

The Pastor Said:

Recently, I have experienced the presence of God calling us to pray for sinners. Too often we pray for the sick, or injured or the diseased. But, prayer is the opportunity to be in conversation with the Lord God Almighty. It is an opportunity to seek God's power in our world.



We are Born Again
Kingdom People,
Living Like Jesus,
Revealing His Grace.

Our society is filled with sin and sinners. We are given half-truths. We are expected to believe whatever we are told. People engage in sexual sin. Greed and selfishness dominate the world. This is sin. We see this everyday.

Many people have come to accept this as normal. This is the culture of our day. They don't believe in the church, the Bible, or Jesus. They believe what they want. They do what they want. This is sin.

This is all bad news and we know it. As individuals we often feel powerless against our culture, and may even just float along with the things that are happening. I've included an article that helps explain how we can approach people in our culture.

We, as followers of Jesus, His disciples, have a different culture. Ours is the culture of truth, where we are in a right relationship with your Creator God. Ours is a culture of power to overcome sin, where it no longer holds people captive. Ours is the culture of peace, where our Savior and Lord has taken away our sin. Ours is the culture of hope, where eternal life in heaven is assured.

Even though the culture of sin appears to be winning, our culture is already victorious. We have that victory. There is nothing that can defeat us. Jesus is our Lord.

Talking to Jesus and claiming the promises of scripture empowers us. We need to pray those promises over our lives, our families, our friends, and our culture.

During the month of October, I encourage you to enter into Twenty-eight Days of Prayer for The Redemption of Sinners. I've added to this newsletter a list of scripture passages. Each passage is numbered so you have reading material for that day.

Here's how I think this can work. Read the passage of scripture. As you do, underline the action words. Then circle the promises. Begin praying the promises, claiming them for your life, for the believers in your family, and for your friends. Speak their names. As you pray, commit to the actions that the verses require. You will actually read all of this through two (2) times. Each time, you will gain new insights.

At first, you may not feel comfortable doing this. The more you do this throughout your day, the more comfortable it will become. You may not be too sure about some of the promises. Claim them, again and again. You may not like some of the actions. Commit yourself to these actions.

Pray your way through the doubts or fears. Pray your way through the excuses.

Pray because you know at least one person who needs Jesus. You are praying because that person cannot die without knowing Jesus. You are praying so that person will be with you in heaven for eternity.

This is a big challenge. You were saved to OVERCOME the challenges of this life. I believe that we all need to be committed to the redemption of sinners. We can be the prayer warriors behind their salvation. God is working all the time. We can work alongside our Savior and Lord. Thank you for praying.

Pastor Joe

Sunday Morning Messages

- October 6**—Praying to Be An Ambassador of Jesus *2 Cor. 5:20–6:3*
- October 13**—Praying for the Presence of the Holy Spirit *John 14:16–18*
- October 20**—Praying for Holy Spirit Power to do the Impossible *Eph. 3:14–21*
- October 27**—Praying for Minds to be Open to the Gospel *Luke 24:45–49*

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- 4—Ron Woodrum
- 6—Mike Bush
- 8—Norma Owens
- 15—Betty Hoffman
- 19—Randy Roahrig
- 20—Suzann Stoker
- 23—Christine Sycks
- 26—Tanya Roahrig
- 29—Lonie Sanders

[NO ANNIVERSARIES]

THE MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS FOR 2024

- Jan - Missionary Maintenance Services
- Feb - America for Christ
- Mar - Cooking Oil for Shepherd’s Assembly
- Apr - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- May - One Great Hour of Sharing
- Jun - Pregnancy Center of Coshocton
- Jul - Sarah McCurdy, International Ministries
- Aug - Lifewise (Release Time Ministry)
- Sep - World Missions
- Oct - Samaritan’s Purse (Christmas Shoeboxes)**
- Nov - Blankets for the Homeless
- Dec - Retired Ministers and Missionaries

Salvation Army food items and diapers for the Pregnancy Center are received each week.

Praise and Prayer

October 20—6 pm



Solid Rock Church, 46160 CR 55, Coshocton, will be hosting a time of praise and prayer on Sunday, October 20 at 6 pm.

Words of praise and thanksgiving from the Bible and through song help us become aware that Jesus is with us.

Prayer is our presence in the throne room of God, where we can boldly call upon Him for any need, big or small.

Seton Apartments Monthly Bible Study

- DAY:** October 3, 2024
- TIME:** 1:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Seton Community Room
- WHO:** Led by Diane Williams



Bring your Bible and we will search God’s Word for His wisdom for today’s world. Join us as we finish up our “Ten Steps Toward Spiritual Growth” study. We would love to have you join us in the community room. Park in the back and come around to the front where someone will let you into the building. See you soon!





It's time for our Annual White Elephant Auction. This year we are trying something new. On SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH ABW will host our first ever co-ed auction. Women, men, and children are invited to attend and help us raise funds for Christmas giving projects. Bidding will begin at 10:00 a.m. and we'll be done before noon. There will be items for men and children as well as the usual fun frilly things that we women are famous for.

ABW will be planning quarterly events in the future rather than attempting monthly meetings. And of course, any event will include fun refreshments.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND FOOD EVENT
TO BENEFIT COSHOCTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GIVING.

Approaches to Reach People in Today's Culture, Carey Nieuwhof

1. Embrace People And Offer An Alternative

There's much about today's culture we may not like, but that's no excuse to stop loving the people within it. In an age when so many churches push away people they don't agree with, the field is ripe for Christians willing to embrace their neighbors. To actually love them. Kind of like Jesus told us to. Think about this the church is uniquely positioned to offer a radically beautiful alternative to the culture in so many key issues, like our sexuality, how we handle our money, what we do with our bodies, and in basic disciplines like confession and self-control.

It's often not that people are rejecting Christian teachings, it's that they don't even know what those teachings are. And they're surprisingly open to Christianity if the Christians they meet are loving and generous people. Many are open to a new way to live. Here are just a few alternatives core to Christianity providing an intriguing counter-cultural viewpoint. In an age where sex is anything you want it to be, Christianity teaches that sex is sacred and that we value the who far more than the what, which changes the what and the how. In a culture where greed and debt have become the norm, Christ-followers can model and teach generosity and life that isn't measured by what we accumulate. Teaching young families to save and give is truly countercultural these days and deeply biblical. In an era when the family is morphing and even fragmenting before our eyes, Christians can offer support and mentor kids and teens and extend friendship and tangible support to parents and adults who are alone.

Do you see the pattern? There are so many other areas where we can embrace people who are different than we are and humbly come alongside to help.

2. Focus On Core Mission

For decades now, many churches have been struggling. Liberal and conservative churches that were transfixed on politics and ideas (more than the core message of Christianity) were often struggling to reach new people. Even attractational churches, which made up the majority of growing churches in the last two decades, were finding growth much harder than it used to be. If there's one trend to watch moving forward, it's that America's journey into a post-modern, post-Christian culture is continuing unabated. This means the future church will have to stand as an alternative to the culture, not an echo of it.

As a result, in the future church: Cool won't cut it, Hype won't cut it, Fun won't cut it, Real will. A focus on the core purpose of church — introducing people to a relationship with Christ, with each other, and life-changing discipleship — will be the one thing that church can offer that the world doesn't. Churches that focus on this will grow. Churches that get lost in politics, ideology, hype, or anything off-mission will not. At least not in the long term. The culture needs an alternative to itself, not an echo of itself.



OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS **++Operation Christmas Child++**

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has provided an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift to more than 220 million children in over 170 countries and territories. Local ministry partners hand out these tangible expressions of God's love at child-friendly, Gospel-focused outreach events. Afterward, many of the boys and girls are invited to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship program. Through 12 Bible lessons, children learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. They tell friends and family what they are learning, and more people put their faith in Christ—and go on to tell still others. Through these dynamic evangelism and discipleship efforts, believers and churches are multiplying!



Check out the bulletin board area to pick up boxes, along with labels and information



about how to pack a box. Return your packed box, with \$10.00 for shipping and evangelistic materials, during the first week of November. We will deliver them to the local collection site. Last year we packed fewer boxes than previous years, so let's get inspired and do more this year! See Diane if you have questions.

The Pregnancy Center of Coshocton

The list below contains items that are needed consistently by the **Pregnancy Center of Coshocton**. As items are donated, we will deliver them to the Center. If you have already purchased items that are not on the current list, no worries; it will still be put to good use! This will be an ongoing ministry, much like our previous diaper ministry.

Thank you for considering how you might support this giving throughout the year. You may use the former diaper collection box in the church narthex.

NEW OR GENTLY USED

mid and light weight sleepers sizes
9-12-18-24/2T
summer clothes sizes 9-12-18-24/2T
strollers, any kind
double stroller
changing tables

NEW, IN PACKAGING

Pampers diapers sizes NB, 4, 5 & 6
Huggies diapers sizes NB, 4, 5 & 6
Wipes
Safety locks
Baby bath soap and baby lotion
Baby clippers, aspirators, safety swabs
3 in 1 thermometers
Outlet covers

~28 DAYS OF PRAYER TO REDEEM SINNERS~

Please pray through each daily reading seeking God's heart for those trapped by the power of sin.

Praying as Ambassadors for Christ

DAY 1,15. 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:3 (NIV)

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.

Praying to be The Great Commission

DAY 2, 16 Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

DAY 3,17 Mark 16:15–18 (NIV)

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

DAY 4,18 Luke 24:45–49 (NIV)

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all

nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Praying for Power from on High

DAY 5, 19 Ephesians 1:15–23 (NIV)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

DAY 6,20 Ephesians 3:14–21 (NIV)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Jesus' Promises on Prayer

DAY 7, 21 Colossians 1:9–14 (NIV)

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

DAY 8, 22 Ephesians 6:10–20 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

DAY 9, 23 John 14:13–14 (NIV)

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

DAY 10, 24 John 15:5–8 (NIV)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

DAY 11, 25 Matthew 21:21–22 (NIV)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

DAY 12, 26 Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

DAY 13, 27 John 14:16–18 (NIV)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

DAY 14, 28 John 14:26–27 (NIV)

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 4-5 pm	2	3	4	5 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
6 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	7	8 Bible Study 4-5 pm	9	10 Church Council 4 pm	11	12 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
13 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	14	15 Bible Study 4-5 pm	16	17	18	19 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
20 9:30 am Worship Sunday School 6:00 pm Prayer Service Solid Rock Church	21	22 Bible Study 4-5 pm	23	24	25	26 <i>Prepare your heart for Worship</i>
27 9:30 am Worship Sunday School	28	29 Bible Study 4-5 pm	30	31		

OCTOBER MONTHLY MISSION

++Samaritan's Purse++

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY: 9:30 am Worship
followed by Sunday School
In-person and Facebook
@Joe Sanders

TUESDAY: 4-5 pm Bible Study
All are welcome!

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MESSENGER



Jesus said,
**"You must be
Born Again"**

John 3:3



Faithful Servants' Schedule

OCTOBER	6	13	20	27
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Randy Roahrig	Rick Bailey	Bobbie Cooper	Norma Owens
CHURCH MUSICIAN	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz	Angie Lentz
SONG LEADER	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens	Norma Owens
	LORD'S SUPPER			

**Well done good and faithful servant.
Thank You for Serving the Lord.**