ROUGH & READY RUMBLINGS  
SEPTEMBER 2021

Salem Church of Rough & Ready  
11 Church Road  
Klingerstown, PA 17941  
Church/Children’s Church: 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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AUGUST 15, 2021

INFORMATION FOR THE RUMBLINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SECRETARY BY THE 15TH @ 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 5th – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Dress Down Sunday  
Monday, September 6th – Labor Day  
Tuesday September 7th – Consistory Meeting at 8:00 PM  
Sunday, September 12th – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Rally Day - we are looking forward to having True Heart join us for Rally Day Service beginning at 9:30 AM. Pot Pie Meal will follow, and congregation may bring a side dish or dessert.  
Tuesday, September 13th – Sunday School Meeting at 7:30 PM  
Sunday, September 19th – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion will be celebrated.  
Sunday, September 26th – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. We will be celebrating Harvest Home.

If anyone is interested in taking charge of the Fall Bizarre this year, please contact Alicean Galloway or Butch Heim.

Confirmation classes will begin shortly after Labor Day. It is open to student’s 7th grade and up, as well as to all parents and adults who would like to sit in the class and refresh your understanding of our faith. Pastor Mark needs to know who is planning to be in this class as soon as possible.

Consistory updates July and August

• We will be using the Scofield Reference Bible for the upcoming Confirmation class.
• Love offering
  • We will hold a love offering for Charlotte Buffington who was injured in a lawn mower accident. This will run from August 8 through September 5.
• Flowers for newly baptized infants
  • In addition to ordering flowers for other special occasions, Tricia Morrison will also order flowers for newly baptized infants.
  • Mark Brown was fine with passing this onto Tricia.
• Same sex marriage wedding policy
  • Investigation for hard documentation relating to this issue is ongoing and will be reviewed next month.
• Pastor Mantz’s Ordination
  • The Ordination for Pastor Mantz was held on June 27 and was a well attended and joyous occasion for all.
Parsonage
- We discussed how we should proceed with the parsonage, whether we should consider selling, renting, or simply leaving it vacant.
- Either way we must have a congregational vote after we have additional information as to the implications, especially as it relates to our current non-taxable status.
- We will gather information for the next meeting.

Kitchen Items
- We are getting a “new to us” refrigerator to replace the glass-front unit which is broken.
- When the new unit is delivered the old one will be taken away and recycled.

Rally Day will be September 12th with a combined service, entertainment and a meal served after the service.

Church Bazaar may not be held this year, but if it is the date may change.

Pastor’s Report
- Pastor Mark provided his activity report for July.
- Pastor Mark has been getting good feedback on the sermon outline he is including in the bulletin so he will continue with this practice.
- He has been actively involved in the planning for the upcoming youth rallies.
- Planning ahead for Autumn and Winter Ministry notably the special holiday services and confirmation.
- Planning to take our youth and others who are interested to visit the Transport for Christ Headquarters in Lancaster County.
  - He feels it will be a very positive event for our youth.
  - Transport For Christ International ("TFC") is an evangelistic ministry helping drivers along life's highway by providing an effective ministry throughout the world wherever there is a significant trucking industry.
- Confirmation Class
  - Pastor Mark is really looking forward to and planning for the upcoming confirmation class.
  - He is preparing a syllabus with a dual emphasis
    1 - Develop a personal relationship with Christ
    2 - Teach the Heidelberg Confession so that it meshes with a vital relationship with the Lord and not as a group of facts with no relevance to our lives
  - He is going to stress to the confirmands that confirmation is a very serious commitment, and likened it to a spiritual “boot camp”
  - He will require all confirmands to memorize one bible verse per week.
  - He expects 100% class attendance since all aspects of the class are equally important.
    - He will make himself available for make-up classes should someone miss a class.
  - Also expects 90% attendance at church services and Sunday School
  - All consistory members were in agreement with his approach and fully supportive.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT FROM JULY

Current Fund Income: $4,701.00
Current Fund Expenses: $6,916.31
End of Month Balance: $136,420.98
The Janitor for September is Dean Dietrich

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ALTERNATE FLOWERS

September 5th - In Memory of our Parents presented by Daisy Drumheller and Violet Hoffman
September 19th – In Memory of Mark Hoffman presented by Kathy, Scott, Nick Hoffman & Families

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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PASTOR’S PAGE

“What Really Matters”

About a month ago, as Jeanne and I were walking at the Marina, we encountered a lady who was getting some items out of her car. As I’m accustomed to doing, I pleasantly said “Good morning”, to which I received an equally pleasant reply. I noticed a variety of slogans, bumper stickers and other items festooned on her car, and I commented on one that stated a very popular catch phrase: “Black Lives Matter”. As we passed by I paused and said to her “I think all lives matter, don’t you?” Her pleasant disposition immediately disappeared, and she responded that “only Trumpers think that.” I was a bit surprised at her retort, but not shocked. As Jeanne and I continued our walk, we talked about her slogan, response, and the climate in
which we find ourselves in America 2021. We wondered if she gave any thought to what she actually was saying. Does only a certain segment of our population have lives that matter, and any other life is of no value? We seem to have become so polarized politically that we just “shoot from the lip” with statements that ought to make us cringe if we stop to reflect on what is said. Now, I want to be clear, I believe every human life matters. I do not think any individual is of less value than myself, because I firmly believe that we were created in the image of God. We, as individuals, were and are, so important to God that He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our sin bearer. I also firmly believe that in God’s eyes, there is no difference between people due to race, political ideology, sex, or religion. The Bible clearly teaches that God sees only two groups of people on this earth: those who have been born again and have become part of His spiritual family, and those who are still under condemnation for their sins. See John 3:17 & 18. Furthermore, God desires every person on earth, no matter who they are, or what they may or may not have done, to be born again into His family. John 3:16 makes it clear that “whosoever” really does mean “whosoever”. God is no respecter of persons, and His love and forgiveness is available to us all.

I’ve reflected on that brief encounter a number of times, and most of the time I come to the same conclusion: we aren’t going to change people’s minds or attitudes by arguing, debating, or anything like that. I realize that we are in a very fierce and vicious spiritual war in which the souls of men and women, boys and girls, all hang in the balance. In my opinion, the very survival of our nation is also in serious jeopardy because of the hatred people currently have toward others who have a differing political or social viewpoint. So, what are we to do? Instead of wringing our hands in worry and anxiety, giving up in despair, or falling into an angry depression over the state of affairs; I offer a possible solution. Engage the enemy in battle, using every means at our disposal to defeat our foe. But we must know who the enemy is, where the battleground is located, and how to fight the real enemy.

The enemy is Satan and his demonic hosts, and the battle ground is the spirit realm. We are up against an enemy who will stop at nothing to destroy us and stifle our God and His plans. How do we fight this enemy? By using the Word of God, and by prayer, empowered by faith in God and His truth. We must read, and study the Bible for our self, on a daily basis, if we are to be the Christians God wants us to be. If we don’t know what the Bible tells us to do, how in the world can we think we are living and doing the will of God. Prayer is the supply line, and the lifeline from God to us and us to God. As we tell Him what we deal with, and are concerned about, He will guide us. It is by living out our faith on a daily basis, according to the Bible, that the tide of the spiritual battle will change.

I have deliberately not included very many Bible verse references in this devotional. I would like to challenge anyone who is serious about their faith to study the scriptures and verify this message for themselves. Then, I further challenge you to engage in the conflict the Biblical way.

God Bless you as you walk with Him.

Pastor Mark
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