

WEST HENRIETTA BAPTIST CHURCH

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It's Time To Get Excited About Serving God

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! This October message aims at stirring something in you to get you personally excited in the present and future of our church. Listen to someone who expressed excitement about her church:

"I love where I go to church. My family can't wait for Sunday mornings. Each one of us serves, even my 12-year-old daughter. We faithfully support our church with our time, energy, money and prayers."

Why should we be excited about West Henrietta Baptist Church? Who comes to church? Our visitors include: People who are looking for a better church; people who are not looking for a church; people who are looking for authentic answers to their questions; people who jump from church to church; and people who are looking for a church to settle for the long haul.

People, including ourselves who come to West Henrietta Baptist Church may be hurting physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually? They may be anxious about certain life issues. They could be frustrated or confused about certain happenings in their life or the community. We should want to help achieve a wholesome worship experience so that others will find it a time of connection and engagement. God has something to say to everyone, especially during worship. Make it your duty to be present for worship, be engaged, be excited and be noticeable to others in worship.

The question is, "How can you demonstrate your commitment to your church; your love for worship; and your devotion to seeing your church grow numerically and spiritually?" I offer the following suggestions.

1. Bring your family and friends to church with you – The ultimate measurement to determine if you are excited to attend your church is to bring your family and friends when they are available. The point is not to force or coerce them, but to encourage or entreat them to join you.

2. Praise in worship to God is very essential-Throughout the Bible, the commands to "praise the Lord" are too numerous to mention. Angels and the heavenly hosts are commanded to praise

the Lord [[Psalm 89:5;103:20;148:2](#)]. All inhabitants of the earth are instructed to praise the Lord [[Psalm 138:4;Romans 15:11](#)]. We can praise Him with singing [[Isaiah 12:5;Psalm 9:11](#)], with shouting [[Psalm 33:1;98:4](#)], with the dance [[Psalm 150:4](#)] and with musical instruments [[1 Chronicles 13:8;Psalm 108:2;150:3-5](#)]. There is that old saying, "when the praises go up – the blessings come down" because this is a profound life giving truth for the people of God.

3. Your response to the Music Ministry matters– I have been preaching on Worship for the past 4 weeks. There is life in the worship. Worship should be a celebration of the fact that we are alive. We ought to respond with praise, clapping of hands, and shouts accompanied by music.

4. Your response to the Scriptures in worship matters-- Scripture is inherently transformative: Scripture is described as "alive and active" ([Hebrews 4:12](#)), God's Word slices through our lives, changing us. Scriptures are meant to be acted on, not just heard ([James 1:22](#)), it corrects and challenges us ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)). Throughout Scripture, we see the power of God's Word on display. He calls for light—verbally—and there is light ([Genesis 1:3](#)). It lights the way ahead of us ([Psalm 119:105](#)). As sure as rain falling and snow melting, God's powerful Word achieves its purpose ([Isaiah 55:11](#)) (Petersen, Randy, ABS News).

5. Your response to the sermons matters– In that early church, people sat at the disciples' feet and were filled with a sense of awe. Do you experience a sense of awe in worship? At the conclusion of each message, I often give worshippers a chance to respond to the claims of Christ on their life. It is my prayer that each week, significant, heartfelt, and deep life change takes place. I welcome your response to my messages. I want to hear from you about what I need to do more and less in the pulpit.

Finally, it is my prayer that when all is said and done, our worship is all about Jesus. Nothing creates excitement and expectation like continually focusing everything on the One who is worthy of all this excitement, Jesus Christ, himself.

Yours in Christ's Service

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion, Pastor



October 7th

Invocation: Leanna Shirley
 Scripture: Anne Greco
 Offering: Leanna Shirley
 Kids' Moment: Rev. Clara White
 Greeter: Roberta Miller
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Roberta Miller

October 14th

Music Sunday

Invocation: Betty Heisig
 Scripture: Loretta Hirschman
 Offering: Betty Heisig
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Roberta Miller
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Leanna Shirley

October 21st

Men's Sunday

Invocation: TBD
 Scripture: Mark Heintz
 Offering: TBD
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Valerie Bandemer

October 28th

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
 Scripture: Mike Shirley
 Offering: Valerie Bandemer
 Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
 Greeter: Debbie Covill
 Nursery: BOCE
 Fellowship: Gretchen Young

Blessing Beloved Don Peoples

*Don's love of life
 Gave him a zeal
 Which charged his every
 step,*

*He praised our Lord
 Through troubled times,
 Still trusting as he slept.*

*Don's soul was filled
 With notes that trilled,
 Which made his spirit sing.*

*His music stirred
 All those who heard,
 And Don praised Christ,
 our King!*

*Don's inborn gifts
 Gave our souls lifts,
 Inspiring us with cheer;*

*His winning zeal
 Showed dreams come real--
 With faith, road blocks will
 clear!*

*Alleluia!
 In thankfulness for Don,
 Our brother in Christ Jesus.*

*By Evelyn M. Shoots
 September 2018*



Men's Breakfast
 7:00 a.m. Tuesdays at
 Peppermints

Prayer Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays

Mission's Meeting
 October 11

Deacons' Meetings
 10 a.m. October 12

Music Sunday
 October 14

Men's Sunday
 October 21

Board of Christian
 Education
 October 21

Trustees' Meeting
 11:30 a.m. October 22

Cabinet Meeting
 6:30 p.m. October 30

Saver's Fundraiser
 October 27



Oct. 5th—Ryan Scurlock
 Oct. 11th—Karl Hirschman
 Oct. 16th.—Alan McCarroll
 Oct. 30th—Patricia Floyd



The Missions Committee have been very busy with promoting “God’s Love” through the Noisy Offering in our community and in the world through the World Missions Offering. In the month of September the Noisy Offering was \$72.00 going to Evie and Evy’s Food Ministry in our community. The World Missions Offering was \$482.00 helping those in other parts of the world.

We continue to work to reach all of WHBC’s missions goals. The Committee will also assist Michael Shirley with Habitat and the Harvest Home Coalition as needed. We are busy working on the missions part of the procedures manual and we have chosen “Spreading God’s Love” as our mission statement.

Activities in progress are: finalizing the missions procedures, Christmas caroling party plans, Christmas Family plans and RMMO. We thank you for your continuous generosity. In addition, there are two other offerings that are requested of us, Love Offerings for Reverend Alan Newton for his retirement and the Heeds when they come to visit with us before they return to Tanzania.



“Our Precious Heavenly Father”
By Evelyn M. Shoots

Your blessings filled with mercy
Keep flowing through your grace;
Before we ask you answer
Within each day we face.

So lovingly your Spirit
Inspired all we do;
We know your faithful Presence
Stay with us each day through.

We lift our praises to You
For gifts which never end;
The joy of our salvation
Is helping souls to mend!

Alleluia!

Praise Christ Jesus!

“Abound in hope” – Romans 15:13

9-8-18

E.M. Shoots



DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER LINK

October 18, 2018

Please submit all items for the
November *LINK* by

October 18, 2018 to

Joyce Shutts



"FUND DRIVE FOR THE CHURCH"

Saturday, October 27th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please see Gretchen Young for more information



DONATION SUGGESTIONS



R-H Food Cupboard

Macaroni & Cheese

Instant Mashed Potatoes (box)

Canned Meat / Fish products:

Chicken, Ham Spam, Turkey, Tuna, etc.

Hamburger / Chicken / Tuna Helper

Mixed Pasta: elbows, shells, spirals, penne, etc.

Canned Fruits & Applesauce

Mayo & Other Condiments

Milk: Powdered & Shelf-Stable

Small Cans of Food Items (single serve)

Cereal: hot & cold

Coffee: instant & ground (**NO K-Cups**)

Paper Towels

Bar Soap / Shampoo / Shaving Cream

Help the food cupboard make

More effective and efficient use of your generous donations...

No out-of-date (expiration, best by, use before, etc.) food items

CALL 453-2370 to Donate!!!



Harvest Home Coalition

Annual Pie Sale — Order Now!

Pies made by School of the Holy Childhood

The pies are \$17.00 each.

Apple Crumb

Pumpkin

Pecan

Rumble Berry

Strawberry/Rhubarb

Orders will be taken until November 12th with delivery on November 21st!

Order forms in Fellowship Hall

UNO's Fundraiser for FCHH Harvest Home Coalition Sunday, October 21st

Check bulletin board at foot of Nursery Room Stairs

People can volunteer to help with the building of a new home.

Joyce and Mike will have more information soon.

