

CONNECTING MEOTA October 11th, 2023

This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.

**Our next church service will be
Sunday October 15th , 10:30 am
at St. George's or Christ Church Millarville
and St. James invites you to join us
at Christ Church or St George's this Sunday !**

Livestream will not be available for the summer months. We are still evaluating this fall. Please enjoy our autumn weather and attend one of our lovely churches in the Meota parish. The stained glass windows at each church are beautiful. The services are upbeat and the fellowship is friendly. Please join us.

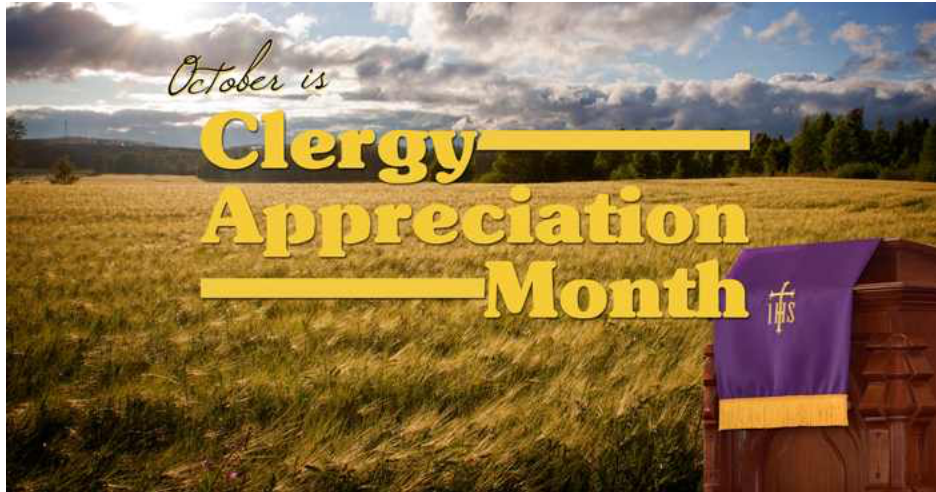


Join Us for Worship

Services In Person @ 10:30am
Christ Church, Millarville

St. George's, Diamond Valley

& St. James, Priddis

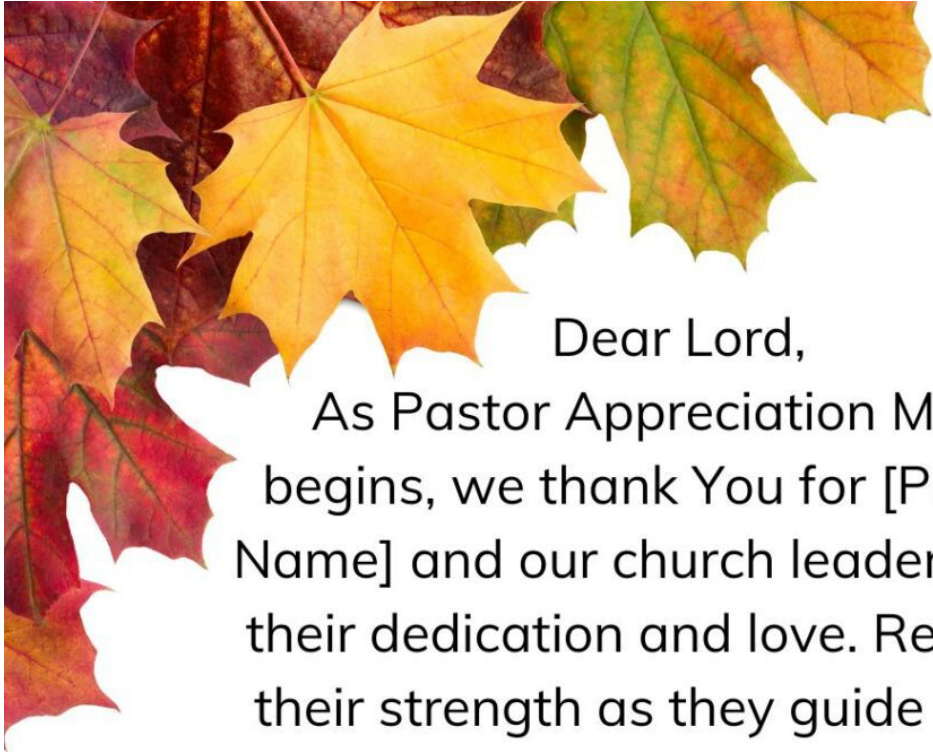


The Church needs a solid foundation to remain strong. Today, many churches rely on the ministry to be the rock their Church is built upon. That puts enormous pressure on pastors, priests, reverends, and ministers. This pressure can build up on the individual and their families and take a toll on the entire congregation. Pastor Appreciation Month was created to highlight the ministry's role in the Church and give thanks for their work. Every year, the month of October is observed as the Pastor's Appreciation Month or Clergy Appreciation Month and the second Sunday of October is celebrated as Pastor's Appreciation Day.



Ven Alan baptizing a baby!!!

Reach out to your clergy, in a card, email, or a handshake on Sunday morning and expression your appreciation for all they do in the whole life of the church and its ministry.



Dear Lord,

As Pastor Appreciation Month begins, we thank You for [Pastor's Name] and our church leaders. Bless their dedication and love. Replenish their strength as they guide us and protect their families. May we, as a congregation, consistently support and uplift them in both action and prayer. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.



WE ARE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ISRAEL



**PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE
"GOD'S INTERVENTION"**

Father,
even when things seem hopeless,
we know that through You we are
never without hope. We beg Your
intervention for a world on the
constant brink of war. Beat the
swords into plowshares and cause
the lion to lie down with the lamb.

Intervene in this world that they
might avoid the horrors of war and
let peace rule in all lands. Through
Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



ConnectUs



Last Sunday, Ven. Alan encouraged us to share our faith, to tell others about Jesus. Sometimes we are too shy to say anything and we certainly don't want to rub someone the wrong way by saying something that might be inappropriate. So, I found this article – some of it makes sense, other suggestions are not quite as practical. But.. it is something to think about.

Ways To Share The Gospel Without Saying A Word by Blake *from Herculture.org*

Jesus said to preach to everyone. It's our job to help others find the path to Christ. While we know that we're supposed to be bold and unafraid, it can be really challenging sometimes. We live in a culture that isn't always receptive to conversations surrounding faith. Beyond that, you might be shy and awkward around people. And, if we're totally honest here, you're busy, and sometimes it's hard to remember to bring the conversations back to the topic of Jesus.

You want to do better. But how? First, you should practice talking about God and his effect on your life. The more you talk about a topic, the better you get at talking about it. Challenge yourself to be brave. Getting good at sharing the word is going to take some time, and that's okay.

Until then, there are several ways that you can share the gospel without having to say a word. What a relief, right? Also, you can continue to use these nonverbal techniques even after you're comfortable chatting it up about God. A bonus to these tricks is that they tend to be less abrasive and potentially more effective than approaching someone verbally.

So, let's talk about some of the ways to be the brazen, Jesus-loving superstar, you know that you are, without having to say a word.

1. **Wear Your Faith:** One of the simplest ways to share your faith is to wear it on your clothes. There are dozens of online and physical shops offering Christian t-shirts, blouses, accessories, bags, and more that proudly show bible verses or otherwise express your Christian faith. They're great conversation starters. Also, there are a lot of companies who design faith-based clothes and accessories, so you're sure to find something that represents your personal fashion sense.
2. **Decorate Your Home, Dorm, and Car:** Similar to preaching the word through your clothes, you can also decorate your space to reflect your Christian faith. There's an abundance of wood signs, crosses, keychains, and other

decorations that have bible verses, inspirational sayings, or quirky Jesus-focused artwork. What about an outdoor nativity at your house?

3. Always Have Your Bible- Carry your bible with you wherever you go. Take it to classes, to work, or out with friends. When you have a break, instead of picking up your phone, proudly open your bible and show the world that you're a Christian. Having your bible on display encourages people to ask questions and start conversations. It's also a bold display of your faith, which can inspire other believers to follow suit and non-believers to take notice.
4. Use Social Media- Social media is more than a space to talk about the latest celebrity gossip or what you had for dinner. It's your personal pulpit. Send out bible verses as tweets — post photos of you at church on special days: Thanksgiving/Christmas. Social media is a powerful tool to share the word of God. Don't be afraid to use your platform to share messages of God's love.
5. Visually Pray- How powerful is it to see someone praying in public? You can do that, too. Silently bow your head and pray before meals, before tests, or anytime you feel inclined. If you're feeling brave, ask others if you can lead a prayer before a meal or before a club activity. Get your other Christian friends to join you in a prayer circle. Prayer is fantastic because you don't have to talk to anyone but God, and by doing so, you're spreading the word and showing your faith.
6. Listen to Christian Music- The Christian music scene has changed. Some amazing artists have really catchy and powerful songs that sound just as good as anything mainstream. Play Christian music in your car, dorm room, and at parties. Add a couple of tunes to your group's Spotify playlist. You'll be surprised how often you're asked who the song is by and what it's about. It's an excellent way to get people asking questions and interested in Christian music and hearing the word of God.

Don't Be Afraid to Share the Word - These are just a few ideas to get you started on sharing the word without having to say a thing. Get creative, and you'll begin to find other opportunities to talk about your faith. Jesus wanted us to share the gospel, and thankfully, there are so many ways to do it. You just have to have the strength, be brave, and work on taking every opportunity to share.

Upcoming Events. Invite a friend or neighbour.



FIFTH SUNDAY worship and potluck

Oct 29th 10:30 am

at Christ Church Millarville



Prayer and Praise

Oct 26th 7 pm. St George's Diamond Valley

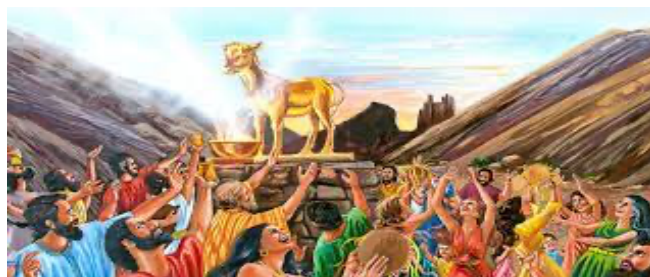
Sunday, October 15th, 2023. Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

EXODUS 32:1-14; PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23; PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9; MATTHEW 22:1-14

MOSES, AARON AND THE GOLDEN CALF

First Reading. When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. EXODUS 32:1-14



Second Reading

PHILIPPIANS

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, to together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

Gospel

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; **come to the wedding banquet.**' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." MATTHEW 22:1-14



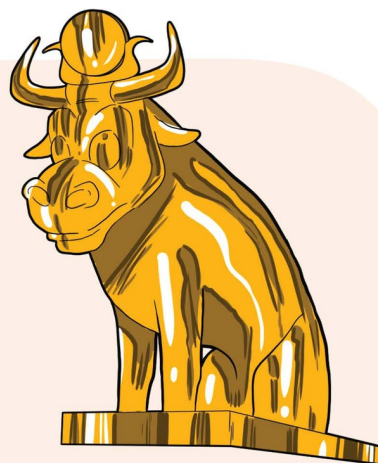
You Have the Victory Already. [From newcreations.org](http://newcreations.org)

So, as you navigate the storms of life, remember this: God's victory is already ours. In Christ, we are more than conquerors. When we choose to rejoice in the Lord, we tap into a supernatural strength that enables us to endure, overcome, and emerge victorious, no matter what challenges we encounter.

In the face of adversity, let the joy of the Lord be your fortress and your shield. Rejoice, for God is with you, and His victory is yours to claim.

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Even when our world appears to be crashing down around us, we can, and must, still rejoice in the Lord. God is with us. His victory is ours.

The golden CALF



Read Exodus 32. Find and circle the words below.

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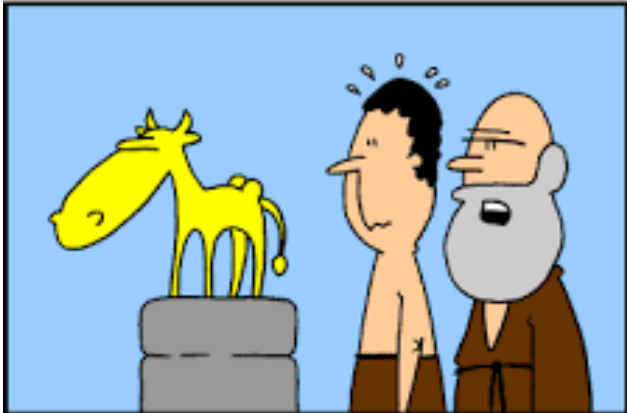
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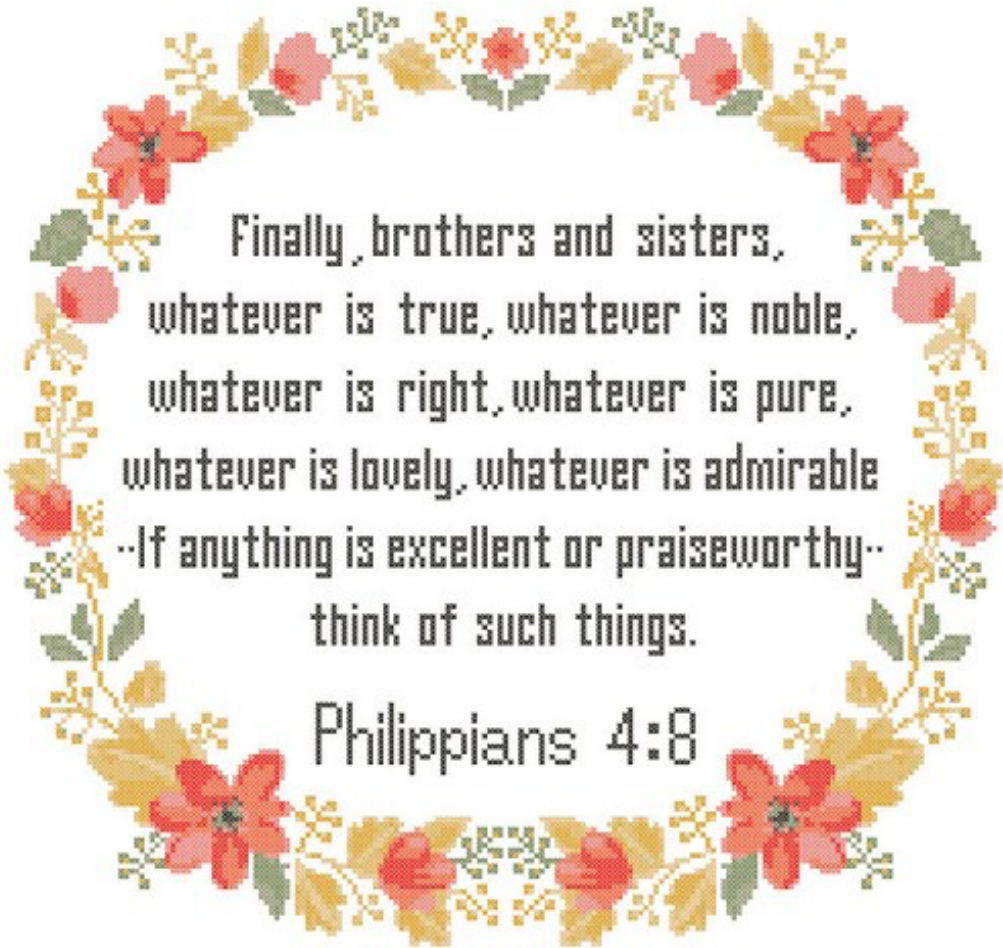
Thanks to Kate Huffman (See Exodus 32) 03-12-1998

SOOO, AARON ... YOU ACTUALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU "ACCIDENTALLY" DROPPED A BUNCH OF GOLD IN THE FIRE AND IT JUST "HAPPENED" TO COME OUT LOOKING LIKE THIS CALF HERE???



"Hello? Is this Tech Support?
I think my tablets might be broken...."

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!!



Alleluia!!!