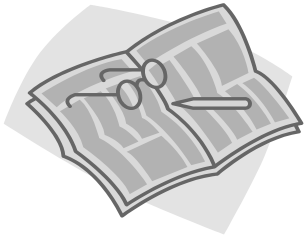


# The Elkins Exchange

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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.



As a kid I remember hearing and learning about King Josiah a lot. He was the kid who became king of Judah at the age of 8, and you can read about him in 2 Chronicles 34 & 35. I think we read about him a lot because, as a kid, there aren't always a whole lot of kids you can relate to in the bible, so those who were that young get focused on quite a bit.

Josiah was 8 years old when he became king of Judah, and it was at a time when Judah had sunk pretty far into sin. His dad and granddad had both been wicked kings, and Josiah might have gone on to follow in their footsteps had it not been for the untimely death of his young father. Josiah was just a kid when he became king, but by the time he was a teenager he had begun to seek the Lord.

The account that stands out the most to us is that, when Josiah was around 26 years old, they found the Book of the Law. That would likely have been the first five books of the Old Testament, what we call the Torah. Back then, it was really the only Scripture that they had. And we typically read that and say, "Wow, isn't it great that Josiah reacted so positively when they found the Word of God. How wonderful for Josiah!" But we miss the bigger picture when we simplify it to this. They'd lost God's word! Not like "Hey Honey, I can't find my bible. I had it on Sunday; did you see where I put it?" We're talking about everyone. The whole country had gone who-knows-how-long without a single copy of the Book of the Law. It makes me wonder what the priests were doing, how they were running God's temple without God's Word for all those years. How does a country fall so far from God that they lost the Book of the Law and weren't concerned with finding any copy of it for any-

one? This isn't just a condemnation on Josiah's dad or granddad, but on an entire nation that had the audacity to call themselves the children of God without seeking Him.

But I think the cautionary take on Josiah comes as much from his death as from his life. In 2 Chronicles 35:20-27 we read that Josiah maybe thought a little too much of his own decisions. Egypt decided to go to war with Babylon, and Josiah decided to take sides and ally with Babylon. Pharaoh Neco of Egypt warned him to go home, that God had sent him against the Babylonians. The writer of 2 Chronicles emphasizes that this was at God's command, but Josiah felt that he knew best. So he acted where God had not said to act, and he died in a conflict that was not his problem, and this led directly to the fall and conquest of Judah.

I think that there is a lesson that stands out to us from the life of Josiah. If you claim to be the children of God, you better know what He wants. Before Josiah, the people ignored the Word of God so completely that they didn't even know who God was or what He wanted. But then Josiah, after following God faithfully, got too full of himself and his own righteousness, and he dared to act without seeking God. And of course we see both extremes in people that claim to follow God today. Some haven't ever tried to read the Bible or pray on their own; that's what they come to church once a month for. That's enough God to be a Christian, surely. And others have become so assured that their decisions are God's decisions that they speak where God has not spoken, and created no end of problems for themselves, not the least of which is to supplant their voice for His voice. Both are traps of Satan. "You don't need to get worked up about your faith" or "You know God so well; I'm sure your decisions are always right." Both attitudes take us away from the Word of God and make us self-reliant, but the Bible calls us to rely on God.

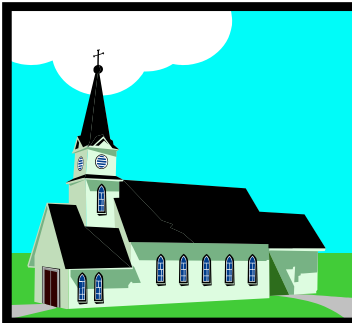
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## Mission of the Month

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 76 (not final)  
 PM Service 31 (not final)  
 Weekly Budget need: \$2205

## News



We are saddened to announce the passing of Janet Hensil on Sunday September 16th. Our condolences to her husband Tom and family.



We are happy to announce the birth of Daniel Matthias Dotson on September 3rd. 6# 14 oz



### Life groups (Thursday evenings)

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



There will be a **Harvest Party Tuesday October 30th 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 14th** right after morning services.

Guild will provide bread and drinks. Guild is sponsoring a card shower for our ministry family.

### Kids Own Worship:



Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm. We are trying a light meal before Kids Own Worship this year.

If you can help out with food please see Mabel Wilmoth.



Beth Cooper is leading a ladies Bible study on Monday evenings at church at 6:30. Currently they are using the book **Becoming a Woman of**

**Excellence** by Cynthia Heald. If anyone wants to participate books are still available, see Beth.



### Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

We are collection items now for shoeboxes. We will pack them Sunday November 11th at church in the evening. We also will take donations for postage or packed boxes. See Ruth Morgan if you have any questions.

## Calendar of Events

*October 2018*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> *Jessica Anderson	<i>2</i> Board Mtg 7pm	<i>3</i> *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> Guild 6:30pm	<i>10</i> *Troy & Joyce Pudder	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Pastor Apprecia- tion potluck *Keaton Cooper *Henry & Nancy Messer	<i>15</i> *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>	<i>23</i> Elders Mtg. 7pm	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> *Roy & Gloria White	<i>26</i> *Mike Phillips	<i>27</i> *Jack Jarrett
<i>28</i> *Brennen Kelly	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Harvest Party 6pm *Troy Pudder	<i>31</i> *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 6:15 pm  
Small Groups. . . . . Thursday 6:30 and 7 pm



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## Scripture Readings for October

3 <sup>rd</sup>	John 1:1-18 James 1:1-11 Eccl. 1 Jeremiah 1,2	4 <sup>th</sup>	John 1: 19-28 James 1:12-18 Eccl. 2: 1-16 Jeremiah 3, 4	5 <sup>th</sup>	John 1 :29-34 James 1:19-27 Eccl. 2: 17-26 Jeremiah 5, 6
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
17 <sup>th</sup>	John 4:27-42 1 Peter 1:1-9 Eccl. 10 Jeremiah 32-34	18 <sup>th</sup>	John 4:43-54 1 Peter 1 :10-16 Eccl. 11 Jeremiah 35-38	19 <sup>th</sup>	John 5:1-15 1 Peter 1 :17-25 Eccl. 12 Jeremiah 39-43
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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