

... our mission ...

**To know, love, and serve God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

... our values ...

**To know God...***Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior. Psalm 25:5*

**To love God...***to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him... Joshua 22:5*

**To serve God...***You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

*...and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19*

**With all our heart, soul, mind and strength...** *Let us not love with just words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

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# welcome from Pastor Stan

We each have our own personal reasons for worshipping God this morning but we have all come because we have a need. God doesn't need our worship, He is complete in Himself. We, however, are not complete. In our fallen world we are led to separate ourselves from God and it is worship that draws us closer to Him. And our worship is quite exciting for it is not limited to just our sanctuary. We join with the angels and saints who surround His throne in heaven and in one voice proclaim, "Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen! (Rev. 7:12)" Ours will be a grand worship service this morning that can bring us so close to God that we catch a glimpse of eternity. Worship is actually God's gift to us and we are blessed when we give it back to Him.

## Pastor's study: Hebrews 8:1-6

The writer of Hebrews is describing a complete change in the order of priesthood, sacrifices and the tabernacle. From his description we learn that this new order is ". . . superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises."

1.) Picture yourself as a first-century Jew converted to Christianity. What challenges might there be to your conversion? What might make you want to leave your faith in Christ and return to Judaism?

2.) In v. 4 we read that "If Jesus were on earth, he would not be a priest . . ." Why would Jesus not be the high priest or even a priest in the earthly tabernacle? What advantages do we have with Jesus as our high priest? Hebrews 7:18-28 may give you some guidance in answering that question.

3.) In v. 5 we read that the sanctuary (tabernacle) is ". . . a copy and shadow of what is in heaven." With the description of the tabernacle in Exodus 25-26, what does this tell us about heaven?

4.) We learn in this passage that Jesus is the high priest of the new covenant and it is ". . . superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises (v. 6)." In what ways is the new covenant superior to the old covenant? What are the better promises?

## today:

Nic and Kendra Gibson are serving in the nursery, for children newborn through age 3.

There will be no Children's Church today, children to remain in the sanctuary.

Book study in the library, 4:00pm.

## this week: fall break!

Monday: Alpha Brown County, 5:50-8:00pm.

Monday: Church Board, 6:30pm.

Tuesday: Parkview Quilters, 10-2.

Wednesday: children and teens are not meeting, due to fall break. Adults will meet as usual. No supper is planned.

Thursday: Prime Time seniors luncheon, 12 noon.

Saturday: Brown County Handmade Market, 10-4.

## upcoming:

Saturday, October 20: Lions Club Pancake Breakfast in our FLC.

Sunday, October 28: Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party after worship service. Supplies and light lunch provided.

Wednesday, October 31: Trunk R Treat, 5:30-7:30. There will be no children's program that night, but we will move the Wednesday night meal to the firepit and have hot dogs and marshmallows to roast, and supplies for s'mores. You don't need to decorate your car, just bring a bag of candy to hand out and join us!

## prayer needs:

Alpha team and guests • Donna Cox • Melissa Clark • Carol Farlee • DeMova Brumley • Our schools • Ruby Pruitt • Mark Sisson • Josiah Green • Naomi Pruitt • Teresa Harden • Our church's ministry