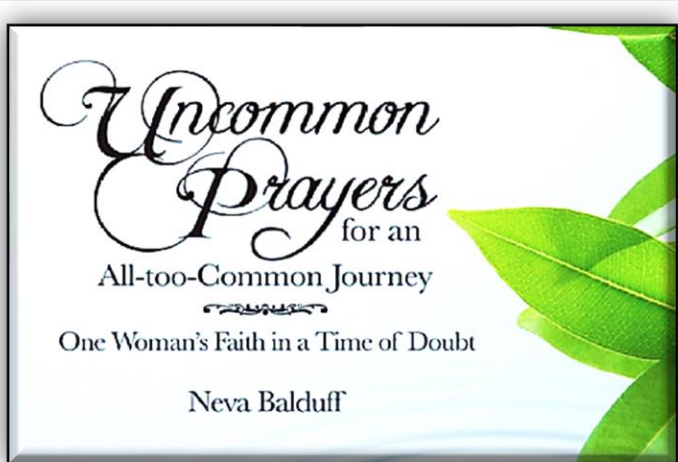


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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
October 27, 2024



↔ THE NOW! ↔

My life, it seems, has been striated
with alternating layers of
sadness and joy.
Sometimes it seems my world has gyrated
like a wobbly, tipsy child's toy.
It's been difficult at times
to keep my balance,
and subsequently I take a spill.
It seems it has taken all of my talents
just to bolster my faltering will.
But I am strong in many ways,
and I will cope somehow.
The striations seem to run
through my days
I need to remember to live in the "now"—
not let past or expected pain
dictate my present reaction.
I can change seeming loss to gain
and make the future
the main attraction.
A life of gratitude and dedication,
a living psalm of praise
is better than any medication.
It will heal me in many ways,
for God is still the great physician
He knows what's best for me,
and, if I don't offer opposition,
he will set me free!



We need Trick-or-Treat
stations for the Wee Care
kiddos! October 31st
around 10am.. If you'd
like to help give Brenna a
call @580.762.1667

Service Attendance ~ October 13, 2024

In Person: 69 Live Online: 15
Social Media Hits: 79

Sunday, October 20 ~ Service Information

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

"Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind."

Sunday School @ 9:30 ~ Fellowship Time @ 10:30

Services @ 8:30 & 11:00

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ASK FOR SUPPORT

I received an e-mail from Tucker and Elton asking for help with a class project. They are 7th Grade students in Ms. Pinney's FACS class at West Middle School. In their e-mail they explained that they wanted to support Marland's Place. In their request they said, "It would be awesome if you could raise some money and donate deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste so we can donate it all to the Children's home." I responded with a few questions. Here are the questions and responses.

How did you come to be interested in Marland's Place?

I thought of all the kids there and I had a friend who stayed there. He said that there were not enough items for everyone at Marland's Place.

What made you decide to raise funds and collect deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste?

Since my friend had barely anything I don't want that happening to anyone else.

How did you decide to reach out to First Christian Church with your request?

We did some research and found out that you guys have a long history with Marland's Place, so we decided that your church was the best choice.

When do you plan to deliver everything to Marland's Place?

On November 9th-10th.

In talking with a staff member at Marland's Place, they said they can use boy's and girl's **deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste**. They have plenty of toothbrushes, so there is no need to provide those. I know this is approaching our relationship with Marland's Place from a little different direction, but it is a chance to develop a new relationship with some of the local kids. Please bring what you can on Sunday, October 27th and November 3rd. If you would like to contribute financially, please use an offering envelope or check and indicate how much you would like to designate for Marland's Place. We will send a check directly to Marland's Place and give the students a certificate of donation on their behalf.

Pastor Stephen

Giving in Review

As of September 30, 2024

Income Received YTD	\$219,686.78
Actual Expenses YTD	\$202,846.04
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$229,889.85