



THE CRIER



OCTOBER, 2021

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Isaiah 40:3

The Second Baptist Church
100 North Main St, Suffield, CT 06078

Reflections from Rachael

I'm grateful to have this opportunity to kick off the reboot of the Monthly Crier. Slowly, but surely, our church is experiencing a rebirth, coming out of the pause of the early Pandemic. We've faced many challenges over the past year and a half, and I am confident that God has been with each of us every step of that journey and that God continues to be with us as we strive to understand how to best meet people's health needs, spiritual needs, and psychological needs in this time which continues to be marked with uncertainty. But we Christians are hopeful people, and we know that God can even go so far as to breathe new life into dry bones. And, throughout the Pandemic, I've tried to remind myself of the words of Matthew 6: 33-34: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. In all things, God is with us, and we have the promise of resurrection.

One gift of the Pandemic, for many of us, has been time -- time for reflection, to understand those things that really matter to us. Many of us put down the burdens of busy schedules, and discovered there were some things that we really missed, and some things that it has been time to let go of. One of the things we realized we missed was the comforting rhythm of worship, the sense of community and connection found in the community, and the opportunity to spend time with good friends.

A church community provides these things for so many of us. In this time, we found new people reaching out for this sense of connection, and familiar friends who have decided to deepen their commitment to the church -- all because we realized that we were missing it! As we enter this new season in our church life, I invite you to prayerfully consider the ways in which you are deepening your commitment to God through the church. Are you praying daily? Are you considering joining a new ministry team? Would you like to get to know the Bible better? Have you been thinking about starting a small group? Are you considering a greater financial commitment to help ensure that generations to come will benefit from these ministries you so value? Are you ready to formalize your involvement in the church through membership? All of these opportunities are open to you in and around this place.

So, reach out today! If you hear God calling you to a deeper commitment and would like to talk about it, let's find time to do that. The Holy Spirit can move in each and every one of us if we just invite that gift into our lives and say "yes."

In Peace,
Rachael

We're Building a Float!!

**Join us - build, paint and come
enjoy the parade**



Call Sue at 860-402-7813 to sign up.



We're still working to grow a Technology & Videography Team!

Dave Jones, so far, has 1 volunteer who is looking at learning how to use the equipment. Would you like to be a part of this exciting team? Please reach out!

CHURCH MINISTRIES FAIR OCT. 17TH



CURIOUS ABOUT WHO RUNS THIS PLACE? INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH COMMITTEES? EAGER TO JOIN A MINISTRY? THEN STICK AROUND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH FOR OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES FAIR. GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND THEN BROWSE THROUGH THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND VISIT TABLES FILLED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR COMMITTEES — VISIT WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND FIND A PLACE FOR YOUR TALENTS! HELP US EXPAND THE "OWNERSHIP" OF OUR CONGREGATION

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If you have articles or announcements that you would like to have published in the November edition of The CRIER, the deadline for submission is Tuesday, October 19th.



SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS

October Flower Rep.:

October 3

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Scott Schneider, Barry Sisk & David Burnaford

Worship Leader: Melissa Bednarz

October 10

Ushers: TEAM D: Jim Grant & Derek Burnaford

Worship Leader: Natalie Das

Flowers: SBC Staff

October 17

Ushers: TEAM A: Howard Beal

Worship Leader: Lena Blake

October 24

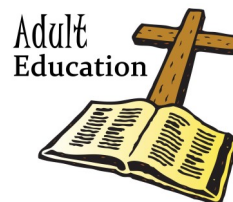
Ushers: TEAM B: Art Sikes, Jacob Quinn, Greg Bassos & Lauren O'Hara

Worship Leader: Caroline d'Otreppe

October 31

Ushers: TEAM C: Tucker Killam, Scott Schneider, Barry Sisk & David Burnaford

Worship Leader: TBA



Adult Education returns October 3 at 9:00 AM.

We will be using the Judson Press Journeys curriculum. The curriculum is Biblically based and composed by ABC Pastors and Christian Educators from around the country. Our first lesson is on Integrity. All adults are welcome!

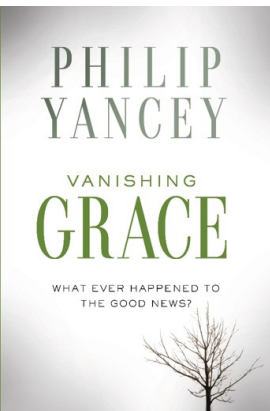
New Weekly Bible Study
Starting on October 5
Tuesdays at 11, in the Library.
Space is limited to 7.

Common Ground: Loving Each Other

Despite our Differences, is a Bible study for Women, written by Amberly Neese. The description says: Whether it is in politics, the professional world, a party, or a pew, we face conflict every day. As discussions get more heated and social media is deluged with opinion-spewing, hurt feelings, and broken relationships, we need hope and practical tools to navigate the tumultuous waters and live at peace with everyone. Fortunately, the Scriptures hold the key to living at peace despite our differences. The [selected] stories point us to peace and reconciliation in all our relationships, reassuring us that it is possible to find common ground with everyone—despite our differences. Women will find biblical and practical help for:

- Facing conflict
- Navigating broken relationships
- Handling heated discussions (in person and on social media)
- Living at peace despite differences

Please call or email Pastor Rachael for details.



Please join our Book Club

Join us
October 17th at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Laurie Gokey
You will need to get a copy of the book on your own, and read through the second "section".

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend, have questions or require other details.

All are welcome!

***Please wear a mask if not vaccinated.
In person and/or Location is subject to change.**



About Our Community

- Win Senter passed away on September 19th. His funeral was held on September 23 in Windsor, CT.



Membership

Are you interested in
MEMBERSHIP at
Second Baptist Church?

Please reach out to Pastor Rachael, at copastor@secondbaptistsuffield.org. Let's put together a new members class for the fall.



Sunday October 10th is Clergy Appreciation Day. Please take the time to thank Pastor Rachael for her service, guidance and leadership



Save the date-
Oct. 13th
Fellowship Hall

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (800 733-2767) to book your appointment.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	4 11:00 am Suffield Garden Club 1:00 pm SA Chapel 6:30 pm Search Meeting 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA)	5 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 7:00 pm Growth & Outreach	7 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto in the Garden Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	8 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA)	9 10:00 am Suffield 350 Parade 11:00 am Soup Kitchen
10 Clergy Appreciation Day 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time 11:30 am Council of Ministries	11 Columbus / Indigenous People's Day 6:30 pm Search Mtg. 7:00 pm Grapevine Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Pioneer Valley	12 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Deacon's Mtg.	13 9:00 am ARC Blood Drive	14 10:00 am Yoga Class 11:00 am Lecto in the Garden Grp. 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	15 12:00 pm Gazebo Grp. (AA) 7:00 pm Cetto Chamber Choir	16
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- 5 Jennifer [Trowbridge] & Christopher Sikes
Karen & Lloyd Santi
- 9 Amy [Orr] & Jeffrey Arnold
Jennifer [Sikes] & Russell Harlow
- 11 Cristina [Das] & Will Alsum
- 12 Natalie & Peter Das
Rebecca [Leavitt] & Allen Clark
Lois & Scott Schneider
- 19 Rebecca & Shawn Waterman
- 24 Charles & Ingrid Linke



World Mission Offering for October “We’ve been Surprised by God’s Glory”

Beginning October 3 and through the month of October, the Communion Offering has been designated to the World Mission Offering – a national offering supporting American Baptist Churches International Ministries (IM) which includes 120+ global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries. Monies we donate when combined with donations from American Baptist Churches across the country bring economic development, theological education, health and wellness, and numerous other changes in people’s lives all across the globe for the glory of God.

Although the pandemic had halted most travel for IM personnel during 2020 and early 2021 IM ministries continued throughout the world. Our global servants (missionaries) are working in their respective areas, home staff are developing new ways to improve training and provide support, projects are visualized and taking on lives of their own – all of which bring the good news of God’s love and mercy.

In addition to financial support, we also ask that you pray for our global servants. A listing of IM global servants can be found on <https://www.internationalministries.org/international-ministries-global-servants>. By selecting an individual (or couple) you can then get additional information regarding their individual ministry and mission as well as location of service. We challenge you to select a person(s) and pray for them and their ministry during the month of October.

In the past we (the church) have given generously to World Mission Offering as well as to Kristy Engel, a global consultant for IM (she has served with IM for over 21 years). We plan to give generously again this year, but we need your support!

Donations will be collected each Sunday during the month of October. If giving online through the church PayPal account, please designate your donation to “Missions”. If mailing a check, please send to the church office (Second Baptist Church, 100 North Main Street, Suffield, CT 06078 Attn: Collector). Identify WMO in the memo line.

Thank you for your support!



Yoga Class Continues

We encourage you to join us as we build strength and flexibility in an inspirational environment.

Please see Nancy Drenzek for more information.



Got Pull-Tabs for Shriners Hospital?

Jean Aldrich-Jones is collecting them once again. Please bring them into the Welcome Center and we will make sure that they are passed on to the right person.

Thank you!



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Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? Now you can donate to our church at the same time---without spending any extra money!

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log into your account. Then specify Second Baptist Church (location Suffield, CT) as your chosen charity.

When you place your orders, our church will automatically receive 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases, not including shipping (purchases include Amazon purchases only, not other vendors).

Ask your family and friends if they will sign up, too. Once you sign up, create a bookmark to use each time you shop. Nothing will change about your Amazon shopping experience. Amazon Prime accounts will not be affected.

If you have any questions or need help setting up the account, please ask Laurie Gokey, 860-402-9292 or okgokey@gmail.com.



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Sunday Worship Service 10 am. Childcare and Sunday School available.

We are accessible for people with disabilities from the back entrance, and hearing assistance devices are available upon request.

Sunday School for all ages. Adult Education at 9 am;

Sunday School for Children Grades K-12 during the 10 am Worship Service

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