

# First Baptist Church of Lowell Newsletter

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## From the Heart *Rob McLelland*

### God Does Care

All of us wonder from time to time if God really cares about what's going on in our lives. Why? Because there are those occasions in life when "life" seems to be crashing down on us. We live for the Lord and when things go awry, we seek His comfort and His guidance. We pray, but nothing seems to come of it. "Where is He?" we wonder.

I confess I have those same thoughts. Jesus once had them too...as a man who was dying on the cross for our sins. Remember when He was on the cross and said, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)

There are those who believe God gets out of the way while we're here on earth and just lets things happen. They are called Deists. Thomas Jefferson was said to be a Deist. Deists do not believe in the inerrancy of Scripture or supernatural miracles. They believe that God created us to work things out for ourselves. All the tools are here that we need. He doesn't intervene in human affairs or suspend the natural laws of the universe.

The God we believe in is not the God of the Deism. He is not aloof to what is going on in our lives. The Bible teaches that "**Now** faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) Notice the

word, "Now." There is great meaning in this verse for moments like I have described. When the world is crashing down on us, **NOW** is the time to exercise our faith; to believe in the impossible; to believe that God loves us enough to supernaturally intervene in what is going on in our lives.

How do we get from "God doesn't care" to "Now is the time?" We have to turn to Scripture. God has put real stories in the Bible to remind us how much He cares. When Jesus walked on the water, Peter followed, but when he took his eyes off Jesus, he sank like a rock.

Lesson #1 is to keep our eyes on Jesus. He died on the cross because He cared for us. He still does.

Lesson #2 is to always remember that God is no respecter of persons. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 2:11, "For there is no partiality with God." While it may seem that others prosper and we do not, it has nothing to do with God's love for us. Jesus atoning act of the cross is for everyone who calls upon His name!

Lesson #3 is God brings pain and suffering to us to strengthen our faith, not to question it. Look at what Je-

sus told His disciples and He is telling us today. "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20) There are many other answers to the question we have about God in times like these. Open your Bibles and you will find the answers to restore your faith. God really does care about what is going on in your life.

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## October Devotion: Happy Fall, Y'all!

I love the colors of fall. They are warm and vibrant. Don't you wonder if, as Christians, we are the same? Do people gravitate to us because we are caring and energetic?

**Red:** There's something special about trees full of red leaves glistening in the sun. Red brings up the thought of passion. We should be passionate about Christ. We should reflect all the brilliance of Him. *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

**Orange:** The color orange is beautiful in fall. Orange reflects warmth and symbolized thoughtfulness and sincerity.

We should be that warm inviting person who cares about others. *"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."* Ephesians 4:32

**Yellow:** Yellow makes me happy. It brings thoughts of joy and cheerfulness. If we have Christ, we should have joy in our hearts and that joy should reflect through us. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* Galatians 5:22-23

**Brown:** If we didn't have brown in the midst of the bright fall colors, they might not look so brilliant. Brown

represents stability and it anchors all those other beautiful colors of fall. In Christ, we have our anchor. *"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."* Colossians 2:6,7

Our colors matter. As Christians, let us exude vibrancy and warmth, kindness and thoughtfulness, joy and cheerfulness, and most importantly, let others see our Foundation.

Let's let our colors shine this season. Happy Fall, Y'all!

## October Recipe: Caramel Apple Cider

### CIDER:

1/4 cup heavy cream  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
3 cups apple cider  
1/2 cup water

### CARAMEL WHIPPED CREAM

1/2 cup heavy cream  
1 Tbs. brown sugar

### Cider:

Bring the cream and brown sugar to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the cider and water and raise the heat to medium high, heating just until the cider begins to steam, about 4 minutes.

Divide among 4 mugs, top each with 2 tablespoons of caramel whipped cream (recipe follows) and serve immediately.

### Caramel Whipped Cream:

In a small chilled bowl, whip the heavy cream with the brown sugar until soft peaks form.

Enjoy!

**October 31**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Church family preview -  
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

## Trunk-R-Treat

Sign up to decorate your vehicle and hand out candy, help set-up, pass out food, or many other things.

This is our largest outreach to our community. Join the fun!

Trunk-R-Treat:

The most fun you can have sharing the love of Jesus while dressed in a costume!



## Children's Activities

### I'm a Christian Now Class

Four week class beginning  
Oct. 23

Meets Sunday from 11:30  
a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch provided

Designed for children who  
have accepted Christ in the  
last year.

More info: Contact Penny

### Children's Hayride and Bonfire

**October 21**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Meet in fellowship hall.

Hot dogs, smores, and a hay-  
ride.

Parents must attend with pre-  
school children.

### Children's Camp Bake Sale

**October 29**  
**Ozark Corn Maze**

Baked goods drop-off :  
Friday, October 28  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

More info: Contact Penny

## October Calendar

**Oct. 9** - 10:30 a.m. - Lord's  
Supper  
5:45 p.m. - Women's  
Bible Study  
6:45 p.m. - Business mtg  
**Oct. 10** - 7:00 p.m. - Trunk-R-  
Treat Meeting  
**Oct 12** - 5:45 p.m. - Visitation  
**Oct. 16** - 5:45 p.m.—Women's  
Bible Study  
**Oct. 17** - 7:00 p.m. - Trunk-R-

Treat Meeting  
**Oct. 19** - 5:45 p.m. - Visitation  
**Oct. 20** - 11:30 a.m. - Lowell  
Rec. Assoc. Lunch  
**Oct. 21** - 6:00 p.m. - Children's  
Hayride and Bonfire  
**Oct. 23** - 11:30 a.m. - "I'm a  
Christian Now" Class  
**Oct. 24** - 7:00 p.m. - Trunk-R-  
Treat Meeting  
**Oct. 30** - 11:30 a.m. - "I'm a

Christian Now" Class  
**Oct. 31** - 6:00 p.m. - Trunk-R-  
Treat

## Take Notice:

### *New Members in September*

Lana & Ashley Ledbetter  
Harry & Carolyn Christen  
Stephanie & Frank Maslakow  
Avery Proud  
Korey & Trey Sauls  
Jessieca Russell  
Doug & Frances Graham  
Loretta Katz

Check out our website  
[www.fbc-lowell.com](http://www.fbc-lowell.com)

**We are making a real effort  
to update the website with  
relevant information.**

**Also available:  
FBC Face book**

## Thought of the Day:

*"If you don't know where you  
are going, you might wind up  
somewhere else."*

Yogi Berra



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*"Hospital for the  
broken."*

### *Schedule of Services*

#### **Sunday:**

*Orchestra Practice*      8:45 a.m.  
*Sunday School*            9:30 a.m.  
*Morning Worship*        10:30 a.m.  
*Children's Church*        10:30 a.m.

#### **Wednesday:**

*Wednesday Meal*    5:15 p.m.  
*AWANA Clubs*        6:15 p.m.  
*Youth Revolution*    6:30 p.m.  
*Adult Bible Study*    7:00 p.m.

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