

“Ownership, Part 2”

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In last week’s *Postscripts* I talked about ownership. Particularly, I was referring to our ownership of the process of officer nomination and budget adoption that we as a denomination find to be biblical (you can find it on the *Centennial Happenings* page of our website if you missed it). This week I would like to deepen that concept even more. Indeed, voting is important in the life of the church. When we vote on the budget, we determine the emphases of the church for the next year. When we vote for officers, the call of God on certain individuals for service is confirmed by the call of the people. In a sense, we are agents of God as we vote! That should sober us, excite us, and help us to see that this whole system is not something to be taken for granted. With this in mind, I would draw y’all’s attention to some important dates and names.

If voting is important, when do I vote? **The Session has approved and called a congregational meeting on November 19, 2017 directly following the worship service.**

How can I know a little bit more about the budget? Centennial also affords members the opportunity to have questions answered before the yearly congregational meetings. **This informational session will be held after dinner on Wednesday November 15, 2017.**

How can I see the budget for the upcoming year? As has been done in the past, this budget will be sent to members of the church, will be available for those attending the information session on Wednesday the fifteenth, and will be available for members the Sunday of the congregational meeting.

What about the nominations of officers? These are the numbers of officers that have been nominated by the Nominations Committee and approved for vote by the Session: two elders, four deacons, the congregational chairman, and the treasurer. They are as follows:

Elders: Zane Abernathy and Eric Moody

Deacons: Jimmy Stevens, David Wylie, Rebecca Nesbit, and Hunter Whitfield

Congregational Chairman: Dan Felker

Treasurer: Julie Felker

Will you please pray for these individuals? If you don’t know them, ask around and reach out! If you do, still reach out! Ask them how you might pray for them, ask their story, and ask their sense of call to serve Centennial. In all of this, vote when the time comes.

As is always the case, don’t hesitate to call me or any of the elders if you have questions about the process, the details, or anything else about this season of the church. We are here to serve. Moreover, the goal in all of this is transparency, so if you are confused about something, let us know! It will help us communicate better in the future. Again, please be praying for all the details listed above. There is real importance to this. Blessings to each of you,

Jeremiah



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Announcements

Baby Shower

The ladies of Centennial are cordially invited to a baby shower for Rebekah Thomas on **Sunday, November 19th** at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Jeremiah and Rebekah are having a baby boy.

K5 through 5th Graders: Want to go see a movie?

Plans are being made to find a date to go see "The Star Movie" one Sunday afternoon after church in the very near future! Your Sunday School and Wednesday Night teachers are already on board to host a fun afternoon to get-together that will include lunch and a movie! Who wants to go!? Parents, we will be sending out some dates for you to 'vote' on in the next couple of weeks, so watch your emails. Come see the story of the first Christmas through a whole new set of eyes!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Make plans to join us on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM for our Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service. If you have family in town for Thanksgiving, please invite them to join us as well.

Handbell Update

Some of the bell players met recently, and we decided to try a Thursday, 6:00 PM rehearsal time. If you are interested in playing bells, please feel free to join us.

Piano Lessons Update

For those of you who had talked about piano lessons for yourself or your children, Judy is ready to begin. You have two options - Wednesday afternoon or Thursday afternoon. We hope some will choose the Thursday option, as there are many other regular responsibilities to disrupt Wednesdays. We are looking forward to getting started!

Please Note: If you would like to have a New King James Bible that was previously in the sanctuary they are located in the hallway outside the parlor. Some of these Bibles were placed in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one and we would like for you to have them if you would like.

Come Be Part of Our Good News Club At Brennen Elementary School

After-school Good news Clubs (GNC) are Bible classes children may attend once a week after school hours in a public school. So perhaps you are wondering "**Can we really teach the Bible in a public school?**" Yes friends we can! The Gospel has been taught freely in public schools all over the world for some time. Now children in the U.S. have that opportunity, too! In 2001 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Good News Clubs v. Milford Central school that Good News Clubs can meet in public schools in the U.S. after school hours on the same terms as other community groups.

So how can **YOU** be involved? After all, perhaps you are thinking to yourself, "**I'm not a teacher or a leader**". There are several ways for **YOU** to be involved but first and foremost we ask that you **PRAY** for this opportunity God has presented to Centennial and Sherwood Forest ARP Churches. God has cracked open this door but, we as believers, must seize the opportunity and walk through. Will you walk through this door and help reach children in the Forest Acres community?

Second, please consider serving as a club teacher or helper. Likely, some of you are thinking to yourself "**Not me, I'm not a teacher. Let someone else do it.**" Possibly you are even a little afraid to become involved? Be assured, **YOU** can do it, even if you never taught Children's Sunday School or VBS. Yes, you too can carry out the Great Commission. Child Evangelism Fellowship provides the Club training and materials which will enable you to feel comfortable stepping forward to serve. Will you join us in reaching the world's most fruitful mission field-the children? Will you please consider serving as a club teacher or helper? Next week we'll share more ways in which you can be involved.

Intercessory Prayer List

Shut-Ins	
Our military troops	
National & State leaders	
World Witness staff & missionaries	
Ricky Harrison	
Steve & Allison Harrison	Continued strength
Joey & Fay Robertson	
Sam Garrick	Health issues
Jeannie Thomas	
Rae Thomas' mother & stepfather	Health issues
Jimmy Simpson	Continued recovery from complications
John McKeown	Health issues
Judy Doudoukjian	Health issues
Tom Bostick (Betsy Grant's brother)	Prostate Cancer
Augusta Dixon (aunt of Guy Castles, III)	Cancer
Rick Bradley	Doing well after hip replacement surgery
Judy Garren (B. Amick's sister-in-law)	Health issues

Memorials



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Christmas season in memory or in honor of a loved one please complete the information below and make a check payable to Centennial ARP Church and designate "poinsettia". The cost per plant this year is \$14.00. ***The deadline to order is Sunday, November 19th.***

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Given By _____

No. of Plants _____ Amount _____ Check # _____

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Sunday, November 12, 2017

9:30 AM - Family Gathering Time
10:00 AM - Sunday School
10:45 AM - Session meets for prayer
11:00 AM - Morning Worship Service
12:30 PM - CARPY
4:00 PM - Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM - Sally Barker Circle

Wednesday, November 15

5:15 PM - Supper
6:00 PM - Bible Study, Programs
7:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 16

6:00 PM - Handbell Practice

Friday, November 17

11:30 AM - Naomi Luncheon

Saturday, November 18

9:30 AM - Soup Kitchen

Intercessory Prayer

November 12

Curtis & Patricia Stewart
Larry & Deborah Stokes
Jo Sykula
Jr. Agape SS Class

*Once again we are participating in **Operation Christmas Child**. If you would like to participate boxes with information are located in the hall outside the parlor. Filled boxes need to be turned in on November 15th.*

Duties and Responsibilities November 12, 2017

Deacons Duty: *Carol Finethy, Todd Williamson, Will Stevens

Guest Register: Mike & Meg Duncan

Nursery Helpers: **Bed Babies:** Rebecca

Nesbit, Lois Lee, Mattie Felker **Tod-**

dlers: Julie Felker, Margaret Roddey;

Sunday School: Babies: Delaine Brad-

ley, Janet Kelly

Children's Church: Melissa Davis,

Margaret Roddey

Outside Greeter: Luther Wilson

Elders on Duty: Door 1 - Rex Caster-

line, Door 2 - Dan Felker; Worship

Leader - Larry Stokes

Soup Kitchen: November 18 Tom

Clary, Shirley Garrick, Judi Van Patten,

Susan McCants & girls

November 25 Kara Stevens, Jane Nes-

bit, Susan Braswell, Carol Setzer, De-

laine & Rick Bradley