

# OCTOBER WORSHIP

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of October. As of the time of going to print, we still have in person worship in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. If you do not feel comfortable returning to in person worship, you are still able to watch online and I encourage you to do so. Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, claim the promises for you and your family. This is a time of testing, but I know it will pass, and through it, we will become stronger, together. - Pastor Viv.

## THE CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING

*Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. Acts 5:42*

The place in which a church meets varies. The use of big buildings, complex organizations, involved programs, huge budgets that provide for schools, hospitals, orphanages and other social activities are only possible in financially strong unrestricted societies.

Although the Lord has blessed these activities in many places in the world, we must recognize that they are not essential to the existence of the church. In some countries these activities are forbidden by the government, while in others, the local economic situation makes them impossible. Still the church can thrive, because it is not dependent on these things. Serious problems have arisen when Christians have become confused on this point.

A number of years ago, some Vietnamese church leaders thought that their lack of funds was the cause of the slow growth of Christianity there. On one occasion, the following conversation was overheard:

"Do you have communists in your part of the country?" the observer asked. "Most assuredly. They are there," the leader replied. "Are they growing in numbers and influence?" he then asked. The leader hesitated momentarily, then admitted sadly, "Yes, they are growing very fast." "Can you show me their meeting places and schools or introduce me to their leaders?" the observer continued. "Certainly not," the leader said in disgust. "If they are known, they will be arrested." "You mean they are secret, without buildings or property and still they grow in number?" the observer asked in amazement. "Yes, you could say that," the leader responded. "Then it must be that their growing influence does not depend on such things. If they can be wrong in their beliefs and still grow without money and buildings, why do you think the church of Jesus Christ needs these things?" the man concluded.

If God provides these things, then use them for His glory. If He does not, remember that the New Testament church had none of these things, but they turned their world upside down (Acts 17:6). The early Christians did not confuse the church's functions with methods. If they had done so, the church would have died in the bondage of Jewish legalism. The early churches were not encumbered by the presence of buildings, nor hindered by the lack of them. They met in public places, when they were permitted to do so, but when they were not, they went from house to house.

Let us pray for a better understanding of the biblical functions of the church and not confuse them with bricks and mortar. Thank the Lord for the boldness and willingness of our persecuted brothers and sisters, who use their homes as centers for worship and declaration of the good news of the love of God. Pastor Viv.

Sunday Service is now available on a DVD. If you would like a copy delivered to your home, please call the church office and we will take care of getting one to you.

# October Worship - Cherryvale UMC

## Worship Oct 4

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Philippians 3:4b-14; Exodus 20:1-20; Psalm 19; Matthew 21:33-46

### Thought for the Week

Many of us are never willing to let go of what we once highly valued, even when we come to realize that we were (and are!) wrong.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that it is easier to tell you what we think needs to change about us than to do our best to change it. Instead of belittling ourselves and wallowing in self-abasement, we would use our energy to make right what we know is wrong about us. Instead of living with the notion that you are so easy to offend, we would finally take Jesus' lead seriously and accept that you love us as we are and have already granted us a fresh start before we think to ask for it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Call To Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

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## Worship Oct 11

### Scriptures to read and meditate on

Philippians 4:1-9; Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Matthew 22:1-14

### Thought for the Week

Often a change of perspective is necessary in order to eradicate congregational conflict.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we don't wait well. And instead of waiting for your presence within us that will renew us, we make our own gods that we can both manipulate and admire. Suddenly we are worshipping what we value most, and it isn't you. We are bowing down before symbols of our individual and corporate wealth. We are bowing down before nationalism and relentless warmongering. We are bowing down before our own presumed independence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Call To Worship

Praise the Lord! Not the god-substitutes! Give thanks to the Lord! Not the god-substitutes! God's steadfast love endures forever! Even when we are bored! Even when we want a God we can see and touch! Even when we are willing to trade divine glory for a good-enough-for-now human-made gleaming god! Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord? Who can declare all of God's praise?

## **Worship Oct 18**

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

Matthew 22:15-22; Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### **Thought for the Week**

The absence of separation between religion and state threatens, not enhances, both secular and spiritual freedoms. God must come before government.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we people who have civil freedom take our freedom for granted, and we are willing to usurp the freedom of others by trying to force them into our molds of how we relate to you, as if our limited perspectives are sufficient for all. We seek the courage not to try to control others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Call To Worship**

Entrapment. False flattery. Your wisdom astounds us, Jesus. Where would we be without you, Jesus. You know best, Jesus. We're willing to do anything you tell us to do, Jesus. If we pay taxes to Rome, we're slapping all our sister and brother Jews in the face. If we don't, Rome will rough us up. Jesus thought. And thought. He asked for a Roman coin. "And whose image is on this coin?" Jesus asked. Caesar's! "Brilliant!" said Jesus. "This coin provides the answer to your question." Please, Jesus, tell us in all your wisdom the answer. Render to Caesar anything and everything that is Caesar's. Give to God all that God is due. And don't get the two confused!

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## **Worship Oct 25**

### **Scriptures to read and meditate on**

Matthew 22:34-46; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

### **Thought for the Week**

Christians begin all theological thinking with the teachings of Jesus; everything else in the Bible and tradition must be evaluated in relationship to what we have been told that he taught.

### **Prayer of Confession**

We confess, Gracious God, that we'd prefer to keep whatever it is that is going on between you and us, just between you and us! Why should others have to get mixed up in what we long to keep private? Why should others need to know anything about our spiritual selves when we don't want to know anything about theirs? Why should we have to go out and get involved in the lives of others in order to be faithful to you? We need your help in order to be able to take the painful, risky steps we need to take to love others in the same kinds of ways we love ourselves, and if we have not yet learned to love ourselves then that is where we need to learn your love lessons first of all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Call To Worship**

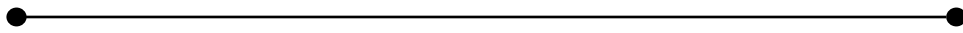
Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

## Cherryvale News

Since the shut down in March, much of the day to day functions of Cherryvale have remained the same. Even though our doors were temporarily closed, our mission did not change: To love God, Grow together and serve our community. And as we navigate through the re-opening process and the upcoming holiday months, we look to continue in our efforts to love God, Grow together and serve you, our church family.

If and when you feel comfortable returning to Cherryvale, you may notice a few changes around the place.

In the sanctuary the big change you will see is a newly constructed 'sound booth' which houses the equipment we use to 'live stream' the service on Sunday morning. Broadcasting our worship service has become an integral part of Sunday morning, and we have been contacted by folks as far away as South America and California, that have watched and are following our worship. When Jesus said to 'go and make disciples' He probably wasn't thinking about YouTube, the internet and social media; but those are the tools available today, so we are taking advantage of them to reach those who may need to hear the gospel. This technology also enables us to offer online bible study and to live stream other events, to those who may not be able to be physically present in the building. Contact the church office if you need help finding our YouTube channel or any of our online content.

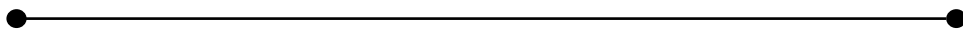


It was hard to miss the news in August of the flooding in and around Staunton. 2 Saturdays, 2 weeks apart, both storms unexpected and both storms bringing close to 5" of rain in a couple of hours. Many businesses and homes were damaged beyond repair. Some businesses had just completed repairs from the first flood only to have them all undone by the second.

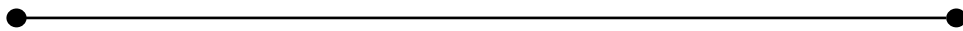
Bears and Blankets is a child daycare, family owned business that suffered such a loss. They provide day care for working parents, many of whom are essential workers. Months of drying out and repairs while still providing a safe and loving place for child care, was not an option for them. They needed a solution and fast. The owners met with Pastor Viv and worked out a plan to utilize the empty basement space at Cherryvale. One week later, the basement was transformed and 20 or so happy, laughing and joyful children had a safe place to be cared for; and as an added bonus, they now have a playground and space to play outside.

Bears and Blankets will be with us for the next 6 months or so, while they fix the flood damage and make plans for the future of their business.

Pastor Viv says, "if you ever feel like you need a pick-me-up, come and sit in the sanctuary, and listen to the shouts of delight and laughter from the children downstairs - it truly does your heart good to hear them.



Many of the trees on the church property have been there since long before the church was built. 5 or 6 of them are really causing a problem to the church and our neighbors. Over the next few weeks we plan to remove a tree that causes water to come into the building. The others will be trimmed back, away from our neighbors property line.



After 30 plus years of service, the old air conditioning units that service the education and children's wing, were replaced. For several years now, we have been recharging them and paying for service calls, in an attempt to extend their life. The leadership team finally decided it was time to put them out 'to pasture' and go with new and up to date units.

## **Flood Buckets / Cleaning Kits**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is currently focusing efforts on Cleaning Kits (aka Flood Buckets) Hygiene Kits, and School Kits.

Cleaning Kits provide supplies to help individuals and families clean up after flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Hygiene kits replace basic necessity items lost in a disaster such as toothbrushes, hand towels and soap to help people stay clean and healthy. School kits include school supplies for children as they return to the classroom. Full details of each kit and instructions are on our website [www.cherryvaleumc.com](http://www.cherryvaleumc.com).

If you prefer to make a financial contribution to enable UMCOR to purchase relief kits, you can contribute \$75 for each cleaning kit; \$12 for each health kit; and \$11 for each school kit. Additionally, UMCOR asks for \$1 per kit (\$3 for cleaning buckets) to cover processing and shipping, and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. All checks (for processing and shipping, for toothpaste, and in lieu of providing kits) should be made payable to "Virginia Conference UMC", earmarked for "kits" and mailed to Treasurer, Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, P O Box 5606, Glen Allen, VA 23058 any time prior to Annual Conference. The information is also posted and will be updated on the conference website at [www.vaumc.org/ac2020](http://www.vaumc.org/ac2020).

Saint Paul's UMC in Staunton has volunteered to be our collection sight for the District kits. If you have kits please bring them to St. Paul's UMC, 2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton, VA 24401 beginning Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be collected until Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Annual Conference Mission Offering:**

Bishop Lewis encourages all local churches to participate in this second mile offering as an expression of support for designated conference priority mission projects and programs which she selects.

Individual gifts may be made payable to "Virginia Conference of the UMC" or "VAUMC" with Conference Offering in the memo line.

The recipients of the 2020 offering represent a mixture of long term mission partnership commitments as well as new mission opportunities:

50 Percent Food Ministries within the Virginia Conference – Funds for food ministries within the Virginia Conference will be disbursed by the Missional Ministries Board.

50 Percent Partnerships of Hope – (Formerly Initiatives of Hope) Support for our conference long-term international mission partnerships with Mozambique, Cambodia and Brazil.

Please be generous in your support of the Annual Conference Mission Offering as we continue to show our strong support for God's mission here in Virginia and around the world.

## **Verona Food Pantry**

September - Peanut Butter

October - Canned Pasta

November - Mac 'n' Cheese

December - Pot Luck

## *Ruth & Esther*

### **Pastor's Bible Study**

**Wednesday's at 1pm**

Live on Facebook, YouTube and [www.cherryvaleumc.com](http://www.cherryvaleumc.com)

Starts October 7 @ 1pm

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### Powerful Quotes from Billy Graham

*"In the Bible God speaks to us; in prayer we speak to God.  
Both are essential."*

*"You can be born in a garage, but that doesn't make you an  
automobile. You can be born in a Christian home, but that doesn't  
make you a Christian."*

*"You don't have to know much when you come to Christ. You don't  
have to know the whole Gospel. You don't have to know the Bible.  
You just come like you are."*

*"The Christian's journey through life isn't a sprint but a marathon."*

*"The regeneration of the individual is much more needed  
than the revolution of society."*

*"Time is the dressing room of eternity. In the few fleeting days of  
life on this planet we are given the opportunity to prepare for  
eternity. "*

*"The Bible is not an option; it is a necessity.  
You cannot grow spiritually strong without it."*

*"The transformed man loves when others hate. He is just when  
others are prejudiced. He is understanding when others  
misunderstand and he is poised when others are frantic."*

*"Christianity is not a white man's religion. And don't ever let  
anybody tell you that it's white or black. Christ belongs to all  
people! He belongs to the whole world!"*

*"The whole Bible is a love story.  
It's a love story between God and man. God loves you!"*

*"The marvel is not so much that Christians are happy, but that they  
are not happier. We need to awaken to a new consciousness of our  
divine origin. Born of God—what a heritage!"*

*"If Christianity is important at all, it is all important. If it is anything  
at all, it is everything. It is either the most vital thing in your life, or  
it isn't worth bothering with."*

*"The way we live is often more convincing than the words we say."*



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