



**From one Minister to Another...**

We have a **very important day in the life of our church coming up this Sunday**, beginning with **worship** that morning and continuing through our **church picnic** that afternoon. Both events are always important for those of us who love the Lord and appreciate the fellowship we enjoy as part of His church, but this Sunday deserves special note!

First, a couple of reminders concerning our time together in worship. As you enter the service this week, you'll be handed a **ballot for the purpose of nominating up to twelve deacons**. The names of those presently serving will be listed on the ballot. Their names were also included in the last Beacon that went out. Please don't place in nomination persons who are already serving in this role; but do come prepared to share with the Nominations Committee the names of persons you feel would serve well in this important office of our church.

You see Deacons each Sunday as they collect the offering, lead in prayer, and serve the Lord's Supper. Deacons are also involved in providing ministry to our church families, contacting guests, and serving in various other ways. Often we find ourselves discussing matters of importance in the life of our church during our monthly meetings.

All this is to say that Deacons are important servant-leaders in the life of our congregation, so please prayerfully consider the persons you'll place in nomination. Also, be prepared to answer the call should our church decide to turn to you to serve as a Deacon.

**People Who Need People...**

...are the luckiest people.... Remember that old song? By God's design, we really do need each other; and through His blessing in our lives, we have each other. But relationships aren't always easy, are they? We continue to consider the patriarch Jacob this Sunday. If you know his story, you recall that Jacob was sure he needed Rachel in his life. Somehow, though, he wound up with Leah! Of course, that was before he ended up with them both!!!

That's just a bit of a preview of our text for this Sunday. If you've ever been closely related to someone—by marriage, kinship, or friendship—who later turned out to be someone different than you thought they were, then you have some insight into what Jacob went through.

Our topic in worship this week is "Being Deceived." I think most of us will be able to "relate" in some way. Hopefully we will come away from the experience with greater insight into the challenges of being in close relationship with others.

**GROUNDBREAKING and a PICNIC Too!**

This is going to be fun. Our FBC children are going to help us break ground for our new Harrison Pruitt Park. This will be a great addition to our church facilities and a new means of ministry to our community. Before we join together for our annual church picnic, we get to celebrate the beginning of this project with construction to commence soon!

I trust that you are already making plans to give toward this effort. We need to raise about \$200,000 in addition to funds already on hand. It would be encouraging to receive some of these gifts by this Sunday—or your generous pledges to give, if the funds aren't yet where you need them to be to complete your gift. Pam and I look forward to giving, and I hope many of you will join us! Just think: our next church picnic will be in the new park! See you Sunday!

*In a Spirit of Partnership...*

*James R. Thomason, Pastor*

**Our Members in Action**

**September 24**

**Worship Childcare:**  
 Lynne Eaves and Lori Miller

**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Michael Davis, Offertory Prayer  
 Steve Madden, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**  
 Adam Gathers and Charlie Campbell

**October 1**

**Worship Childcare:**  
 Chad and Kara Waters

**Deacons of the Week:**  
 Charles Cromer, Offertory Prayer  
 Alicia Neal Darby, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**  
 Ed Sokol and Bradley Orr

**October Collection Committee**

Brian Eicke, Fran Singleton, John Nichols,  
 Chad Walker, Alene Sullivan, Rusty Smith

**Wednesday Lunch & Supper**

**September 27**

**Lunch**  
 Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes, Butter Peas, Fried Okra, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**Supper**  
 Hamburger with Trimmings, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**October 4**

**Lunch**  
 Baked Ham, Pineapple Casserole, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**Supper**  
 Country Fried Steak, Rice and Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Slaw, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**\*Lunch Reservations\***  
**Please contact the church office by Noon on Tuesdays to make or cancel your reservations.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship & Lord's Supper	2	3 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	4 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Worship	5   Beacon Mailed	6	7
8 9:30am Worship & Service of Remembrance	9	10	11 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	12	13	14
<b>Family Promise Week</b>						
6:00pm Youth Bible Study	7:00pm Men's Ministry Meeting		6:00 Youth Bible Study			
15 9:30am Worship  11:30am Deacons' Meeting  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	16   6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	17 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	18 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	19   Beacon Mailed	20	21 9:30am Saturday Servants
22 9:30am Worship  4:00pm Trick or Treat so Others can Eat  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	23	24 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	25 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study  6:00 Youth Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship  11:30am Church Conference and Luncheon  4:00pm Trick or Treat so Others can Eat  6:00pm Youth Bible Study	30 No School	31 Halloween 	<b>Fall Festival</b> <b>Wednesday, November 1</b> Hot dogs in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm followed by festival games in the Gym at 6:00pm. Adults and Youth willing to serve our children please arrive at the Gym by 5:15 for game assignments. We are now accepting donations of candy for the festival games. Please bring individually wrapped candy of any kind to the church office by October 27.			