



## Notes from the Road

Greetings from Limestone, Tennessee, birthplace of Davy Crockett and home of Kathleen Job, my mom. Thank you; I asked you to encourage her to eat and heal with notes and e-mails, and you have. (I have been shown the evidence!) She was touched and empowered, and is getting better. The cast is off and physical therapy will begin in earnest soon. It's an everyday miracle, but ... we heal. Mostly, bodies want to be better. Thank God.

In these autumn days, shall we treasure the fruit and fire around us, while remembering too that in its season there shall be a spring?

Yes. And, Abbey Roadies, thank you again.

What I'm listening to: 'cause it's close enough to Halloween for a hauntin': "Barton Hollow" by The Civil Wars (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExAM8D7cfbl>).

—Doug



When asked to write a short message about our Common Hope Common Trust stewardship time I really didn't know what I could add that had not been covered. It did however, cause me to reflect on what I have and what stewardship means.

As we enter our Common Hope Common Trust stewardship time this fall it seemed appropriate to reflect on what stewardship actually means.

According to Merriam Webster stewardship is: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. The definition reminded me that everything we truly value requires stewardship. Our family, our health and our community all require that we take the time to manage what we value.

We came to Abbey Road several years ago and found a family. We found loving people who gave us support, respect and a shared view of the importance in following Christ and being Christian. We found a place we call home. We feel truly blessed.

Please join us by taking some time to make sure we are good stewards of Abbey Road and the gift of friends, fellowship and place where love is shared, not just with our pledges but with our time, talent and prayers.

Jim and Marge Main



## What's in This?

This past Sunday, those who gather in the Green Room were treated to coffee cake with a mystery ingredient. There's no mystery to us that when the Body of Christ is faithful, it has the ingredient of including everyone and every one. On October 28, we'll discuss chapter 4 of *True Inclusion*, "The Importance of Inclusion." You're welcome to come be part of the conversation we bake up!

## A Penny for Your Thoughts

Actually, our Regional Ministry Team member Penny Ross-Corona's thoughts about her recent trip to Africa to see the work of Global Ministries partners are free—find them at [https://www.globalministries.org/a\\_pilgrimage\\_through\\_ghana\\_and\\_south\\_africa\\_reflections\\_of\\_disciples\\_regional\\_ministers](https://www.globalministries.org/a_pilgrimage_through_ghana_and_south_africa_reflections_of_disciples_regional_ministers)



 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  for GOD loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7

**Youth Week**  
***It's all about LOVE***

The week of October 21st, our denomination celebrates Youth Week. Most of us reading this note were youth a long time ago ( and remember much of our youth better than yesterday perhaps ?). That it is Youth Week is pertinent to this writing. I'll explain.

The last item of consideration on our ballot at the Congregational Meeting on November 18th is the question of our commitment to being fully open to, and affirming of all who come through the doors of Abbey Road Christian Church seeking a relationship with Christ; a grace and a blessing to welcome to fellowship all who wish to worship here with us. It is that opportunity to live our belief that brings us to the question: do we believe in the love of Jesus, and do we want to love like that?

A chance to love: Abbey Road Christian Church welcomes everyone here, regardless of race, economic background, marital status, gender or sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, nationality or faith history. Does deciding this question require unanimity? No, it does not. We are all in different places on our faith journey. But most of this body are already far ahead of this initiative. This congregation has been open and affirming for years, already 'leveling up' (thanks Doug) and living lives mirroring the example of Jesus. It is all about love. I admire you and thank God for your example. The Board did entertain three questions about open and affirming. They are good questions:

1. Why now?
2. Are we 'right' with 'biblical teachings and law' on this matter?
3. Is this enough?

Why are we seeking to be an open and affirming congregation now?

Sixty years ago, this Church had Chi- Ro and Christian Youth Fellowship for our pre-teens and teenagers respectively. The CYF enjoyed a membership of thirteen kids led by Mr. Robert Renfrow. We were engaged and active, hung out together, and we wanted to be heard. In our imagining better, we asked the Church membership some challenging questions. Perhaps we were viewed as an irritant by some, but not by Mr. Renfrow. He gave us time to think, discern and have fun together, and to perhaps, be a pause in complacency at least, and a conscience prick at best. The questions asked by your CYF were: Why did we all look alike here? Why were we all of only one race at FCC? Why were all the elders male? Just what was the role of women and why? Where were the members at FCC who looked different from us in culture and affluence, life-style and appearance, belief and life-experience? Where were the people who Jesus hung out with - like the fallen and condemned, the failed and failing, the shunned and ignored? FCC didn't look like those people at all! Why? And, where were the people that really needed Jesus, yet were not here, or invited, or welcome, or whatever, and why? Sixty years ago. Your kids. I was one them. Time to call the question?

Are we right with 'biblical teaching and law'?

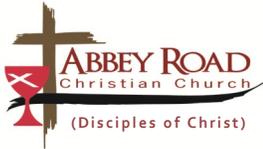
There are scripture that condone hatred and condemnation and worse for the foreigner and the pagans and the sinner; scriptures that divide and isolate, that make winners and losers, that say who are acceptable to God, righteous and embraceable and of worth, and, who are not.

Then, comes Jesus. The 'old law' becomes the 'new law'; the new law is Love. Our challenge: accepting and embracing, celebrating the dignity and the worth of us all as children of God, welcoming and sharing and loving because Jesus does.

And finally, is it enough?

It is all about love.

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**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.**

### Worship Notes October 21

**Attendance: 63**

**Regular friends: 12**

**Offering: \$2,945**

**October 28**

**Leveling Up: From Watching to Wading In  
Matthew 7:7-11**

### Serving on Sunday, October 28

At the Table: Judy McLain (c), Jim Main (o)

Distribution: Allen & Laurie Taylor + ushers

Communion Prep: Melanie Sherinski

Scripture Reader: Carolyn Taylor

Greeters: Marge Janssen, Carolyn Taylor

Ushers: Jamie Koehler, Anne McDonough

Abbey Road Adventures: Peggy Bentlage

Worship Capt.: Melanie Sherinski

Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, October 28

9:30am Worship

9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

#### Tuesday, October 30

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

#### Wednesday, October 31

9:30am Bible Study

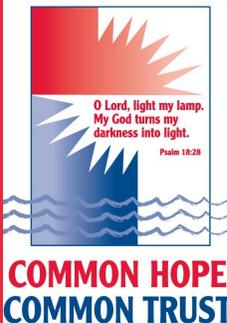
6:00pm New Life Singers practice

#### Thursday, November 1

8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at My Daddy's Cheesecake



- ◇ **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.
- ◇ A donation to the Food Bank was made by Ed & Helen Tilley in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary
- ◇ **Have you noticed how good the church sign looks?** Thank you to Roanne Dean for new numbers and to Peggy Bentlage for freshening up the paint! Looks great!
- ◇ **Reminder!!** Please use [capearcc@gmail.com](mailto:capearcc@gmail.com) for all email to the church! The newsletter & some Angel Net is sent from an outlook.com address; please do not reply to that address. Thank you.
- ◇ Lots of positions on the **November worship schedule** have been filled; thank you to all who have signed up! Please take a look & see what openings you can fill. Sunday is your last chance! Hurry up!



Pledge cards that were not picked up on Sunday were mailed on Monday. Please give prayerful consideration to how you might best support Abbey Road Christian Church in 2019 and return your pledge no later than Sunday, November 11.