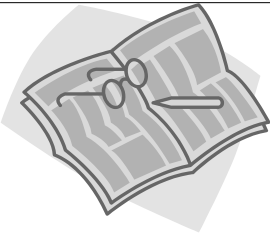


# The Elkins Exchange

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

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***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

Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth, for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ (who is your life) appears, then you too

will be revealed in glory with him. So put to death whatever in your nature belongs to the earth: sexual immorality, impurity, shameful passion, evil desire, and greed which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. You also lived your lives in this way at one time, when you used to live among them. But now, put off all such things as anger, rage, malice, slander, abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another since you have put off the old man with its practices and have been clothed with the new man that is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the one who created it. Here there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all and in all.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others. And to all these virtues add love, which is the perfect bond. Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in



the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:1-17 NET)

The stories of Harvard and Yale are stories of taking faith for granted. Both universities began as schools of divinity that were designed to train preachers, because at that time in this nation we did not have the schools that England had for training up preachers who could lead our

churches in faithfulness. But as these universities expanded, they began training people for other professions, and over time the secular graduates outnumbered the ministry graduates. Then gradually the non-Christian graduates outnumbered the Christian graduates, and it wasn't long before the non-Christian board members, trustees, and alumni outnumbered the Christians. When that point was achieved, their purpose changed as well.

This is the story of our country as well. A nation founded by Christian pilgrims to worship the God of the Bible freely gave way to a non-Christian country that opposes more and more any reminder of what God wants for humanity as revealed through His Bible. We revel in the non-Christian virtues of greed and ego, and we find selflessness and humility such rare virtues in our nation today. When tragedies like the Texas flooding take place we get that brief moment when we get to see Christ-like sacrifice and generosity on display, and as a nation we cheer because, made in the image of God as we are, deep down we know that this is what we were made to be. But sadly we also know that this too shall pass, and the majority of our nation will go back to being selfish instead of being selfless.

As Christians, let us not wait for tragedy to show the Spirit of Christ in our lives. Instead, let us be that humble, that merciful, that generous, that patient, and that kind all of the time. If we were like that all of the time, our world would surely come to know and love God as much as we love Him.

## Mission of the Month

Danny D. Clymer was Professor of New Testament at Lincoln Christian College from the fall of 1975 through summer of 1996. Dan has since served as Executive Director of **Restoration House Ministries** in Manchester, NH.



Since 1999 Restoration House Ministries has been privileged to assist in the birth of sixteen new churches. The region includes three of the four most densely populated states in the United States. Southern New England forms an integral part of the Boston-Washington megalopolis, a conglomeration of urban centers that spans from Boston, Massachusetts, to Washington, D.C.

The Northeast has surpassed the Pacific Northwest as the least religious region of the U.S. The ratio of independent Christian churches in New England is 1 per 876,390 people (as

compared to 1 per 50,000 people in other areas of the U.S.).

Over 260 colleges and universities including Ivy League institutions such as Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, and Yale exert global influence in the educational, financial, and political arenas. Ethnic diversity and international student populations provide opportunities for global impact.

We will be supporting this ministry with our Sunday school offering the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September.

### Facts and Figures for August

AM Service **66**

PM Service **20**

Weekly Budget need: **\$3449**

## News



### Note from the Editor:

There was no newsletter last month due to my absence from this desk (Yes, I did survive the hike to the bottom of the Grand

Canyon and back up again!) Also a correction to VBS article in July. Total Offering for the Mountain Mission school was **\$1475**. Also please note the new Sunday school mission we are supporting this month in the above article. Feel free to give me news for this newsletter anytime. Ruth



**Our Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **Sunday Morning September 24th** immediately after morning services. Members please plan to attend for your input on important church decisions. If anyone wants to

submit a name for consideration for a new deacon or elder please write on a piece of paper and sign your name and give to Jason, a deacon or elder. These need to be turned in promptly.



**Church Picnic is September 10th at the pavilion at Elkins City Park.** Meet there after morning church services and bring your favorite dishes and tableware.



**A reminder the Operation Christmas child shoebox collection is coming up November 13-20.** We already have numerous school supplies. We will collect packed boxes or individual items.

Some donation suggestions are toiletry items, hard candy, toys, clothing items and money for postage.

### Kids Own Worship:



Will be starting up again September 6th at 6:30pm. Three years of age and up.



**Life groups (Thursday evenings) start up again September 14th.**

- Mark Morgan at his home, Beverly/Dailey area. Potluck picnic kickoff at 6pm the 14th. New people welcome!
- Jason Brandon 6:30pm at the church. Currently in the book of Matthew



Women's Guild would like to remind everyone that contributions will be collected once a month, **the last Sunday of the month.** These items will be donated to the local food bank. For our own membership needs please give cash to Nancy Messer or Etta

Jean Kendall.

## Calendar of Events

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day *Thelma Collins	5 Board Mtg 7pm *Jack & Shirley Hasselaar *Michael Robinson	6 Kids Own Worship 6:30 pm *Vincent & Christa Licwov *Jeri Teter	7	8	9 *Brenda Radcliff
10  Church Picnic *Betty Umphenour	11	12 Guild 7pm	13 Kids Own Wor-ship 6:30 pm	14 Life Groups (Morgan picnic 6pm)	15 *Joyce Johns *Rachel Morgan	16
17 Mission Sunday	18	19	20 Kids Own Wor-ship 6:30 pm	21 Life Groups	22	23
24  Congregational Meeting	25	26 Elders Mtg 7pm *Isaac Coop	27 Kids Own Worship 6:30 pm *Jack Fuhrman	28 Life Groups *Jack & Barbara Fuhrman	29 *Cindy Pingley *Henry Messer	30 *Debbie & Jamie Vanpelt

## 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 Classes . . . . . 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 . . . . . Thursdays, various times & locations



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## Scripture Readings for September

1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 20:27-40 Heb. 1: 1-9 Prov. 1 8 Isaiah 1,2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 20:41-47 Heb. 1: 10-14 Prov. 19: 1-14 Isaiah 3-5	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 21 :1-19 Heb. 2: 1-9 Prov. 19:15-29 Isaiah 6-8	6 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 21:20-28 Heb. 2: 10-18 Prov. 20: 1-15 Isaiah 9, 10	7 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 21 :29-38 Heb. 3 Prov. 20:16-30 Isaiah 11-13
8 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:1-13 Heb. 4: 1-11 Prov. 21:1-16 Isaiah 14-16	9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:14-23 Heb. 4: 12-16 Prov. 21:17-31 Isaiah 1 7-20	10 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:24-30 Heb. 5 Prov. 22:1- 1 6 Isaiah 21-23
12 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:31-38 Heb. 6:1-12 Prov. 22:17-29 Isaiah 24-26	13 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:39-46 Heb. 6: 13-20 Prov. 23:1-18 Isaiah 27, 28	14 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:47-53 Heb. 7:1-10 Prov. 23:19-35 Isaiah 29, 30
15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:54-62 Heb. 7:11-28 Prov. 24:1-22 Isaiah 31-33	16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:63-71 Heb. 8:1-6 Prov. 24:23-34 Isaiah 34-36	17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:1-12 Heb. 8: 7-13 Prov. 25:1-14 Isaiah 37-39
19 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:13-25 Heb. 9: 1-10 Prov. 25: 15-28 Isaiah 40, 41	20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:26-31 Heb. 9:11-28 Prov. 26: 1-16 Isaiah 42, 43	21 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 23:32-37 Heb. 10: 1-18 Prov. 26:17-28 Isaiah 44, 45
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 23:38-43 Heb. 1 0: 19-39 Prov. 27:1-14 Isaiah 46-48	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke 23:44-49 Heb. 11:1-16 Prov. 27:15-27 Isaiah 49, 50	24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:50-56 Heb. 11: 17-31 Prov. 28:1-14 Isaiah 51-53
26 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 24:1-12 Heb. 11 :32-40 Prov. 28:15-28 Isaiah 54, 55	27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 24:13-27 Heb. 12:1-13 Prov. 29: 1-14 Isaiah 56-58	28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 24:28-35 Heb. 12: 14-29 Prov. 29:15-27 Isaiah 59-61
29 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 24:36-44 Heb. 13:1-8 Prov. 30 Isaiah 62-64	30 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 24:45-53 Heb. 13:9-25 Prov. 31 Isaiah 65, 66		