

**2016**  
**I Am Resolved to Grow Closer to God**  
**“You’ve Been Such a Strength”**

Life can throw some horrible things our way, and we often need someone with us and who is there for us. There are those to whom we could say how they stood by us in extremely difficult situations. Yes, everyone experiences crises that call for special strength, courage, and comfort. At such crucial times deeply appreciated is the hand on the shoulder, a needed pat on the back, a hug of understanding, words of encouragement, or a faith-reminding prayer. Each of these can be helpful.

I’m reminded of Paul’s words to his fellow passengers on a storm-tossed ship when they had lost every hope of surviving. He told them God, through His heavenly messenger, had assured him that no one on board would be lost. Then he said, “Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out **exactly** as I have been told.” (**Acts 27:25**).

Discouraged, disappointed, depressed, disillusioned people may cross our paths today. Let’s make every effort to be of needed strength to them, remembering those who have been to us. Others have often helped lift us out of the doldrums (**II Cor. 1: 3-5**). The comforting word, timely prayer, and sincere compliment invigorate. Burdens are lifted by—friends.

Jerry Kendall

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**SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Ladies Class	10:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.

**ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF**

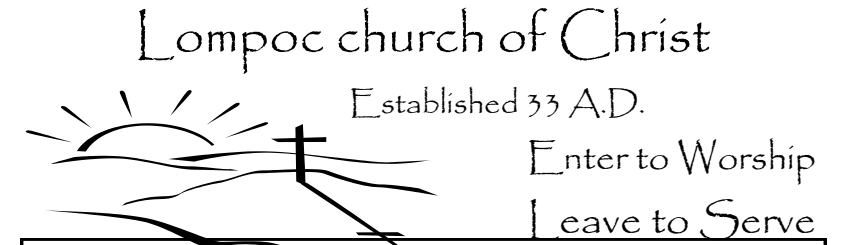
<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Eric Bliss 757-6338	Milt Baldwin 588-6574
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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Nursery Rhiannon Turnquist	Bible Hour Shelli Donald Lynn Nothstein
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**WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2016**

Bible Class	AM Worship	PM Worship	Weds. Class	Offering
55	88	57	51	2481



**OCTOBER 30, 2016**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Song leader: Jimmy Williams

Welcome.....Dave Gastellum

893 The Bond of Love  
590 Surely Goodness and Mercy

Prayer.....Dale Donaghe

381 Lord Speak to Me  
747 'Twas on That Hill

Lord’s Supper.....Milt Baldwin

612 Take My Life and Let it Be

Offering.....Gabe Falcon

974 Tell His Praise in Song and Story

Scripture Reading: .....David Senior

Message.....”**The Great Commission**”.....John Price  
Matthew 28: 16-20

272 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
456 No Tears in Heaven

Closing Prayer.....Kevin Thompson

PM Message.....”**The Importance of History?**”.... J Price

## SONG BOOKS

We have our old songbooks available to anyone who would like one. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. Please see Shelli if you would like to have one.

## NEW PHONE

Nellie Tellez has a new phone number it is:  
(805) 819-9121

\*Please note this in your personal phone list\*

## JOHN PRICE'S RETIREMENT

This Thursday is the retirement party for John Price. It is at 1:30. Don't forget to go if you signed up. The building is a bit hard to find. If you need directions, please see John.

## CLOCKS CHANGE

Saturday night is when we fall back, set our clocks back. Just a friendly reminder.



## BRIDGE HOUSE MEAL

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for the meal that is to be served November 12th out at the Bridge House. If you would like to help in this work, stop by and take a look to see where you may serve.

## JINNY'S CLOSET

Jinny's closet is open and FULL. Please take a look and see if there is anything you can use in either the men's or the women's closet. Please leave it tidy when you're done. Thank you in advance!

**Pantry needs are chili and canned pasta.**

## PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-**Charles Scharnagel's** brother **John** passed away Friday night. Please keep him and the rest of the family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

-**Esther Baker**, a friend of **Kris Gastellum**, passed away early Saturday morning. Please keep everyone that loved her in your prayers through this time of sadness.

-**Denise Robb**, friend of **David and Roy's**, suffering from cancer, the side effects from extreme chemo and ALS as well is in need of our prayers as she and her husband John deal with these health issues.

-Please continue to keep **Virginia Yett's** in your prayers. She is now under hospice care and continues to struggle with her cancer.

-Please continue to keep **Kim Senior** in your prayers as she deals with back pain.

-**Camden**, a neighbor of **Carol Quesnel**, 2 year old grandson has an inoperable brain tumor. He will start chemo shortly. They have asked Carol that we pray for him and his family.

## SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

Please remember those in the SNF:

**Dave Swain, Larry Lang, Walter, Jim and Mavis, Mary and Lillian Mock.** Keep them in your prayers for peace and comfort.

## BRIDGE HOUSE PRAYER REQUESTS

Special prayer requests for **Holly, John, Randy, Mary, Nolan, Zelan, Arlan, Angie, Vincent, Sergio, Nana, Hope, Junior, the Vacca family** and the **children and staff.**

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Individually we are one drop.  
Together, we are an ocean.

## SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
-Colossians 3:14

## ENCOURAGING WORDS

### It's Almost That Time Again!

As election season roll around and as you consider how you vote, I would suggest to you that God has given us a filter through which to pass every decision we make. The filter that God has provided helps me to see that there are matters much larger than my personal preferences, my personal rights or my personal freedoms. How often do we vote for someone because of what they can do "FOR ME" or because of what they have promised "TO ME"? God's filter supersedes how something might benefit me personally.

Please examine this filter with me and see if it also relates to your choices during any election season. "*Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*" (**Matt. 6:33**). This is the "seek first" filter through which every decision we make (including in the voting booth) must be passed!

No election and no candidate will ever be perfect. Unless Jesus is on the ballot or I am on the ballot, I will never fully agree with all of their opinions. But, here's the question: How can I use my vote for the good of the church/kingdom and God's righteousness? How can I use my vote to protect the church and to ensure the gospel has free course? The church and righteousness are being attacked by all parts of our nation and it is only going to get worse. How can I use my vote—not to make a political statement—but to guard the most precious institution of all?

When you, as a Christian, cast your ballot, remember that your "first" focus is not on you or on your rights. You are voting for the Lord's church and what is right for her! Make this count for Him and His cause on this earth!

R. Senior