

BUILDING A STRONG CHRISTIAN LIFE

Applying lessons from "Practical Carpentry" to make godly disciples

FOLLOW THE BLUEPRINTS: A set of blueprints shows you exactly how to construct a building. You quickly get into trouble if you fail to follow the plan. The Bible offers a set of blueprints for Christian living. Far too often we favor activity and busyness over solitude and meditation. In our zeal to do things for God, we neglect spending time with Him. Rather than making study our priority, we relegate it to leftover available time, if at all. We should be pouring over God's Word daily. Prioritize memorizing Scripture and pray verses throughout the day.



THE FOUNDATION IS CRITICAL: Getting the foundation correct is especially significant. A mistake at the foundation level compounds as the building goes up. Remember the illustration of the wise and foolish builders recorded in Matthew 7? A Christ follower must have a strong spiritual foundation to withstand the storms of life. Take time for an inspection. Consider connecting with an accountability partner, coach, or mentor to help strengthen your faith substructure.

BRACE YOUR FRAMING: Framing is fitting together construction materials to give your structure support and shape. Two-by-four wall sections and roof trusses are in danger of toppling without bracing. Proper bracing provides stability. For Christians, prayer provides the strength we need to hold our lives together. Set aside a block of gadget-free time each day where you can meet with the Father.





KNOW YOUR MATERIALS: You need quality materials for the construction of a home. A multitude of Christian materials is available in today's marketplace. Being grounded in God's Word will enable you to discern His truth. It is important to know and understand what you believe so you can teach others.

PICK THE RIGHT TOOLS: Pick tools that will enable you to get the job done. For example, select a hammer that feels comfortable in your hand. Here are essential tools to help you navigate your faith effectively: praise, awe, thanksgiving, gratitude, confession, repentance, sacrifice, compassion, love, mercy, gentleness, kindness, peace, patience, self-control. Take inventory. What's missing from your toolbox?



Pursue

Closeness

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God

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Dedicated

to

Prayer

Life

MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE: Most have heard the statement "measure twice and cut once." Even professionals take a second measurement before making a cut. You need to take careful measure of your activity. Are you settling for what is good instead of God's best? If we are satisfied with mediocrity, we will never challenge ourselves to passionately pursue God. Guard your life against meaningless activity. Live a surrendered life full of kingdom promise and purpose.

As you build your Christian life, mistakes will be made. Take your concerns to the Master Builder and trust Him to know what's best.

Father, We put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as the Cornerstone of our lives. May You be the foundation upon which we build. You are the Master Builder and I am Your apprentice. Teach me day by day to walk in Your will and in Your ways. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

I love being your pastor, Chris

GOD'S NOT DONE!

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Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Nov 02	4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Brief Business Meeting and Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
Nov 04	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
Nov 05	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov 08	1:00 p.m.	Ladies' Crafty Afternoon In the Fellowship Hall
Nov 09	9:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	2nd SUNDAY CELEBRATION Choir Practice No Evening Service
Nov 11	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting VETERAN'S DAY Thank you for your service!
Nov 12	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov 16 ABCCM SUNDAY	4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Family Night Adults on Mission CIA/Youth
Nov 18	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
Nov 19	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Nov 23	4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
Nov 25	-	No Meetings Today
Nov 26	-	No Women's Bible Study
Nov 27		Happy Thanksgiving
Nov 29	-	No Men's Breakfast
Nov 30	4:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth

MISSIONS

GOT SOCKS?

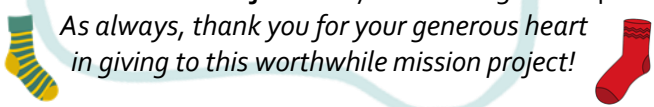
WE NEED SOCKS?

As cold weather approaches, our NOVEMBER MISSION (should you decide to accept it) will help fulfill a basic need...Socks are an essential item that protects and improves overall quality of life. Help us collect and donate socks, to the shelters in our community!

(all shapes and sizes for men, women, boys and girls)

If you would prefer to give money, please indicate "SOCK Mission Project" on your offering envelope.

As always, thank you for your generous heart in giving to this worthwhile mission project!





Veterans Day, observed on November 11, honors all U.S. military veterans and commemorates the end of World War I marking a day of gratitude and recognition for their service.

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day, commemorating the armistice that ended World War I on November 11, 1918, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It was first observed in 1919. It was officially recognized as a national holiday in the United States in 1938 and it honors all U.S. veterans who have served in the armed forces, not just those who died in battle.

“You have shielded your fellow citizens from danger. You have defended the beliefs of your country and advanced the rights of the downtrodden. You have been the face of hope and mercy in dark places and a force for good in the world.”

~ George W. Bush

THANKSGIVING DAY
WORD SEARCH

THE HARVEST VNO
A U Q H K O P U M P K I N X
N T R M P I L G R I M S V R
Z O S K K A V U U A P C E J
Z O V H E I R D S T U N S I
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C H Z W M L P I N I J M A T
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V A C Q Q R H G R A V Y W L
X Y N L B J W U C J P I E L
H O M E B J Y B S C X I K D

TRADITION	FALL	DINNER	CORN
PIE	PARENTS	HARVEST	GRAVY
PUMPKIN	HOLIDAY	HOME	TURKEY
NOVEMBER	SEASON	PILGRIMS	COLONIST

Fun Fact About Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



Felix the Cat, created by a famous marionette maker and made by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio.

However, during WWII, “the parade was postponed for three years, and many of the balloons were donated to the war effort for rubber,” *The New York Times* explains. But it wasn’t until 2016 that Felix made his triumphant return.

When the first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade took place in 1924, the now-famous balloon floats did not exist. Instead, it included floats, live bands, and live animals from the Central Park Zoo—even a procession of elephants!

In 1927, the parade welcomed its first balloon,



FAITH BARRIERS (Exodus 3:10-4:17)

When God first called Moses, the future leader responded with a list of reasons explaining why he shouldn’t obey. He tried to hide behind the same faith barriers that believers cite today: a poor self-image (Exodus 3:11-12), ignorance about God (vv.13-21), self-doubt (4:1-9), and feelings of inadequacy (vv.10-11). Fearing that he would fail, Moses protested that the Lord had asked the wrong person, but God responded with a firm, persuasive rebuttal.

The theme of God’s answers is something all believers need to understand, just as Moses finally did—namely, that *when we are called to serve, human strength, skill, and wisdom do not matter*. Rather, it is *the Lord who does the work through us*. He doesn’t seek out the most qualified person for a particular job but instead calls those who are willing to surrender to Him.

Excuses for disobedience haven’t changed much since Moses encountered the burning bush. When you’re tempted to respond with “But...,” remember you don’t have to be qualified or prepared. God saw Moses as he was and equipped him. He will do the same for you. ~ copied (intouch.org)

There are jobs available in your church for the coming year, January to December 2026. Your nominating team members are: **Lenora Sentelle, Bill Elliott, Pat Parker and Christine Roberts.**

Please let God use you in the capacity that He calls you to. Find one of these folks on Sunday morning or call the office at 828-667-2410 and sign up to serve in your church this coming year.

God bless and thank you from your nominating team!

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

- 1) Americans eat 704 million pounds of turkey every Thanksgiving.
- 2) The Butterball hotline answers 100,000 turkey-related questions every year.
- 3) Cranberry sauce is the most hated Thanksgiving dish.
- 4) Female Turkeys don’t gobble.
- 5) “Jingle Bells” was originally a Thanksgiving song.



Happy Thanksgiving!



“Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God’s blessings and to offer Him our heartfelt gratitude. Wishing you a blessed and joyful holiday season.”
We thank God for you, our sweet church family.

Love from your EBC Staff