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If any of you were as curious as was Marilyn, you may have been as shocked as she was to find the name of our church, and my name, included in the Delinquent Real Estate Tax List. But fear not, the unintended delinquency has been addressed. There is no need to change churches, or preachers.

You may not be aware of it, but not only did Bonnie leave us sufficient funds to build a gymnasium, she left us her house. While the change of ownership was being processed the second half of the tax bill was disregarded, thinking as a church we wouldn't have to pay it. However, upon calling in response to the published list of delinquents, we found out that taxes payable in 2025 are for 2024, so the second half would have to be paid. And we were told if they didn't receive payment by November 5th, a tax auction would be held, and the owner could lose their property.

I was never more thankful for my wife's curiosity. I thought if we had missed the notice, we would have lost the house. I did find out it doesn't take place that quickly, but I was still very thankful.

And speaking of being thankful, we are indeed thankful for all that has been entrusted to us by Jack and Bonnie. In fact, we are hoping to be able to hold our Thanksgiving Dinner in the gym. The floor has been poured, and the wiring and HVAC should be roughed in by the end of this week. The walls will then be insulated, and the interior panels put in place. Once the lights are installed, and the furnaces and AC are operational, we should be good to go.

Even if the sport flooring and sports equipment isn't in place, we should be able to eat dinner in the gym. We did not put plumbing or a new kitchen in the gym due to expense involved in connecting to the sewer line, and the lack of perceived need. We have an adequate food prep area for potlucks and refreshments, and the bathrooms are readily accessible.

Even if we aren't able to eat dinner in the gym, we'll give thanks for it, and celebrate Thanksgiving together.

God Bless, Rick



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ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd at 5:30

Please bring food items for the pot-luck ready to serve by 5:15

STATISTICS		
	10/5	
Worship		106
Offering		\$12,534.31
	10/12	
Worship		104
Offering		\$4,637.24
	10/19	
Worship		105
Offering		\$14,079.50
	10/26	
Worship		117
Offering		\$4,109.98



COMMUNION MEDITATION

By Mitch Green

In Mathew 28 Jesus told his disciples "I have been given all authority in heaven and on Earth. 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. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."

Again, in Mark 16 Jesus tells his disciples "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

As followers of Jesus we ALL have a responsibility to further God's kingdom by doing our part in making more disciples. Each of us has a testimony of how we were saved because someone chose to obey the command of the Great Commission. And now God has placed people in each of our lives who were created by a loving Father who eagerly wants an intimate relationship with them; friends, family, coworkers and other acquaintances that don't know God. Who don't yet have a peace in their hearts that surpasses all understanding and who's current destination will be eternal separation from their holy, loving Father.

We must share the gospel when the opportunity presents itself. The good news that if we repent of our sins and place our faith in the redemptive work through Jesus on the cross, God will save us and make us a new creation. When doing so we must remember that our job is to simply share the truth in love. It is the Holy Spirit who will work in the heart and mind, convicting the sinner and moving them towards repentance, becoming born again.

It is essential, however, that we do not approach this task carelessly or unprepared. In 1st Peter chapter 3 we are told to always be prepared to give an answer to everyone for the hope that you have. To be effective and fully equipped for when God presents these opportunities we must not only continuously be in prayer to open our hearts to God's guidance, but we must also be regularly reading Scripture to gain wisdom and understanding so that we can share God's word.

Let us be motivated by love to step out in faith and share the good news to those around us who need it. Let us not be hindered by concerns of how others may view us, whether we will choose the right words, or if we fully comprehend enough biblical doctrine. But be assured that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and minds of both us and those we share the gospel with. Every seed planted, no matter how small, has the potential to grow and multiply so that many more may experience His saving grace.

As we share in this communion meal let us remember the great sacrifice that God made by sending His Son to suffer and die on the cross so that one glorious day we will be with Him forever. Let us also consider how we can share this good news and live out our responsibility in this Great Commission.



High School Saturday, November 8th

The Anonville Historical Society is hosting the annual masquerade charity event known as the Abby Manor Masquerade Ball. The estate, built in 1842, requires constant maintenance and restoration. It is Anonville's most treasured landmark.

Yuna Verz, a seasoned astronaut with a super high IQ, will be there. Mag Niffie, a rude Optometrist, will also be in attendance. And you won't want to miss socializing with Sherlock Tracy, the infamous homicide detective, who recently is hitting it big with a popular reality show.

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm sharp. Then let the games begin. Somewhere and at sometime throughout the evening, a crime will be committed by one of the guests in attendance. It will be your job to figure it out! The party will wrap up around 9:00pm after the investigation sheets are read and the mystery is solved.



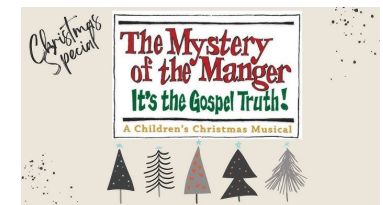
This Saturday, November 1st, LSCA is hosting a Fall Night Out for the local community. There will be opportunities to roast some hot dogs, enjoy caramel apples, popcorn, hayrides and more. If you are looking for a nice family event to attend in this lovely fall weather, then this could be the one! The campgrounds will be open to everyone from 6:00pm-8:00pm that evening.



Junior High/High School/Adults

It looks like a lot of people are excited to get back out on the paintball field this year! We will be leaving right after Sunday School on November 30th to grab a quick lunch in Chatham. Then, it is off to the paintball fields near Roodhouse. We will be returning in time for youth groups that evening.

The cost this year is \$35 per player. Please bring some extra money for your lunch and extra paint as needed. A sign up sheet is posted for everyone wanting to attend. I'm looking forward to some great matches this year!



Christmas Musical

Christmas will be here soon! Please note the following dates concerning the musical as we progress towards and move into December.

- Double practices from 5:15-7:30 on 11/9, 11/16, 11/30 & 12/7. The last double practice is the technical rehearsal. Please bring a snack to every practice!
- Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 13th from 9am-noon. A cast party and lunch will be held that day from 11:30-noon.
- December 14th is show-time! Arrive no later than 8:45 for costumes and make-up.