



Flock Talk

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Ponderings by Pastor Ian

Who Are You?

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What are some of the roles you play in your life? Parent, grandparent, friend, worker in your given occupation, etc.? What do those things mean about who you are? What is your identity?

There are all sorts of ways that we could define ourselves and understand our identity, but I believe that your deepest, most meaningful, unique, and individual identity is in Christ. There is no one like you because God has created you uniquely with the gifts and talents you have and has allowed you to have the unique resources and experiences that you have. All of that truly makes you special. And in that identity, God has a purpose for you.

I believe that God has specific work and mission for you to do. And then, the beauty of the church is that we have many unique, individual identities who work together to share what God has given us with the purpose of building one another up and building up God’s Kingdom. The unique individuals and unique history and gifts of this church help to collectively give it an identity. And it is out of that identity that God works and has us serve.

I love serving at this church, and what I have discovered is there are two pieces of this church’s identity that have jumped out at me:

1. Mission giving. This church has faithfully, sacrificially, and lovingly helped in so many ways over the years.
2. Participating in life with and caring for vulnerable people like widows and older individuals, families and individuals of those with special needs, and children. There is a particular sensitivity and love that this church has for ones such as this.

So, what I believe this means is that as we look to an uncertain future, focusing on these priorities can help guide the activities, programs, and focuses we do and have in the days ahead. God has so much in store for us. May we look to Him and find our identity, strength, and guidance in Him.



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October Birthdays

- 1st Mary Strantz
- 1st Mary Beth Woodcock
- 5th Betty Wolf
- 12th Laurhen Pickett
- 12th Amanda Wheeldon
- 16th Jim Lind
- 17th Joyce Moore
- 20th Don Billue
- 21st Kevin Wheeldon
- 21st Tina Wheeldon
- 22nd Jon Wheeldon
- 28th Mary Lou Long
- 28th Gayvin Strantz
- 30th Toby McMillan



October Anniversaries

- 18th Don & Bev Tatlock
- 19th Jered & Allie Price

November Birthdays

- 2nd Sue Wiltfong
- 10th Jered Price
- 11th Marilyn Riley
- 14th Elizabeth Price
- 16th Bev Tatlock
- 17th Barb Middleton
- 24th Ethan Price
- 27th Mike Copas



November Anniversaries

- 4th Dave & Patti Tolley
- 10th Dick & Donna McFadden
- 26th Chuck & Sue Wiltfong

Mission Money Update

Sunday School offering for October will go to
Edna Martin Christian Center

We also will be taking down items for the
EMCC pantry, you may place donated items
in the turquoise bags in the
foyer through the month of October.

Some items to consider from their website
<https://ednamartincc.org/wish-list/>

- Boxed dinners * Cake mix * Cereal * Corn bread mix
- Crackers * Dried beans * Instant potatoes * Jello®
- Macaroni * Pasta noodles / spaghetti * Pudding
- Pancake mix * Raisins * Ramen noodles * Rice
- Snacks * Stove-top stuffing * Baby food
- Canned foods (meat-veggies-fruits-soups-pasta)
- Peanut butter and Jelly * Personal care items

We collected \$504.92 for the
World Mission Offering
in September



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Bible Study:** Wednesdays 4:30 PM
- Men's Bible Study:** Sat Oct 9th @ 8:00 AM
at Jim Lind's
- ABC Club:** Mondays Oct 11th Oct 25th @ 6:00
- Ministry Council:** Mon Oct 18th @ 6:00
- ABW:** Wednesday October 20 @ 1:00



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Bible Study:** Wednesdays 4:30 PM
(no study on Nov 24th)
- TIME CHANGES:** Nov 7th
- ABC Club:** Mondays Nov 8th Nov 22nd @ 6:00
- Ministry Council:** Mon Nov 15th @ 6:00
- ABW:** Wednesday Nov 17th @ 1:00
- Thanksgiving:** Thursday Nov 25th
- Advent Begins:** Sunday Nov 28th



Finances	Income	Expenses
July.....	\$8,846.07\$9,587.37
August	\$11,396.00\$11,421.50

100 Verses

- Verse 81: 1 Peter 5:2
- Verse 82: Eph 4:31-32
- Verse 83: Isaiah 41:10
- Verse 84: Proverbs 10:9

