



# The Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ OCTOBER 2019 – VOLUME 29

## A Word from Pastor Dave

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”  
(Hebrews 10:23-25, NIV)*

When the great C. S. Lewis was asked if it is necessary to the Christian life that a person attend a local church this was his incredibly honest response, “My own experience is that when I first became a Christian, about fourteen years ago, I thought that I could do it on my own, by retiring to my rooms and reading theology, and I wouldn’t go to the churches and Gospel Halls; and then later I found that ... [if] there is anything in the teaching of the New Testament which is in the nature of a command, it is that you are obliged to take the Sacrament, and you can’t do it without going to Church. I disliked very much their hymns, which I considered to be fifth-rate poems set to sixth-rate music. But as I went on I saw the great merit of it. I came up against different people of quite different outlooks and different education, and then gradually my conceit just began peeling off.” (God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics, pg. 61-62)

So what if C. S. Lewis was attending our church every Sunday? I’m pretty sure as pastor I would be going crazy all week long trying to find something in the Bible that would teach, encourage and challenge him in his work as a prolific writer, professor and cultural commentator and I would fail most weeks.

## Mark Your Calendar

**10.1**

Women’s Bible Study

**10.2**

Men’s Bible Study

**10.8**

Prayer & Praise @ 7 pm

**10.13**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**10.15**

Women’s Bible Study

**10.16**

Ladies’ Bible Study - 7 pm

**10.21**

Men’s Bible Study

**10.20**

Church Family Meeting & Potluck

**10.27**

Protection Plan Training

**10.29**

Women’s Bible Study

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**11.16**

SPCC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**12.14**

SPCC Christmas Banquet

Week after week Mr. Lewis would get to enjoy the Holy Spirit growing his patience as I shared my happy homily. This is not because I am not smart, well read or a good pastor but because I am simply not the genius C. S. Lewis is. In fact, it is well known that in his years attending the Anglican Parish just down the road from his house he always sat in the same pew behind a post so that he wouldn't distract or discourage the pastor when he inevitably would yawn or frown. On the other hand, imagine the collaboration with our Sunday School department and our Drama ministry. When the writer of the Narnia Chronicles offers to share his thoughts about how Aslan reflects the Messiah and Lion of Judah you encourage your 10-year-old to stay in class and just "hold it" until after the service is done. Imagine how Mr. Lewis would have appreciated

Wendy's sweet buns at Easter (which go so marvelously with tea) and the support of the prayer team after losing his wife of just 4 short years.

And so it turns out that God didn't make a mistake when He instituted a regular worshipful remembrance to be shared in the context of community. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ... But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:12-27, NIV) And at South Point for me it is truly an honor to be part of it with each one of you.



COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

# *South Point's 20th Anniversary*

November 16th, 2019 | 7 PM  
South Point Community Church  
475 Bevel Line, Leamington

**RSVP to Tracy at 226-347-0033  
by November 4th**



We would like to put together a special program for our 20th Anniversary Celebration taking place on November 16th. Do you have any old photos, or any special memories you would like to share of your time at South Point in the past 20 years. Please send them to [tracy@southpointcc.ca](mailto:tracy@southpointcc.ca) or drop them off at church by Sunday, October 27th.





## Attending Church

Does the Bible say you have to go to church? The Bible tells us to meet together as believers and to encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:25

“...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” (NIV)

It is for our own good that God wants us in fellowship with other believers. We need each other to grow up in the faith, to learn and serve, to love one another, to exercise our spiritual gifts, and to practice forgiveness. Although we are individuals we still belong to one another.

When you give up attending church, the unity of the body, your own spiritual growth, protection, and blessings are all at risk. So it's not good for us to be disconnected from the Body of Christ.

Christ's body is made up of many parts yet it is still one unified entity. We read in 1 Corinthians 12:12, “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.” (NIV)

The more we meet together the more unified we become. It's like my grandson's baseball team. Each player comes to baseball practices and games. They are a team, and they have been told that they need to be at every practice and every game. Why? Well one reason is that as they meet together at practices and games the team gets better at playing the game. Not everyone on the team is a pitcher, or a first, second, or

third baseman, but as time goes on throughout the season the coaches discover the best position that each player should play on the team. They are one team with many players, with different talents that complement each other. And as the season goes on not a single player wants to miss a practice or a game because they love being together and playing the game. They will give up everything to be with their team.

And so it should be with us as believers in Christ. We have become members of the Body of Christ. We attend church each week to be together, encourage one another, have fellowship, practice forgiveness and exercise our spiritual gifts.

1 Peter 4:10, “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

We will discover a satisfying sense of fulfillment when we begin to carry out our purpose in the body of Christ. We are the ones who miss out on all of the blessings of God and the gifts of “Our Family Members,” if we choose not to be a part of Christ's Body.

So, “Come to Church”. God has a Blessing waiting for you.

Barnabas

**Abe, Adam, Aiden, Al, Andrew, Armando, Austin, Ben, Bert, Bill, Bob, Brennan, Bryan, Caleb, Carl, Chanyout, Chris, Cohen, Curtis, Cyrus, Dalton, Dave, Dylan, Eric, Evan, Ezra, Finn, Gage, George, Giovanni, Glen, Grayson, Greg, Gussy, Hugh, Isaiah, Jackson, Jake, Jeremy, Jim, John, Keith, Kellen, Larry, Lenny, Leon, Liam, Lloyd, Mack, Marcos, Mario, Mark, Matt, Micah, Moises, Nathan, Noal, Owen, Paul, Peter, Phouvang, Ralph, Regino, Rick, Roger, Spencer, Steve, Tom, Trevor, Vincent, Wes, Zack** and ... with three Bobs and two Steves, etc. these were just the first 80 names of guys that have been a regular part of different things that happen around South Point. So that's a lot of chicken wings, fish, pizza, pancakes, movies, motorcycles and so forth but is it ministry?

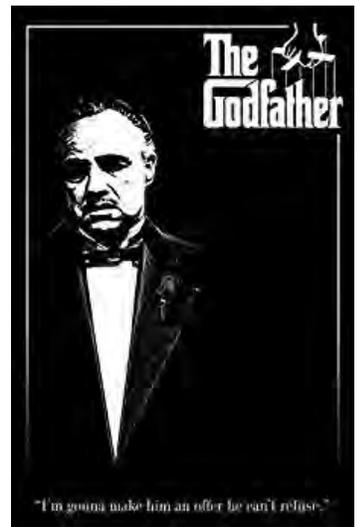
We see the challenges families face in our culture and there really does seem to be an intentional targeting of men in general and young men especially. With a significant leadership vacuum in our culture what it means, "to be a man", mostly gets left to the self-serving imaginations of advertisers and PR firms. This inevitably leaves most men alone and confident they are not needed because among other things they simply don't measure up. It sounds a little like the sad tale about the girl who doesn't go to the dance because she doesn't think that she is pretty enough doesn't it? It shouldn't be surprising because both stories were written by the same advertisers and PR firms. So while the world is trying to tell our men what they need to do in order to fit in, South Point is offering a place where it is okay to be honest about who you are,

what you think, where things happen to be at in your life at that moment and you still can know that you belong.

It is challenging though to be operating everyday in this world but not with the same *worldview* as everyone else holds. As Christians we get to see from God's perspective that our personal value and worth are not in our latest toys or any other material items but that they come intrinsically through our being created in God's image with a vital purpose already planned out before we were even born. So how can we get better at holding on to that much healthier Christian worldview when we are constantly being bombarded by a media machine; no longer bound to the idiot box in the living room or rec room but now; resting in our pockets and literally taking us by the hand to wherever we will let it lead us?

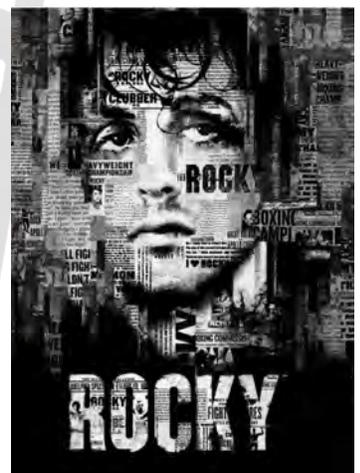
One way that seems to be working is by holding the movies we love up against the Scriptures we believe. This isn't an exercise in pointing out everything wrong with the world and its media. Andy Crouch says we have a biblical mandate to be salt and light in the world. Yet most Christians spend the majority of their energy consuming, condemning or copying our culture rather than creating it. Among other things by holding the movies our culture creates and the Scriptures our God has given us beside each other it quickly becomes evident the type of all consuming commitment being salt and light requires. And furthermore, that such a commitment cannot realistically be undertaken alone.

So if you are a guy between ages 11 and 111 please join us at Trevor's house on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday nights of the month at 7pm. Just call Pastor Dave at 519-819-1590 if you have any questions.



# MEN'S MINISTRY

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."  
(Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV)





10<sup>th</sup> - Joni  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Karen  
 18<sup>th</sup> - Emma  
 21<sup>th</sup> - Ariel  
 25<sup>th</sup> - Cyrus  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Shea

JOIN US FOR A  
**Soup & Dessert**  
 FUNDRAISER  
 BENEFITTING THE  
*After School Bible Club*  
 PROGRAM  
 a ministry of BCM International (Canada) Inc.

5:30 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
 SUPPER

\$5 AT THE DOOR  
 - CHILDREN HALF PRICE -

**Harrow Baptist Church**  
 2548 KING STREET EAST  
 HARROW  
 (COUNTY ROAD 20)

*Enjoy countless bowls  
 of soup and  
 delicious desserts!*

Join us for:  
**AFTER SCHOOL Bible Club**  
**OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2019**  
**WHO:** Children grades 1+  
**WHAT:** singing, snack, games, crafts, learning from the Bible

**WHERE :**

East Mersea Public School - MONDAYS  
 3:30-4:30pm - Library  
 October 7 - December 16, 2019

Harrow Public School - MONDAYS  
 3:30-4:30pm - Library  
 October 7 - December 16, 2019

Margaret D. Bennie Public School - TUESDAYS  
 2:50-3:45pm - Classroom  
 October 8 - December 17, 2019

Malden Central Public School - TUESDAYS  
 3:35-4:30pm - Classroom  
 October 8 - December 10, 2019

Queen Elizabeth - WEDNESDAYS  
 3-4pm - Library  
 October 9 - December 18, 2019

Mount Carmel-Blytheswood - THURSDAYS  
 3:30-4:30pm - Gym  
 October 10 - December 19, 2019

*Click on the link to register and for more information.*

*Hope to see you there!*

This program is sponsored by BCM (Bible Centered Ministries) International Canada Inc., and not by your local Public School.

**THANKFULNESS  
 PRODUCES SUPERNATURAL PEACE.**  
 Philippians 4:6-7



## Easy Cauliflower Gratin

- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 package (20 ounces) frozen cauliflower florets, thawed or 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into florets (about 5 cups)
- 1 cup finely grated Swiss or Cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)
- 1/4 cup cooked crumbled bacon

### Step 1

Heat the oven to 350°F. Spray a 2-quart casserole with vegetable cooking spray.

### Step 2

Stir the soup, milk, garlic, cauliflower and half the cheese in the casserole. Sprinkle with the bacon and remaining cheese.

### Step 3

Bake for 50 minutes or until the cauliflower is tender.

# Pray for your pastor

<b>1. Walk with God.</b> May he have a close walk with God and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22:37, Prov 3:5-6)	<b>2. Passion for Scripture.</b> May he delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night. (Ps 119:15-16)	<b>3. Prayer Life.</b> May he be a man of prayer, devoting himself to prayer and communion with You. (Col 4:2)	<b>4. Character and Integrity.</b> May he be a godly man, having integrity of heart and being a faithful doer of the Word. (Ps 78:72, James 1:22)	<b>5. Humility.</b> May he be kept from pride and self-interest, remain teachable and humble to your instruction. (Gal 6:14-15)	<b>6. Obedience.</b> May he obey your commands and faithfully follow Your leading in his life. (John 14:15, Rom 6:16)	<b>7. Health.</b> Give him good health and help him to care for his physical body, for it is your temple of the Spirit. (1 Cor 6:19-20, 3 John 1:2)
<b>8. Thought Life.</b> May he hold every thought captive for Christ and be continuously transformed by the renewing of his mind (2 Co 10:5, Rom 12:2)	<b>9. Peace and Joy.</b> Grant him peace, joy, hope, and a deep trust in You. Help him to not be anxious, but to be thankful and prayerful in all things. (Rom 15:13, Phil 4:6)	<b>10. Temptation.</b> May his heart be kept guarded and pure. Keep him from falling into temptation of body or mind. (Prov 4:23, Ps 119:9, Matt 26:41)	<b>11. Rest and Refreshment.</b> Help him find the rest he needs, and may he find refreshment in your presence. (Ex 33:14, Matt 11:28-30, Mark 6:31)	<b>12. Protection.</b> Protect him and his family. Bless the work of his hands, delivering him from the schemes of the enemy. (Job 1:10, Ps 34:7, Pa 91)	<b>13. Marriage.</b> Establish his marriage and protect it. May they put each other's needs above their own. (Eph 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:7)	<b>14. Wife.</b> May she love and respect him. May she walk with You and find support and encouragement to thrive in her unique position. (Eph 6:22-33)
<b>15. Children.</b> Help him to keep the way of the Lord in his household and train up his children to love and follow you. (Prov 20:7, Gen 18:19, Prov 22:6)	<b>16. Finances.</b> Provide for his needs and keep him from a love of money. May he be generous and a good steward. (Prov 3:9-10, 1 Tim 6:10-11, Heb 13:5)	<b>17. Priorities/Time.</b> May he seek your kingdom above all else. Guide him in setting priorities and managing his time. (Matt 6:33, Eph 5:15-17, Ps 90:12)	<b>18. Love for Others.</b> May he love others with the love of Christ. Help him to humbly put his love into action. (John 13:34, Phil 2:3-4, James 2:14-17)	<b>19. Shepherd's Heart.</b> May he have a heart for those you have placed in his care and an appropriate sense of responsibility. (Acts 20:28-29)	<b>20. Heart for the Lost.</b> May he proclaim the gospel with compassion and truth. Help him to have Your heart for the lost. (Mark 16:15, Matt 28:19)	<b>21. Conflicts.</b> Help him to handle conflict biblically and with love. Give him discernment in difficult situations. (Matt 18:15-17, Prov 15:1, 1 Cor 13)
<b>22. Elders/Leadership.</b> May they be godly, unified in purpose, good examples to others, and serving You joyfully. (Heb 13:17, 1 Cor 1:10, 1 Peter 5:1-4)	<b>23. Godward Focus.</b> Help him to keep his eyes fixed on you in every effort and in the face of any challenge. (Prov 4:25-27)	<b>24. Wise Counsel.</b> May the scripture be his first counsel. Support him through godly counselors who strengthen and guide him with wisdom. (Prov 24:5-6, 19:20-21)	<b>25. Encouragement.</b> May his hope be found in You. Bring encouragers into his life to build up and support him. (1 Thes 5:11, Is 41:10, 1 Tim 5:17)	<b>26. Discernment.</b> May he listen to your voice as you direct his path. Grant him godly wisdom and understanding. (Isa 30:21, Prov 3:13-18)	<b>27. Biblical Faithfulness.</b> May he understand and hold firm to the truth, teaching it and rebuking those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)	<b>28. Sermon Preparation.</b> Grant him the time and focus to prepare his message, and give him the ideas and words to present it clearly. (Col 4:5)
<b>29. Teaching.</b> May Jesus be exalted in every message. May he rightly divide the word of truth and may the hearts of your people be open to it. (2 Tim 2:15)	<b>30. Vision.</b> May he lead the congregation by the Spirit. Impart to him your vision for the church (Jer 3:15)	<b>31. Blessing.</b> May he be blessed by the Lord and by the congregation. May it be received humbly and for your glory. (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Thes 5:12-13, Num 6:24-26)	<p>And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. ~ Jeremiah 3:15</p> <p>Prayer Calendar by Proverbialhomemaker.com for TheRoadto31.com</p>			

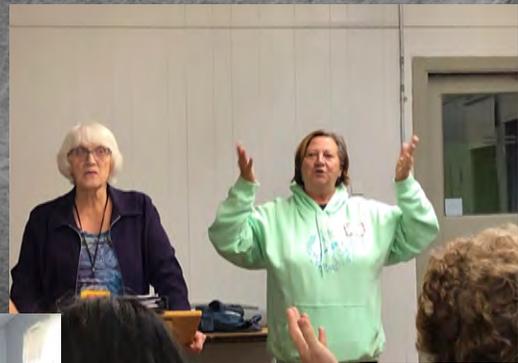
October is  
**PASTOR**  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH

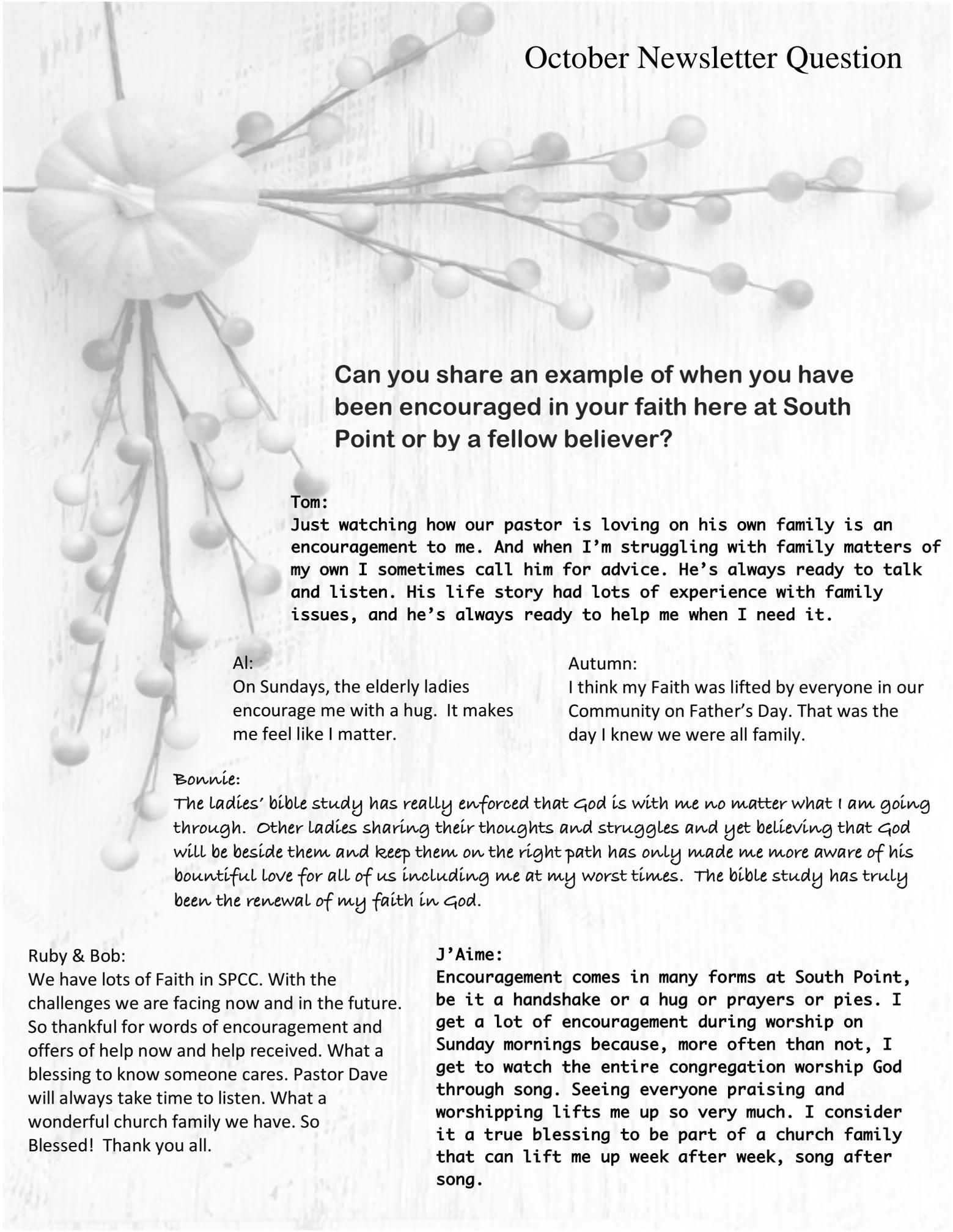
You are a blessing  
to our congregation  
and to this community.  
Your insights from  
God's Word encourage  
and strengthen us.  
Your heart of compassion  
brings comfort and hope.  
You are making  
a difference.

## Prayer Meeting Dates and Locations

- October 2 - Prayer Team will be meeting at Kelly Smyth's 10 am
- October 8 - Prayer & Praise 7 pm at church
- October 16 - Prayer at Bob & Ruby's 11 am
- October 23 - Prayer at church 10 am
- October 30 - Prayer at church 10 am

## Ladies Retreat - September 2019





## October Newsletter Question

**Can you share an example of when you have been encouraged in your faith here at South Point or by a fellow believer?**

**Tom:**

Just watching how our pastor is loving on his own family is an encouragement to me. And when I'm struggling with family matters of my own I sometimes call him for advice. He's always ready to talk and listen. His life story had lots of experience with family issues, and he's always ready to help me when I need it.

**Al:**

On Sundays, the elderly ladies encourage me with a hug. It makes me feel like I matter.

**Autumn:**

I think my Faith was lifted by everyone in our Community on Father's Day. That was the day I knew we were all family.

**Bonnie:**

The ladies' bible study has really enforced that God is with me no matter what I am going through. Other ladies sharing their thoughts and struggles and yet believing that God will be beside them and keep them on the right path has only made me more aware of his bountiful love for all of us including me at my worst times. The bible study has truly been the renewal of my faith in God.

**Ruby & Bob:**

We have lots of Faith in SPCC. With the challenges we are facing now and in the future. So thankful for words of encouragement and offers of help now and help received. What a blessing to know someone cares. Pastor Dave will always take time to listen. What a wonderful church family we have. So Blessed! Thank you all.

**J'Aime:**

Encouragement comes in many forms at South Point, be it a handshake or a hug or prayers or pies. I get a lot of encouragement during worship on Sunday mornings because, more often than not, I get to watch the entire congregation worship God through song. Seeing everyone praising and worshipping lifts me up so very much. I consider it a true blessing to be part of a church family that can lift me up week after week, song after song.

## October Newsletter Question continued

**Paul:**

It's hard to pick just one...let's see...there were several instances when Calvary dissolved and South Point took over...those of us that stayed were welcomed and encouraged frequently...and Pastor Dave has come alongside and strengthen my walk on several occasions...but primarily I would have to say that Tracy has had the opportunity to encourage me most...there was a short time I felt that I was coasting in my walk at South Point...she offered encouragement and help focus on my strengths to find me places to fit in and use my gifts to help encourage myself and others in our faith...we are family...we challenge and build each other up for the Kingdom of God...Amen

**Marilyn:**

There have been several. But the biggest one was when Trevor announced I was facing cancer. Everyone prayed for me. They brought me meals after my surgery. They visited me. Such an outpouring of love of which could only be God working through South Point. Praise God!

**Shea:**

I have been encouraged by just a thank-you that is so unexpected and appreciated but encourages me to keep going and doing what I am doing.

**Lois:**

*Encouragement when you find a simple bible verse on your windshield or a text reminding you that there is a whole army of people praying for you as you travel thru the trials of life.*

**Trev:**

I was asked once on the job site why I am so positive. It was a great question that deserved more than a short explanation. I said that I have hope which translates to an inner joy which transcends many things. Yes, I do have bad days, but, having a positive attitude usually helps to get through those days too. It was an encouragement from someone who noticed that I choose to be joyful even on a muddy job site.

**Laura:**

I have been encouraged by several people in our church community whom I have seen go through very difficult times, and have persevered. They continued to keep their faith and ultimately, I have seen them grow in their walk with Christ which inspires me to stand firm in my own faith.



**Therefore**  
encourage one another  
and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:11**