

Do Not Be Deceived... But Stand Firm

Pastor Doug Hinton

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." –Matthew 24:4-14

In September, we explored the question posed by Brant Hansen's book, "Can I choose to be *unoffendable*?" Learning to die to our anger, our self-righteousness, and our judgment of others can be a daily and daunting task. However, now that we are aware of these stumbling blocks, we walk together, empowered by the Holy Spirit to both pick up our cross *and* grow in Christ's character. We do not have to sacrifice the Truth in order to love people nor do we give up loving others in order to grasp to the Truth. We are not called to bear grudges nor take revenge, but to love our 'neighbor as yourself.' You may be thinking, "Great! I can love my neighbor...but, I don't even know their names." What can we do about that?

If we look at Jesus in Matthew 10, we tend to miss a key factor when He sent His disciples out the first time. First, Jesus summons the twelve to Himself. Then, He gives them authority to cast out unclean spirits, and the ability to heal every kind of sickness and disease. You may think, "OK Doug, that's cool and all...but what are you trying to say?" After naming all twelve, Jesus tells them NOT to go to the Gentiles or Samaritans...but to their own people, the lost sheep of Israel. What does that mean for us?

In their book *The Art of Neighboring*, Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon challenge believers to see their front yard as a place of ministry. If we are to ministers of reconciliation in our communities, a first step would be knowing our neighbors...by name. Our challenge for October is getting to know our neighbors, the eight closest (by proximity), and learning about them. Do you know your neighbors by name? Know an interesting fact about them? A life goal or achievement they have? What if, by loving our *physical* neighbors (those right in front of us), we can grow in faith and extend God's kingdom? Can we love them where they are, as they are, without making them 'a project?' Can we pray for God to lead us in the way we should go and be intentional about who we meet? What might that look like? Will you join us this month and get to know your neighbors?

In the beginning and end of October we will have a tic-tac-toe-type board to fill out with our neighbors' information. We hope to fill in more of the blanks at the end of October than might be filled in the beginning. *Then*, in November, we will rest, reflect, and rejoice in how Christ is moving through us: what did we learn about Jesus, the Bible, ourselves and our neighbors in the last two months? What surprised us? What would we do differently? How did we grow? What can rest, rejoicing, and reflecting do to strengthen our faith? Where does Jesus model this? I invite you to walk with us as we continue to seek the Scriptures, follow Christ, and sharpen one another.

Your brother and fellow worker in Jesus Christ our Lord, *Pastor Doug*.

HCOB Adult Sunday School

† **THE CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS** classes will meet in the library. We study the International Lesson. We have three or four regular teachers who each teach about one Sunday a month. We have several socials a year with the majority of our class participating. Our offerings are used for special needs within our congregation or community. The contact people are Ruth Johnson and Millie Hoffman. This month's theme is: "God Blesses and Re-creates Regardless"

November 4	A Thousand Births	Teacher: Denny Bushong
November 11	Jacob Receives Isaac's Blessing	Teacher: Butch Nachbar
November 18	Jacob Forms a Relationship with God	Teacher: Jim Kettering
November 25	God Blesses Jacob & Rachel	Teacher: Galen Brumbaugh

† **THE SEEKERS**—Please join us for teaching and discussion that will help us to delve deeper into our Christian faith and life. We will be studying the same Scriptures the pastors are preaching on each Sunday. If you would like to discuss the scriptures the pastors are preaching on a bit more, please join us. Please feel free to join us in the room just off the sanctuary, also used as the prayer room. Contact person is Rich Bushong

November 4	The Art of Neighboring-chapters-3 & 4	Teacher: Rich Bushong
November 11	The Art of Neighboring-chapters-5 & 6	Teacher: Dennis Bushong
November 18	The Art of Neighboring-chapters-7 & 8	Teacher: Doug Hinton
November 25	The Art of Neighboring-chapters-9 & 10	Teacher: Ray Hutchison

Messages in November

November 4



Now Testify! *Mark 5:1-20*

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Jesus comes to the country Gerasa and delivers a man of demons. Upon being set free, he asked to follow Jesus. Instead, Jesus told him, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” What has Jesus done for you in the last month? The last week? Yesterday? Testify! Testify! Testify! Tell people what the Lord has done for you! What’s our first step in sharing with people what the Lord has done? Will you share your story today?

November 11



Reflect—*Mark 4:1-20, 2 Tim 2:7*

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Jesus begins teaching people in parables. Upon hearing the parable of the sower, the disciples ask for an explanation as they did not understand Jesus’ point. When we come to a teaching of Jesus that we struggle with, do we sit with him and ask for help? Do we ask for wisdom to have ‘ears that hear?’ Why is this important for our walk and culture today?

November 18



The Commandment We Don’t Keep

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Isaiah 30:15-22, Mark 2::23-28—Laura Meiser

Though we seek to serve Christ well and follow the path He has laid out for us, there is one commandment we often neglect: keeping the sabbath. Sabbath rest is not an obligation but rather a gift, yet we don't always see it that way. What does it truly mean to keep the sabbath? Practically, how can we open our hands and our busy to-do lists, and submit to God's ultimate design for sabbath rest in our lives?

November 25



The Happy Results— *Luke 10:17-24*

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After sending the 70 disciples to carry out the gospel message, they return celebrating that all Christ told them came to pass. Even in their rejoicing, Jesus refocused their attention. Thinking over the last two months, what do you have to rejoice in? How have you watched the Holy Spirit move in your life? How have you grown in your walk with Christ? How might we need to refocus our attention and energy? Let’s rejoice in the Lord today!

November Ministry Schedules

November 4
November 11
November 18
November 25

NURSERY

Carol Koser, Ivy Davis, Peg Layman
Marg Zurin, Carolyn Gingrich
Sue Brubaker, Sallie Hoppert
Betty Cox, Sarah Fisher, Jake Rannels



November 4
November 11
November 18
November 25

WORSHIP LEADERS—8:00

Tom Fritz
Randy Ziegler
Janice Haldeman
Joel Kettering

WORSHIP LEADERS—10:15

TBD
Del Kautz
TBD
TBD

SPECIAL MUSIC



November 4
November 11
November 18
November 25

CHOIRS/SPECIAL MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir
TBA
Sanctuary Choir
TBA

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Doug Howard
Dave Bendit
Ben Johnson
Doug Howard



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SOUND TECHNICIANS—8:00

Dick Caldwell & Rich Bushong
Jamie & Rich Bushong
Dave Schott
Jamie & Rich Bushong

SOUND TECHNICIANS—10:15

Blaine Garber & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong
Mitchell Barnes & Rich Bushong
Matt Markey & Rich Bushong



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DEACON GREETERS

Ron Smith
Doris Wright
Bonnie Shuss
Penny Kettering

JNH GREETERS

Jim & Sue Musser
Richard & Carolyn Gingrich
Edith Martin
Carl & Lisa Polonchak

OFFERING TABULATORS

Glenn Brubaker, Allen Hurst

HCOB Family News

MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS who participated in the Wheelchair Walks and Birthday Party at the Brethren Village this year. These events really helped to enrich the lives of the residents. We are looking forward to our current Brethren Village Auxiliary Sponsorship Drive. -Gerrie Hurst and Lois Killian

INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR POSITION

The Leadership Team has approved the hiring of a part-time Interim Youth Director, who will provide leadership to the Youth Ministry during the time we search for a fulltime Youth Pastor. Any member interested in serving the youth in this position can contact Galen Brumbaugh, Education Team Chair (Home Ph: 717-664-2243 or Cell Ph: 863-399-0358) for details on the job description, time and salary.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: We will hold a membership class the first 3 Sundays of November during the 9 o'clock hour. If you have questions about membership or are interested in joining the church, please contact Pastor Doug (doug@hempfieldcob.org or 717-951-5290).

From the Force for Food Committee

CALLING ALL TURKEYS! Yes, it's that time of year again. Our annual turkey drive to benefit Water Street Ministries is schedule for Sunday November 18. According to their web site, Water Street houses 170 people per night and has served 146,000 meals. Because of ours and others' donations, many holiday meals are included in this total. Last year we as a church donated 50 frozen turkeys and \$2,205 to this effort. Please consider donating a turkey or \$'s again this year on November 18. Thank you.

DID YOU NOTICE your picture in Breeze Church Directory? If your family's picture was taken last year for our photo directory, that picture has now been added to our online church directory, Breeze. Thanks to Donna Reed for her work on this project! If you have a Breeze account, take a look at your profile picture and see pictures of other HCOB family members. You can still change your picture to be anything you want if you don't like your current picture. If you want to set up a Breeze account, please email Amy in the church office at office@hempfieldcob.org and she will get you started!

FROM MODERATOR PETE COPE

The November 15 Congregational Gathering will consider Leadership Team proposed revisions to the "Hempfield Church of the Brethren Policies and Procedures."

Three changes are being proposed:

1. a more accurate description of duties for the Pastoral Relations Team
2. correcting an Outreach Team reference
3. creating a new Care of Church Community Ministry Team

Please find copies of the proposed revisions in the Narthex. If you have any questions regarding these revisions, please feel free to contact any member of the Leadership Team.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Prayer Experience	2 6:45 PM WORDD Worship	3 10:00 AM Eastland Alpaca Youth Fundraiser
4 Daylight-Saving Time Ends Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Membership Class 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 12:00 PM Eastland Alpaca Youth Fundraiser 4:00 PM Young Adult/Young Families Small Group	5 7:00 PM The Art of Neighboring	6 Voting Poll Open 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Church Administrator Out of Office 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 PM Education Team	9	10 10:00 AM Eastland Alpaca Youth Fundraiser
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25 Sunday Music 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 8:50 AM Praise Band Practice 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Blended Worship 6:30 PM Youth Cell Group	26	27 6:30 PM Friendship Community Christmas Rehearsal 7:00 PM Leadership Team	28 Pastor Doug's Day Off 6:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	29	30	

For more details about upcoming events and up-to-date calendar information, please visit

<http://www.hempfieldcob.org/whatsup.html>

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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