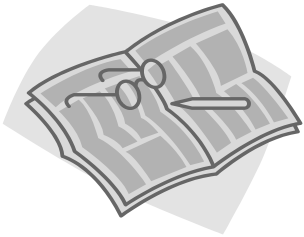


# The Elkins Exchange

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If anyone would like to receive the newsletter via email please send a note to Ruth at:

**firstchurchofchristelkins@frontier.com**

***Please keep the church updated with address and phone number changes! Can give to Ruth Morgan or email.***

Please give any news, pictures, happenings, etc. that you would like to see in the newsletter to Ruth Morgan by the third Sunday of the month.

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## From the Preacher's Desk

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct he should show his works done in the gentleness that wisdom brings. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfishness in your hearts, do not boast and tell lies against the truth. Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical. And the fruit that consists of righteousness is planted in peace among those who make peace.

Where do the conflicts and where do the quarrels among you come from? Is it not from this, from your passions that battle inside you? You desire and you do not have; you murder and envy and you cannot obtain; you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask; you ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, so you can spend it on your passions.

Adulterers, do you not know that friendship with the world means hostility toward God? So whoever decides to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy. Or do you think the scripture means nothing when it says, "The spirit that God caused to live within us has an envious yearning"? But he gives greater grace.

Therefore it says, "**God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.**" So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and make your hearts pure, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn, and weep. Turn your laughter into mourning and your joy into despair. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you.

(James 3:13-4:10 NET)



The spirit of our age is one of jealousy and selfishness. Humanity has always struggled with selfishness, but I think it fair to say that in our consumer-oriented culture we have surpassed ourselves in this matter. This is the problem of leaving the guidance of the Word of God behind us. My dollar bill might say "In God We Trust" but I don't think that the majority of Americans really do trust God. They probably trust

the dollar bill more than they trust God Himself.

In contrast, the bible calls us to be gentle and humble, which is Christ-like, and nothing like the age we live in. This is why the church feels so increasingly out-of-step with the world around us. The church is counter-culture. The church is nonsensical to our world. We remind them of the way that God wants things to be.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. The one who believes in Him is not condemned. The one who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God. Now this is the basis for judging: that the light has come into the world and people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil deeds hates the light and does not come into the light, so that their deeds will not be exposed. (John 3:17-20 NET)

Jesus tells us to mourn this world, not because He opposes happiness, but because the fate of the sinner separated from God is damnation, and we really do need to care more about those around us than we do our own creature comforts. We live in a lost world. Every day people die separated from God by sin, and in our own selfishness we don't care enough. As long as we're okay, what does it matter? That's their problem! But God tells us that in Christ-like humility we should set an example for this world. It is not always easy, but it is always needed.

## Mission of the Month

The third Sunday of each month we support a selected mission with the Sunday school offering. The mission for the month of October is **Hasten International**. Hasten stands for "Health And Salvation To Every Nation." They are based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and extend abroad.

**Hasten International** has missionaries in the Dominican Republic, Philippines, and Zimbabwe. They minister to the people through the word of Jesus Christ and medicine. Medical aid is given to those with extreme illnesses such as AIDS.



Hasten International provides medical facilities, treatment, medications, food supplements for the malnourished, programs to educate the poor producing work skills and social/economic skills for better living. Please remember this mission in your prayers, that more will be added to the Kingdom of God as well as have a better standard of living here on Earth.

### Facts and Figures for September

AM Service **69**

PM Service

Weekly Budget need: **\$2205**

## News



### Life groups (Thursday evenings)

- Mark Morgan at his home, Beverly/Dailey area, 7pm, currently studying churches of Revelations.
- Jason Brandon 6:30pm at the church. Currently in the book of Matthew



### Kids Own Worship:

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Anyone wanting to volunteer for snacks or aiding teachers with the children please let Jason or Nancy know.



### Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

- Due November 5th
- Will take complete boxes with \$9 postage
- Items still needed, toys, toiletry items, hard candy, money for postage.
- See Ruth Morgan for further details



Results from ballots of Congregational meeting on September 24th: Budget and Elders/Deacons were all approved. New Deacon is Michael Robinson.



### Attention All Ladies: Come out for fellowship on the 4th Tuesday of the month at The Lunchbox at 9:30am.

- These ladies will be creating a church directory update soon. Please give Ruth Morgan or Nancy Messer address changes. Thanks for your participation!



There will be a **Harvest Party Wednesday October 25th at 6 pm** in place of Kids Own Worship with "trunk or treat", refreshments and lots of fun! You can wear a costume or come "just as you are." Please no

masks or anything scary, we encourage Biblical characters.

- Adults needed to provide decorated trunks and snacks. Please see Nancy Messer if you can help.



### Pastor Appreciation Potluck will be Sunday October 22nd right after morning services.

Guild will provide meat, bread and drinks.

Guild is sponsoring a card shower for our ministry family. Some suggestions for you: gift card to restaurant, bookstore etc, IOU for a home cooked meal, babysitting, a hand written note telling how our ministry family has blessed you this past year!



Look for future announcements about upcoming holiday events.

## Calendar of Events

*October 2017*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Board Mtg 7pm *Bill Collins	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> *Paula Fuhrman *Mary Ann Kyle	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Guild 6:30pm *Troy & Joyce Pudder	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> *Larry Owens	<i>14</i> *Keaton Cooper *Henry & Nancy Messer
<i>15</i> Mission Sunday *Mabel Wilmoth	<i>16</i> *Cathy Langevin	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> *Philmore Kelley *Kit Phillips	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> *James Smith
<i>22</i> Pastor Appreciation potluck	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Harvest Party 6pm *Roy & Gloria White	<i>26</i> *Mike Phillips	<i>27</i> *Jack Jarrett	<i>28</i> *Tom & Janet Hensil *Brennen Kelly
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> *Troy Pudder	<i>31</i> Elders Mtg. 7pm *David Wilmoth				

Church Flowers given this month

Thank you to Sandra Lilly for the seasonal silk flower arrangements for the pulpit. We still encourage donations in memory or special occasions. Please make your own arrangements with florist and let Mary Ann Kyle know.

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*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

Preaching Minister . . . . . Jason Brandon  
Bible School . . . . . Sunday 9:30 am  
Worship Service . . . . . Sunday 10:30 am  
Choir Practice . . . . . Sunday 5:00 pm  
Youth Meetings. . . . . Sunday 6:00 pm  
Evening Service. . . . . Sunday 6:00 pm  
Kids Own Worship. . . . . Wednesday 6:30 pm  
Small Groups. . . . . Thursday 6:30 and 7 pm



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## Scripture Readings for October

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6 <sup>th</sup>	John 1:35-42 James 2:1-13 Eccl. 3:1-15 Jeremiah 7-9	7 <sup>th</sup>	John 1:43-51 James 2: 14-26 Eccl. 3: 16-22 Jeremiah 10, 11	8 <sup>th</sup>	John 2:1-11 James 3:1-12 Eccl. 4 Jeremiah 12, 13
10 <sup>th</sup>	John 2: 12-25 James 3:13-18 Eccl. 5 Jeremiah 14, 15	11 <sup>th</sup>	John 3:1-15 James 4:1-10 Eccl. 6 Jeremiah 16-18	12 <sup>th</sup>	John 3:16-21 James 4:11-17 Eccl. 7: 1-14 Jeremiah 19-22
13 <sup>th</sup>	John 3:22-36 James 5: 1-6 Eccl. 7: 15-29 Jeremiah 23-25	14 <sup>th</sup>	John 4:1-14 James 5:7-12 Eccl. 8 Jeremiah 26-29	15 <sup>th</sup>	John 4: 15-26 James 5: 13-20 Eccl. 9 Jeremiah 30, 31
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20 <sup>th</sup>	John 5: 16-30 1 Peter 2:1-8 Song of Solomon 1 Jer. 44-46	21 <sup>st</sup>	John 5:31-47 1 Peter 2:9-17 Song of Solomon 2 Jeremiah 47, 48	22 <sup>nd</sup>	John 6:1-15 1 Peter 2: 18-25 Song of Solomon 3 Jeremiah 49
24 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 16-24 1 Peter 3: 1-7 Song of Solomon 4: 1-7 Jeremiah 50	25 <sup>th</sup>	John 6:25-40 1 Peter 3:8-12 Song of Solomon 4:8-16 Jeremiah 51	26 <sup>th</sup>	John 6:41-59 1 Peter 3:13-22 Song of Solomon 5 Jeremiah 52
27 <sup>th</sup>	John 6:60-71 1 Peter 4:1-11 Song of Solomon 6 Lamentations 1	28 <sup>th</sup>	John 7:1-13 1 Peter 4:12-19 Song of Solomon 7 Lamentations 2	29 <sup>th</sup>	John 7:14-24 1 Peter 5: 1-7 Song of Solomon 8: 1-7 Lamentations 3
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