

GREENMOUNT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Welcome to Worship

September 17, 2023

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” – John 15:1-2 (NIV)

Hymn of the Month: “It Took a Miracle” Celebration Hymnal pg. 494

Announcements

Prelude

Prayer Requests/Morning Prayer

Hymn: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Celebration Hymnal pg. 21

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Invitation to Give: “Doxology”

Offertory Prayer

Special Music: “Never Will I Ever Again on Sunday” Church Choir

Message: “Trinity and Temptation” (Mark 1:9-13)

Hymn: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Celebration Hymnal pg. 581

Benediction: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Amen (Mark 10:45 CSB)

Postlude

Service can be streamed live at www.greenmountchurch.org on the “This Sunday” page or on the Greenmount Church of the Brethren youtube site.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” -Philippians 4:6-7

Remember in Prayer: I.J Armstrong; Jean Armstrong; Clara Baldwin; Mary Blair; Mike Bonner; Melissa Bowman; Debbie Brown (cancer); Shane Brubaker; Pauline Carr; Jessie Collins and family, David Curry; Debbie Dale; Natalie Dodge (cancer treatment); Christian Dove; Junior Dove; Kenneth Dove; Sheena Dove; Vickie Dove; Joe Evans; Karen Garner; Jimmy Gibbons; Bill Gutschmidt; Rod Harman; Mary Hess; James Hinegardner; Brenda & Eric Hoover; Virginia Hulvey; Vivian Kesler; Kenny Kimble; Sara Lam; Margie Mayes; Ellen McDonald; Owen Miller; Beverly & Leon Mitchell; Leon Moyers; Shannon Napier; Charles O’Roark, Alice Shifflett; Milton Showalter; Wayne Spitzer; Roger Strawderman; Scott St. John; Jeremy Tyler; Wanda Williams; Pat Velanzon.

Please be praying for the family of Shirley Burch (Wycliffe Bible Translator). “She has gone to her heavenly home” on Sept. 7. Her obituary, from Denton TX, is posted on the missionary update insert in the bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today: 9:15 am** Opening **9:30 am** Sunday School
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- **September 18 at 7:00 pm** Deacon Meeting
- **September 27 at 7:00 pm** Kids Club and Bible Study begin
- **October 1** - Love Feast and Communion in the basement following worship service
- **October 8-October 11:** Revival Services with Pastor Lee Smith.

Kids Club and Bible Study will begin on September 27. We plan on having a **hay wagon ride for the children that will be leaving promptly at 7pm.** A new snack sheet has been placed on the bulletin board for volunteers to sign up to provide snacks and drink.

Sunday October 8, there will be a **carry-in potluck meal** immediately after worship. Everyone is invited to come, bring a dish, and fellowship with Pastor Lee (the revival speaker) and his family over lunch. Any questions, please contact someone on the Witness Commission.

The ladies Sunday school class cordially invites the ladies of the church and their friends to join us for a luncheon held on October 21 at 11:30 AM at the home of Mary Sue McDonald. We will enjoy soups, sandwiches, great fellowship, and Biblical teaching from Rebecca Tyson. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or with Becky Harris at 540-271-3183.

The basement is reserved today after worship for a family reunion.

Disaster Auction Tally:

The Disaster Auction Coordinating Committee members announce that \$212,941.06 has been raised for the Brethren Disaster Ministry through the activities and donations to the 2023 auction that took place in May. Director of Finance Gary Higgs released the number this week after the books were closed on August 31.

Vision Statement: “We believe God’s vision for ALL believers at Greenmount is to be Spirit led in the study of God’s word and prayer, in spiritual maturation, and in purposefully discipling others as we seek to be living examples of Jesus to the world.”

Worship Leader: Matt Morris

Pianist: Heather Armstrong **Chorister:** Laurel Armstrong

Sept. Deacon of the Month: Chuck and Kristina Biller (540-234-0892)

September 10 Attendance: 94 Regular offering: \$ 2961.00

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Pastor: Scott Harris 810-1473 (office hours are on Tues. and Wed.)

September 2023 Missionary Update

Chris & Deb Bowers are serving at Moody Aviation with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Previously serving in Papua New Guinea, Chris is now an aviation instructor with Moody Aviation.

Recently, Chris was interviewed on the radio about his work with Moody Aviation and explained the intense five year program that persons training to be a “Bush Pilot” must complete. The first two years of the curriculum are concentrated in Bible teaching and learning to be an airplane mechanic. Bush pilots must know how to repair an airplane in remote areas of the world in the event that the plane is experiencing technical difficulties. The next three years further the student’s knowledge about being a pilot, with an emphasis on flying and landing a plane in remote areas where the runway is most often a cleared space in the jungle.

Chris graduated from Moody Aviation and now instructs individuals who have the desire to serve the Lord as Bush pilots as they assist Bible Translators to travel to the remote areas of the countries where they serve.

The Witness Commission is arranging a zoom meeting with Chris and Deb so we can learn more about their faith journeys and the work that they do with Wycliffe. Watch your bulletin for a future time to see and learn more about the Bowers family.

SHIRLEY BURTCH

Shirley Ann Fairbanks Burtch, 93, of Denton, TX, passed away Thursday, September 7, 2023. Shirley was born January 4, 1930 in Topeka, KS to Charles and Connie Puett Fairbanks. She graduated from Seaman High School in Topeka 1947. She received a B.A. From Northwestern Bible College, Minneapolis, MN in 1951. She attended linguistic school at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK in 1952 and 1953, and joined Wycliffe Bible Translators, going to Peru, South America in 1954. She married Bryan Burtch in Lima Peru June 1954. They spent their careers as linguists and translators in Peru, Colombia, Panama and Aruba.

After retirement, she enjoyed working with the Awana children at church, played the piano and raised beautiful roses. Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister Nancy. She is survived by her children Marilyn Burtch, Rodney (Cynthia) Burtch, Phyllis Burtch Porter, Stanley (Barb) Burtch, 6 grandchildren Eric (Alana) Burtch, Dustin (Alyssa) Burtch, Andy (Hilary) Burtch, Christina Burtch and 3 great-grandchildren Arlen, Bronwyn and Devin. Burial took place at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton, TX. A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 23, 2023 2 pm at Lake Shore Baptist Church, 276 Hundley Drive, Lake Dallas, TX.

Continue on other side for obituary information on Shirley Burtch.