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ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Christian Contentment

Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Financially tough times, such as economic inflation, put people under intense pressure. Pressures like this can reveal hairline cracks in our characters that would have been invisible in more comfortable conditions. Sometimes we are in the position where the things we lean on crumble, people are forced to face the truth that sources from which we seek satisfaction and security are surprisingly fragile.

Tight budgets in crunch times pose two temptations for Christians and non-Christians alike: *anxiety* and *discontent*. Anxiety frets over the question “Will I have enough to survive, to meet my family’s basic needs?” To such fear Anxiety typically answers, “Maybe not,” or even “Probably not.” So, Anxiety tends to close its fist around what little it has, afraid that hands that give too freely will end up empty. Discontent asks, “Do I have enough to make me happy, to satisfy my desires?” To that question Discontent *always* answers, “No, not enough, not yet.” Therefore, Discontent, like Anxiety, keeps a tight grip on its treasures, and Discontent resents the fact that it doesn’t have even more. The Apostle Paul understands the secret to being content.

The Apostle Paul says, “I’ve Experienced Life. *I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.* The congregation at Philippi was experiencing some severe times. They were experiencing severe poverty. There was severe financial difficulty during the time Paul is writing the Philippian church. Even with all the financial problems the Philippian Church was having, they still wanted to support the Apostle Paul. The secret of contentment is not normally learned in posh circumstances or in deprived circumstances, but in exposure to both. Paul insists that his own contentment operates under both circumstances. “I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want” (4:12). Paul is content in both circumstances because his contentment is utterly independent of circumstances. Paul’s contentment is focused on all that he enjoys in Christ Jesus. That means he has learned by hard experience a relaxed contentment whatever his circumstances.

I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me. Paul is not claiming to be so strong that nothing can move him., nor is he saying be independent of circumstances by an act of the will. Paul immediately confesses that if he has reached this stage of contentment, he owes everything to God: “I can do everything through him who gives me strength” (4:13). The Apostle Paul is not claiming to be some kind of superman of Christianity. What he is saying is that because of what he has learned from life, how to live, he has learned to be content. DA Carson says it this way, “His point is that whatever the circumstances in which he finds himself, whether with the rich and the powerful or with the poor and the powerless, whether preaching with unction to substantial crowds or incarcerated in a filthy prison, he has learned to cast himself on God *and to be content.*”

Learning to be content is learning how to lean on Jesus. Learning to cast your cares upon Jesus is the secret of contentment. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. You and I may suffer the problems of inflation, yet God is there to help us get through and be content through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your Brother Because of Jesus,
Angel

GREETERS & ACOLYTE'S

Mark Your Calendars

This is the only list you will receive – so PLEASE look this over

If the date assigned to you conflicts with your schedule, **PLEASE TRADE with someone else on the list and let the church office know of this change**

GREETERS should be at the door at 10:00 AM. The bell should be rung 10 times at 10:15 and again at 10:30 AM. Please hand out the morning bulletin. Close the doors when the service begins. You will also take up the offering, get the collection plates before the service begins; they are on the first pew in the back section of the church (in the black cloth bag).

Please lock the front doors into the church. Pull to make sure the door is latched, use the small “key” found on the window ledge, insert it into the bar of the door and turn until the bar pops out. The handicap door will remain unlocked until 10 minutes into service (Cassie will take care of this.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
October 1	Jamey and Sheila Brumbaugh	Emily Johns
October 8	Scott and Brenda Coleman	Jonah Scrips
October 15	Krista and Grant Johnston	Aaron Quinn
October 22	Tom and Sandy Wingard	Mia Scrips
October 29	Nate and Jennifer Johns	Liam Scrips
November 5	Adam and Ashley Quinn	Travis Johns



FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

October 1 and 8 – Joanie Riggle

October 15 and 22 – open

October 29 – open

November 5 and 12 – Amber Pinkerton

Please contact Joanie Riggle, 724-954-1671,
to schedule chancel flowers.

PRAYER CHAIN

Linda Prugh is the contact person
for prayer chain requests.

If you have a prayer request that you
would like others to pray for,
or if you would like to be added to
the email to receive the requests
contact Linda

Home - 724-354-4787

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STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

IS HAPPENING!

October 15, 2023

In Fellowship Hall following worship service

A free will offering will be accepted.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women



Please join us as
we celebrate the
sacrament of communion
on World Day of
Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023
During worship service



**Church
Photo
Directory**

THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED

If you had your picture taken or submitted a picture
for in the directory, you will receive a copy.

Please see Susan to get your copy of
our new pictorial directory.

HAM DINNER FUNDRAISER

ELDERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dine in or take out

October 7 4pm -7pm

Adult meal \$10/ Ages 6-12 \$6

DINNER INCLUDES:

HAM, SCALLOPED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW,
DINNER ROLL, DESSERT AND DRINK



Butterfly Hill Preschool "October 2023"



Welcome Back!

Butterfly Hill Preschool is up and running for its 31st year of operation here at the church. We have a full house this year!

42 - Pre-K Butterflies
30 - Caterpillars
8 - Toddlers

The children are off to a great start.

Butterflies teacher's are Miss Monette, Miss Alice and Miss Katelyn. The children have started writing and recognition of letters. Also, writing and recognizing their names. They are learning a new morning prayer and opening song!

Caterpillar teacher's are Miss Sherry, Miss Katelyn and Miss C.C. They have the children learning shapes and colors along with fun crafts and stories and lots of music. They are learning new Bible songs and verses.


Toddler Time teacher's are Miss Nicole and Miss Emily. They are busy teaching the children about sharing, following directions, shapes and fun music. The Toddlers are adjusting well to the routine.

For some of the children, it is the first time away from Mom and Dad.

We are looking forward to an awesome year. God has blessed the preschool once again with a great staff, parents and especially the children!

***"See how very much our heavenly Father loves us,
for he allows us to be called his children." 1 John 3:1***





Elderton-Plumcreek Recreation Park presents

COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY!

OCTOBER 28TH - 6PM

Location: Elderton High School Gymnasium

\$2 Adult Admission

\$1 Child Admission (13 and under)

**INDOOR TRICK OR TREATING, MUSIC,
50/50, CONCESSION STAND AND MORE!**

Interested in hosting & decorating a door? Contact
Mandy 724-464-4171

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Grant Johnston - 2nd
Jordan Freeman – 2nd
Damon Craig – 3rd
Joshua Rouzer – 3rd
Becky Elkin - 5th
Andrew Rearick – 5th
Heather Bell – 7th
Sonnie Serian – 10th
John Quinn – 10th
Chloe Patz – 10th
Tom Quinn – 11th
Mark Schrecengost – 11th
Ronda Craig – 11th
Eric Pinkerton – 12th
Rob Myers - 13th
Tom Spencer - 16th
Roger Richardson – 18th
Jeff Elgin - 18th
Ron Peffer – 18th
Jeffery Young – 20th
Alexis Stenman – 20th
Vaughn Wood – 21st
Barb Spangler – 24th
Conner Fairman – 25th
Quintyn Mudd – 25th
Senta Zelenski – 28th
Gladys Johns – 29th
Emily Shipley – 29th
Riley Stitt – 29th
Jane Blaney – 30th
Gwen Daquilante – 30th
Alex Spangler – 30th

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Chet and Brenda Schall – 1st, 2016
Don and Nancy Rupert – 9th, 1954
Bob and Shirley Schall – 10th, 1964
Mike and Jackie Schall – 11th, 2008 – 15 years
T.J. and Tandi Spencer – 11th, 2013 – 10 years
Tom and Sandy Wingard – 16th, 1993 – 30 years
Luke and Jill Ramer – 24th, 1992
Buddy and Helen Schall – 25th, 1960
Bob and Sue Stitt – 29th, 1955

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service -  World Wide Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7 4:00-7:00 - Elderton Methodist Church Ham Dinner
8 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	9 Happy Columbus Day 	10 1:00 - Circle meeting at Nancy's house	11 10:00 -PW Fall Gathering Shelocta Presbyterian Church	12 6:00 - Deacons Meeting 6:00 - Session Meeting	13	14
15 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service  Strawberry Social Following worship service	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	23	24	25	26 6:00 - Ch. Ed. Meeting	27	28 6:00 -Elderton Rec Park Halloween Party
29 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 -Worship Service	30	31				