Plains Conference



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Dick Bartel, Alta Hickok, Mike Smith, Amanda Stauffer, Tammy Taylor

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world. God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | † Joey Thiessen |
| † CPL Jay McDoniel | |

Sermon Series

November 12 we will begin a new Sermon Series called, "Decisions, Decisions." Making decisions is something we do constantly, and we all want to make the right decision today that will lead us to a better tomorrow. Many people live with regrets by making wrong decisions in their lives. The Bible gives us wisdom and guidance on how to make decisions (big and small). This series explores how we make decisions that lead us to God's ultimate will for our lives. Come join us!



Don't forget to "fall behind!"
Change your clocks before going to bed
on Saturday, November 4.



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| 1 Bryce Wall | 1 Andrew Hackett | 1 Olivia Santiago |
| 3 Don Bennett | 3 Linda McFarland | 3 Brooklyn Watkins-Held |
| 3 Josh Waite | 4 Brad Edwards | 4 Bryson Voth |
| 5 Carol Carter | 5 Loraine Browning | 5 Gayle Williamson |
| 8 Lincoln Henderson | 9 Gary Long | 9 Asher Blumanhourst |
| 10 Jeannie Kellums | 10 Kyle Stamm | 11 Scott Holle |
| 11 Rod Schumock | 11 Lisa Diehl | 12 Kyndall Clevenger |
| 14 Kade Blumanhourst | 16 Cheryl Ward | 17 Jeff Pritchard |
| 17 John Conway | 18 Chuck Potter | 19 Kirby McCallum |
| 19 Joy Page | 19 Harmon McCallum | 20 Mac McCallum |
| 20 Quinn Sears | 20 Sid Sears | 21 Nancy Korber |
| 21 Violet Stockdale | 22 Ron Zane | 22 Levi Brownlee |
| 24 Gus Barr | 26 Kim Sutphin | 26 Cole Southards |
| 29 Darlene Richards | 30 Randy Stone | |



17 Dennis & Denise Newfer



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		JOY Group 9:30a FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
			WOW ZONE! 6:00p WCC/Basement		
			UMYF 6:00p FH/14B/15B		

SPECIAL:

October Book Club Wednesday, November 1 6:00 p.m. / CR	Friendsgiving Saturday, November 4 5:00 p.m. / WCC	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, November 10 11:00 a.m. / WCC
Book Club Wednesday, November 15 6:00 p.m. / CR	Lunch & Learn Thursday, November 16	Outhouse Tour Friday, November 17
	Church Office Closed Thursday, November 23 Friday, November 24	

SCOUTING GROUPS:

Adventure Crew First Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40021 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40316 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop 40870 Mondays 7:15 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

FUMCVC'S GOINGS ON...

October's Book Club selection is *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World* by Vivek H. Murthy. We will meet **Wednesday, November 1** at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

All Saints' Day is **Sunday, November 5**. If you have a loved one who passed away this year and you would like their name included in the bulletin, please contact the office by **Tuesday, October 31**.

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 5** at 2:00 a.m. Remember to **set your clocks back one hour** before you go to bed Saturday night!

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, November 10** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

November's Book Club selection is *Cousins: Connected through Slavery, a Black Woman and a White Woman Discover Their Past – and Each Other* by Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby. What happens when a White woman, Phoebe, contacts a Black woman, Betty, saying she suspects they are connected through slavery? Revealed to be cousins, they commit to a path of reconciliation. In alternating chapters, each tells her dramatic story, from Betty's experience as one of the first Black children to attend her desegregated school to Phoebe's eventual question to Betty: "How do I begin to repair the harms?" Piercingly honest, the book includes a working reparations project that the women conceived together. We will meet **Wednesday, November 15** (due to the Thanksgiving holiday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The church has copies of the book available for \$10.

****THE BUS IS FULL**** Our November Lunch and Learn is **Thursday, November 16**. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. and should return about 4:00 p.m. Contact the office to get your name on the waiting list!

FUN OUTING – Outhouse Tour in Elk Falls, KS – **Friday, November 17** – We will leave at 7:30 a.m. and should return by 4:00 p.m. Contact the office to get your name on the list.

Valley Center Community Pie Auction – **Tuesday, November 21** at 6:00 p.m. at the Valley Center High School. More information can be found at valleycentercommunityfoundation.org.

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Ways to Help

A group from FUMCVC serves on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 p.m. until about 8:00 p.m. at The Lord's Diner. They are looking for about eight more volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help!

Ways to Give

October's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is canned vegetables and canned fruit. November's giving is boxed cereal. **Donations can be brought to the middle foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

From the Ground Up – This holiday season we will again support From the Ground Up (formerly VC Cares for Kids) with Hornet Holidays. We will ask for Visa, Target, Walmart, and Amazon gift cards. Watch for more information.



FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

WCC

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds benefit High School
Summer 2024 Mission Trip

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL Join our young families on the east lawn for a Family Fall Festival! **Sunday, October 29** from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We'll have games, roasted hot dogs, and s'mores! *Pumpkins will be provided for children to decorate!* Please contact the office before Friday, October 27 at noon to be included in the fun!



FRIENDSGIVING Kechi UMC (4533 E 61st St N, Kechi) **Turkey Dinner – Saturday,**



November 4 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, and Pie. All for \$12 (CASH)! This year Kechi UMC is offering Dine-in or Carry-Out options. However, a group from FUMCVC will meet in the WCC to eat together at 5:00 p.m. (*Mike Neal will pick-up the meals from Kechi and bring them back to the church.*) **If you want to join in**

the fun, please contact the office before Tuesday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m. Amy will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday of that week. **Cash will be due to the office by Tuesday, October 31.**

HALLOWEEN FUNNIES

Knock, Knock...

Who's there?

Phillip!

Phillip who?

Phillip my bag with Halloween candy, please!

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Boo.

Boo who?

Don't cry! I didn't mean to scare you.

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Howl!

Howl who?

Howl you know unless you open the door!

Q: How do you fix a damaged jack-o-lantern?

A: You use a pumpkin patch!

Q: What has hundreds of ears but can't hear a thing?

A: A cornfield!



Smoke Detectors It is recommended that when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time (**Sunday, November 5, 2023**), you also change the batteries in your Smoke Detectors. If you have trouble with your Smoke Detectors (battery is chirping or you can't get to it or reach it), you can call 755-7303 and the Valley Center Fire Department will come out and assist you! Be sure you thank our fantastic first responders for their time and efforts in keeping us safe!



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