

Congregational Church of the Valley

your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

October 2011



*"And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:14

Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and one with another and do acknowledge our faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and take for our rule of life His own words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

OCTOBER

October always ends with Halloween. A treat when I was a child has become more than a trick as I have gotten older. And no this isn't a Halloween bashing article. This is a reminder that the end of October used to be Reformation Day. What day? This is the day that Martin Luther nailed his 99 Thesis to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany requesting a debate on some issues with the Catholic Church.

This actually was not an abnormal event as disputes were resolved this way within the Catholic Church and anyone could ask for a "hearing" of their disagreement or disagreements with The Church.

Martin Luther was a priest in the Catholic Church and would have wanted to air out his disagreements in a normal and respectful way. Mostly, he had issues with the buying and selling of souls out of hell (or purgatory). But this eventually led to three great truths "restored" to the church – the Bible being the final authority (not the Pope), justification by faith alone, and the priesthood of all believers.

We take these truths for granted, but they need to be put front and central again as we celebrate Reformation Day on the 31st of October.

God Bless you Greatly, Pastor Lafe

PLYMOUTH GUILD

Our next Guild meeting will be held this Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m. This is an important meeting because we need to make plans for our upcoming Rummage Sale in November.

We hope to see all the ladies of the Church there.

At our last Guild meeting we discussed increasing our donations to the Chandler Food Bank. Please help with this project! You've probably noticed the food basket on your left as you enter the Church foyer. Every little bit of non-perishable food helps! We want to have our basket running over! The Chandler Food Bank will continue to be the Church's mission, so your monetary donations are also welcome.

The Guild ladies would appreciate any donations of furniture, clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, small appliances, children's items, etc. for our upcoming Rummage Sale on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

We are back in the swing of things with our monthly bake sales! Have any special requests? Please let one of the Guild members know. We appreciate your patronage! Your donations at the bake sale go directly to our monthly mission.

Our next event will be our Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 15th to honor Lyle and Carol. Please plan on being there at about 5 p.m. We'll see you there!

Cindy Palmer, President

ON THE HORIZON

Evening Bible Study starts this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. It was determined that Wednesday evening was a better choice instead of Monday. The study is about servanthood. Hope to see you there!

Plymouth Guild meeting on Saturday, October 8th, at 9:00 a.m. All ladies of the church are welcome. This is an important meeting as the ladies plan the Rummage Sale on Nov. 19th. **A Bake Sale** will be held on Sunday the 9th. Don't forget to bring some cash to purchase your favorite goodies!

Saturday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. will be held on Oct. 15th and 29th at the church. The study is about servanthood, the same as the Wednesday evening class. This class will continue every Saturday morning (before choir rehearsal), except the second Saturday when Plymouth Guild meets.

Saturday, October 15th an Appreciation Dinner for Pastor Lyle and Carole will be held, beginning at 5:00 p.m.. The Palmers have volunteered to make their wonderful spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Mark your calendar and join us!

Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16th & 30th following the morning worship service. It will be held every other Sunday.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees and Deaconesses meet on Thursday, Oct. 20th at 7 p.m.

Craft Night is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday night, Oct. 21st. This is the old "scrapbooking night", just a new name. Hopefully this will encourage more ladies to come and bring any kind of craft they would like to work on while they fellowship with each other.

Friendship Sunday and a Potluck Supper will be October 23rd. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

*We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to all members and friends celebrating their birthdays this October:*

<i>Danielle Orcutt</i>	<i>Oct. 2nd</i>	<i>Kathleen Trenam</i>	<i>Oct. 20th</i>
<i>Pastor Lafe</i>	<i>Oct. 10th</i>	<i>Amber Orcutt</i>	<i>Oct. 30th</i>
<i>Margaret Porter</i>	<i>Oct. 18th</i>	<i>Declan Phuong</i>	<i>Oct. 31st</i>
<i>Betty Caruthers</i>	<i>Oct. 19th</i>		

It's hard to believe another church member has left us and was called home to glory. Bonnie Pritchett passed away on Sept. 6th. We need to remember her son, Bill, and his wife, Lynn, in our prayers. Also please remember Audrey Robinson, John Porter and Betty Wilson in your prayers. Please call me at the church office if you would like me to mention you or a family member for a prayer request in the next church newsletter. We need to pray for each other.

If you have any announcement or item you wish to appear in the November Newsletter, please have it in my in-box in the church office no later than Sunday, October 23rd. Thanks!

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

The first confirmation class was postponed until Sunday, Oct. 16th, immediately following the morning service. They will continue every other Sunday for 10 weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend. The dates of the classes are as follows: Oct. 16; Oct. 30; Nov. 13; Nov. 27; Dec. 11; Jan. 8; Jan. 22; Feb. 5; Feb. 19 & Mar. 4.

CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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SEPT. 2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total income \$3,706.59

Total expenses \$6,607.06

SERMON TOPIC AND HYMNS

October 2, 2011

Communion Sunday

Message: "Honor One Another"

Unison Reading: Page 420

Hymns: "Lead Me to Calvary"

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

"The Savior Is Waiting"

October 9, 2011

Message: "Never Lack in Zeal"

Unison Reading: Page 426

Hymns: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

"How Great Thou Art"

"Cleanse Me"

"I Surrender All"

October 16, 2011

Message: "Be Joyful"

Unison Reading: Page 438

Hymns: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

"The Lord's Prayer"

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again"

October 23, 2011

Friendship Sunday

Message: "Speck Theology"

Responsive Reading: Page 50

Hymns: "Close to Thee"

"For Those Tears I Died"

"Under His Wings"

"Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

October 30, 2011

Message: "Be Patient"

Unison Reading: Page 137, The Apostles Creed

Hymns: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

"Like a River Glorious"

"Abide With Me"

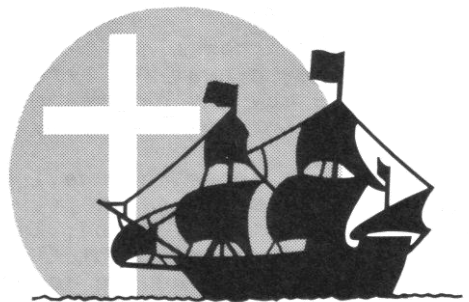
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