
SERMON NOTES



BERLIN

Mennonite Church

Rooted in Jesus. Growing in Faith. Branching out in Love.

September 16, 2018

Listening to the Voice of God

Gathering of God's People...

Opening Song:

HWB #116: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

HWB #546: "Guide My Feet"

Welcome

Announcements

Moment in Missions – H15 Ministries

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God's Name . . .

STJ #54: "Longing for Light"

STJ #44: "Rain Down"

Psalm 19:1-6,14

"All in All"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God's Word . . .

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Message: **Flying Closer to the Son**

Responding...

"Oceans"

Benediction

About our speaker:

Mark "Woody" Woods is a sometimes professor, sometimes cross country coach, sometimes chapel speaker and all-the-time fan at Central Christian.

For his day job, he's a social worker and Executive Director of Anazao Community Partners. Woody loves God, his family and the Buckeyes (and usually in that order!) Woody and his wife, Christal, serve as sponsors with the MYF here at BMC.

FAITH TALK

Acts 6–7: "Stephen's story"

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story.*

(1) Read Acts 6:1–7. What qualities did they want the seven helpers to have?

(2) Write notes of encouragement to those who serve the church.

(3) Stephen told the history of the Jewish people. Talk about the history of your family or your church.

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "The Good Shepherd and the lost sheep."

Did you know? December 26 is "St. Stephens Day." The Feast of Stephen is named in the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslas."

Prayer for the week: *God, you have been faithful throughout all time. May we trust in your unfailing love. Amen.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Sermon: **Mark Woods** *Worship Leader:* **Ralph King**

Song Leader: **Shelly Miller** *Offertory:* **Ralph and Co.**

Usher: **Rick Brand**

Audio & Visual: **Seth Cady/Tony Yoder** *PowerPoint:* **Suzanne Kalman**

Greeters: **Jesse & Lisa Miller** *Next Week:* **Maynard & Emily Miller**

Nursery This Sunday: **Jill Basinger, Emily Miller and
Carson & Rachel Miller**

Nursery Next Week: **Karina Yoder and Zak & Shawna Boyd**

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 169 Sunday School: 104

General Fund: \$16,981.50 Nicaragua: \$100.00

Scissors (MCC sewing kits): \$180

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

September 24 – American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6pm

September 26 – Stephen Ministry Meeting, 9 am

September 30- Baby shower for Jesse and Lisa Miller, 2-4 pm

October 3 – Family Night, 6-8 pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Ethel Mumaw, Mary Ann Kandel, Dave Miller, Geri Morgan, Norm Shank, Bob Slagle, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Karina Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman, Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson;

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week for Wes Maxwell; Albert & Julie Miller; Allan & Shelly Miller and family.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Martine Audeoud, Gary Wittig, and their son Samuel, have made their home in France to care for Martine's aging father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she negotiates long-distance teaching in Ivory Coast and frequent travel.

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team members, either after worship or during the week. Elder Team members are:
Carol Gerber, Becky Kandel, Ralph King, Leon Miller, Michael Stutzman and Vaughn Troyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A Ladies Bible Study** "Breathe" by Priscilla Shirer will be offered this fall right here at Berlin Mennonite! Mark your calendars for Tuesday Morning from 9:30-11 am beginning October 2 through October 30. Workbooks are \$15. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Secretary's office. If you have questions, contact Carolyn Caron.
- **Berlin Elementary Soup Supper** and Raffle will be staged Tuesday, October 2 with a menu for a complete meal. Pre-sale tickets are as listed: adults \$7/children 12 and under \$6. Tickets at door are 50 cents more and children under 3 are free.
- **Mark your calendar for October 7th!** We will be having special guest speakers from Nicaragua share during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. All adult Sunday school classes, MYF, and JYF are invited to hear and get to know these special guests! Please come take advantage of this time as our guests will be whisked away to share with Walnut Creek after Sunday school.
- **Take a moment to check** your calendar for birthday and anniversaries. Any updates needed for the 2019 Church calendar maybe be dropped off at the church Secretary's office before October 15.
- **Sign up for Bible Memory in the lobby today.** If you are interested in signing up as a memorizer (preschool through adult), a grader or a listener for Bible Memory please sign up at the table in the foyer this morning. Dates to remember:
September 16-23 – Sign up
September 24-28 – email sent to memorizers with their verses
October 7 – 1st day to recite memorized verse and pick up your first lesson
- **Moving for Balance** classes will be offered by the Holmes County Health Dept. in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. from Sept. 14 – Nov. 16.
- **Wednesday Family Nights** will begin Wednesday October 3. Watch the bulletin for more details.
- **The Christian Education Dept.** has placed forms in each mailbox of families with youth under age 18. These forms fulfill BMC's policy on child protection and abuse that was established in 2015. All information will be kept confidential. If you have any questions about the policy please contact Jeff or Emily. Please return completed forms to Jeff.