Mainsail

October
2021

HEAVY BURDENS

As a friend of mine was going through the difficult end of a marriage, and moving into the even-more- challenging role of a single parent, she became an expert in hiding her emotions. In public, she pretended to be confident and cheerful while in reality she was self-doubting, depressed, and drained.

At first she was able to express her true feelings only during times of prayer when her words were flooded by tears of anger, anxiety, and aggravation. Eventually, she acknowledged that she was unable to handle things alone and allowed God to carry her burdens.

This happened through sharing with trusted friends at church who were experiencing similar situations, engaging in weekly conversations with a Christian therapist, and a adopting a healthier lifestyle through improved nutrition and regular exercise.

God faithfully continued to love, encourage, and walk beside her every moment of every day, and she experienced the rest and renewal she so desperately needed.

Hiding our true feelings is exhausting and doesn't really help a troubling situation. Letting go and allowing God to carry our heavy burdens does help.

God loves each of us. As we read the Bible, and devote time to prayer, we can sense God's presence with us.....giving us strength and rest.

When she let go of control, she began to see the way God can lighten our load.

1 Peter 5:10 says that the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

Pastor John

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Old t-shirts are needed!
A basket for the t-shirts is located in the narthex.

T-Shirt Bag Making Party

October 17
After Worship
Fellowship Hall
Contact Colette Barth
For more information (361-676-5484)

CAMAL House News

New Donation Bins are located at Reuss Pharmacy and Trinity Church. Shelf Stable Food items needed are canned meats, snacks, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, toiletries, boxed dinners(Hamburger Helper), cooking oil and baking items.

A blanket drive will be held with the help of Cuero Regional Hospital. Locations and more details to follow.

October Donation Item:
Canned Meat

How to Pack a Shoebox

Find a Shoebox
Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. You can use your own shoeboxes or order our colorful preprinted ones, available in both corrugated cardboard and plastic. These sturdy options hold up well and can be lasting gifts in themselves for children to store cherished items.

Get Your Label
Visit our Label Options page to find out whether an adhesive or printable label is best for you. Whichever you choose, use the label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.

Fill with Gifts
Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

Pray
Most importantly, "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.
- Their family to also be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- The pastor of the church who delivers your shoebox gift.
- Their community to be transformed by the Gospel.

Donate
$9 Per Shoebox:
A donation of $9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing, you can give online through our Label Options or Ways to Give pages, or by mailing a check in the postage-paid envelope available in our print brochure. If you use an online option on the Labels page, you can Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.

Drop Off
Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, Nov. 15–22, 2021.

Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkins arrive Sunday, October 10

Open Wednesday, October 13

Close Sunday, October 31

Hours

Monday – Friday
4:00pm – 6:00pm

Saturday
10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday
12:00pm – 4:00pm

Local schools will tour the pumpkin patch during the morning hours. We need volunteers for storytelling and games. Call the church office for more details.

Trunk-or-Treat

Trunk–or–Treat has been a tradition around Cuero for 20 years. In fact, it started with a few cars in front of our church, with Emily Cheatham leading the way to making Jesus and God's love a shining light in the darkness of the world. Once again, we will be lighting the night with God's love on Sunday night, October 31, (Halloween). _This year will look different, but the love will be the same._

Details to come on the changes and set-up!

If you do not feel comfortable being out in public this year, I completely understand. We still really need your help. We need prayers before, during and after the event, we don't want anyone getting sick due to this outpouring of love. We also need CANDY!!

You can call or text me to let me know you'll help (361-676-5484). We will have a collection basket for candy donation in the Narthex or you can drop it at the church office.
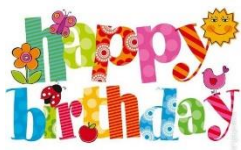
I look forward to this exciting tradition and seeing what God will do.

Colette

October Worship Volunteer Schedule

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Children's Time
10-3-2021	Sarah Ritchea	Mildred & Stayton Weldon	
10-10-2021	Tom Cheatham	Charla & Bobby Jones	Colette Barth
10-17-2021	Colette Barth	Sue Halbert Jeanine Calliham	Rev. Wanda Ritchea
10-24-2021	Bobby Jones	Dorothy Brown Evelyn Boedeker	Sarah Ritchea
10-31-2021	Evelyn Boedeker	Mildred & Stayton Weldon	Betty Britsch

Mildred Weldon	**5th**
Pastor Ron Welborn	**9th**
Ashley Hunnam	**10th**
Shirley Dodge	**11th**
Mike Simpson	**15th**
Pam Zengerle	**17th**
Rev. John Britsch	**17th**
Karen Zengerle	**19th**
Darrel Foster	**22nd**
Daphine Eldridge	**23rd**
Mark Zuniga	**25th**
Jayne Cooper	**28th**
James Langton	**31st**

Happy Anniversary

Mark & Monica Daigle	**26th**

Blessing of the Animals
October 6
6:00pm
Presbyterian Pavilion