



# THE CENTENARIAN

Dear Centenary, UMC Family and Friends,

It was once written that "Truth is a universal topic that we all seek to know and understand. Whether it's knowing the truth or speaking the truth, both are found in a growing relationship with God. When we spend time in God's Word and in prayer, the truth is revealed to us. These Bible Verses show the significance of truth in biblical times and our modern-day lives."

Some Scriptures on the truth are as follows:

1 John 3:18 "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth".

2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth".

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth".

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, we had a State of the Church meeting. We discussed that the congregation is aging, that we are not receiving new members, and that with limited resources it is very challenging financially. We gave out the full financial information, which is available to church members at any time, all one must do is ask our Financial Administrator for the information. There was discussion on expectations of congregation and the reality of maintaining such a large faculty and campus with a much smaller congregation.

I wish that there were easy answers. In the coming months there will be difficult conversations among leaders and the congregation. The District Superintendent, Bev Copley, will join us on October 19th at 5:30pm to lead us in options for the future.

I ask that we pray for God to lead us in a spirit of Truth. I pray that we as a congregation unify and trust one another in the journey ahead, and that we keep the priority on being faithful to God and God's Kingdom.

Centenary has a future – we must pray for guidance as to what that future will look like and how the congregation will embrace God's destiny for us all. I know that it will be embraced in love, faith, grace, forgiveness, and hope.

Please lend your prayer, your voice, your presence, your gifts, your witness, and most of all your love.

Please know that my door is always open.

We have several times of study, worship, service, and fellowship in the coming month. Please read the Centenarian thoroughly to see what God and how God is leading you to be a part.

Praying Christ's Peace,

Kelley

# Stewardship Thought

The word Christian is used only three times in the Bible. The first mention is in [Acts 11:26](#). Christian was the name given to the Greeks and Romans who believed in Christ at Antioch. The meaning of the word is, "belonging to the party of." The group at Antioch belonged to the party of Christ and were followers of his doctrine. This identity is one that all Christians share. Being a Christian is not just a title, it's a position. The position is that of a steward; a person responsible and entrusted with the management of another's possessions. As stewards, all we do should be directed by the desires of the owner, God. And the owner's desires and instructions are clearly understood by what He said, [His Word, the Bible](#). The following quotes are written and shared to help you, the steward. They are meant to challenge, instruct, and encourage you to be the best steward you can be. In the end, all that will matter, all that will last, is what we did for the one whom we follow, Jesus our Lord.

## Christian Stewardship Quotes

**"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."** – [Winston Churchill](#)

**"Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time; we can give our expertise; we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give."** – [Steve Goodier](#)

**"Tithing is not giving; it is bringing."** – Unknown

**"The greatest lesson you might ever learn in this life is this: It is not about you."** – [Shannon L. Alder](#)

**"Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?"** – [John Wesley](#)

**"You would not be able to manage millions of dollars well when you are not managing thousands of dollars well"** – [Manuel Corazzari](#)

**"Stewardship is not about raising money; it's about raising Christians who willingly trust God."** – Unknown

**"When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man when he gets all he can and saves all he can, does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!"** – [John Wesley](#)

**"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose."** – [Missionary Jim Elliott](#)

**"Money is so intimately related to the possessor, that we cannot give money without giving ourselves."** – Unknown

**"Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven."** – [Randy Alcorn](#)

**"Poverty is not God's norm, but neither is lavishness."** – Larry Burkett **"..the best strategy for giving is a two-fold approach: a basic plan combined with a willingness to consider spontaneous giving when unique opportunities arise."** – Andy Stanley **"To be dishonest means that you've gone outside the structure of God's word in making financial decisions: you've cheated another person and, in reality, you've cheated God."** – [Larry Burkett](#)

**"Be wise and attend to obeying. Let Christ manage the providing."** – [Charles Spurgeon](#)

**"The happiest people on earth are the people who have discovered the joy of giving."** – [Unknown](#)

**"It really comes down to one question, do you trust God, or have you just been saying you trust God?"** – [Larry Burkett](#) **"..tithing isn't something I do to clear my conscience so I can do whatever I want with the 90 percent—it also belongs to God! I must seek his direction and permission for whatever I do with the full amount. I may discover that God has different ideas than I do."** – [Randy Alcorn](#)

**"You show me your checkbook and I will show you where your heart is."** – [Larry Burkett](#)

**"There are 2 questions a steward needs to consider. 1. Who owns it? 2. How much is enough?"** – [Ron Blue](#)

**"All of us can learn good stewardship by enacting the following: Spend Less than You Earn, Give Generously, Avoid Debt, Plan for Financial Margin, and Set Long Term Goals."** – [Ron Blue](#)

**"Live like no one else so later you can live like no one else, and give like no one else."** – [Dave Ramsey](#)

Wherever you are on your stewardship journey, I hope you'll take this list of quotes, perhaps jot one or two down on a 3 by 5 card and kept it in focus, to motivate you to be that good and faithful steward you were meant to be.

Your stewardship has the potential to influence lives, provide hope to others, and make an eternal difference.



## Prayer Concerns

As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns: If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Barbara Wolfe. Irmgard Daiber. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Peggy Harris. Jean Farabee. Cecil Overbey. Gretchen Crabtree. Sheridian Wacker. Susan Carrick. Dave Blackman. Anne Murr. Margaret Miller. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Lisa Goller, cancer, (Kelley Groce's friend). Sarah Jenkins,

Autumn Bible Study  
"The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton

Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30pm

October 18 thru November 15 at 6pm



**The power and significance of the prayer Jesus taught.** Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray. In this large print version of *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.

If you would like to order a book, please let Pastor Kelley know by Sunday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>.

I can get large Print Editions for \$15.00

**Pastor, Picnic, and Passages** will be Offered on **Thursday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm,** and **Tuesday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Bring your picnic, enjoy the fellowship, and we will discuss a current topic and how we can live our faith while considering the current event. Invite your friends, all are welcome!



## Mission Opportunities

**Urban Ministry** is in desperate need of food.

Please continue to bring your food items, place them in the baskets marked "Urban Ministry" and we will get it to the Urban Ministries. Please donate – these are desperate times for the food insecure!

**End Hunger one Step at a Time!**

**42nd Annual Greater Greensboro  
CROP Hunger Walk**

The walk this year is scheduled for:

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Greensboro Coliseum Complex Registration and Entertainment: We will meet at the Coliseum parking lot between 2pm and 2:15pm. We will not walk in the rain!**

*From the Pathway Center:*

*Thank you so much for the generous donation of the bookbags and school supplies. This is a blessing for the families that received them and the kids were so excited.*

*From Mt. Hermon United Methodist:*

*I want to express our gratitude for the copier that you donated to us. Our old copier was a dinosaur and on it's last leg.*

*To my church family,*

*Thanks for all the Christian love shown to me during my fall and hospitalization. All the cards, calls and prayers were appreciated more than you will ever know.*

*Barbara Wolfe*



## The Clothes Closet

In order to be good stewards of our limited space, in the Fellowship Hall, we will only be able to accept "gently used" current season clothes for men and women. See insert for the

**Fall/ Winter Wish List**

**Call Caryn Hull if you have any questions, 336-402-2633.**

**UNDIE SUNDAY** is the first Sunday of each month. Needed black or white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men or women, all sizes.

**October 15, 8am to 10am**



## Community Breakfast

Change To Change  
October  
collection  
will go to the  
Urban Ministry



## Calendar of Events for October

### Sunday School

Sunday School will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **9:45am**. We will have a time of gathering, prayer and hymns.

The Bible Study for October will be Adam Hamilton's "Moses". Large print books are available in the office for \$15.00.

### October 9th– 2pm Finance Committee Meeting Conference Room

Rev. Kelley will be out of the office October 3rd & 4th for a Spiritual Retreat then; on the 10th & 11th at Duke Divinity School for a Pastor's Continuing Education

October 9th– (Wednesday) Rev. Kelley will be at the **Friend's Home Guilford** for Devotion and Holy Communion.

### The Friendship Club October 11th at noon

We will have a box lunch from Jason's Deli, devotion, jokes, Bingo, prizes and lots of good fun and fellowship! **Invite your friends!**

We hope that everyone will join us the Second Tuesday of each month.

### October 11 at 6:30 the "Lord's Prayer Bible Study will begin.

### October 19 at 5:30pm Ad Council Meeting with District Superintendent Rev. Bev Copley. At that time we will discuss the State of the Church.

October 30th is **Laity Sunday** our quest speaker will be the District Lay Leader

**Centenary Choir and Bell practice** . Any and all Centenary members and visitors are invited to come sing with us! There's always room for more singers. Choir practice is **Wednesday** evenings from 6:30pm to about 7:30pm. We will learn and prepare some new anthems. **Bell Practice** will follow at 7:30pm.

Please come join us! If you have questions, please call Anita Trumpler-Rich at 336-316-0363



1st     Sheridian Wacker  
4th     Kathy Mullins, Edna Johnson  
8th     Hazel Raper  
11th    Cecil Overbey  
12th    Richard Liles  
23rd    Ann Hennings, Margaret Miller  
          Christopher Mullins,

### *Ladies Supper Club*

If you would like a night of fun and fellowship you're invited to the "Ladies Supper Club". If you would like to join or would like more information please email Emily Wagoner at: [hopelovefaith710@gmail.com](mailto:hopelovefaith710@gmail.com)

### Offering Support

Thank you for your continued support of the church with your pledges, tithes, and offerings! **Ways you can give.**

Put your offering in the offering plate.

•Mail your donation to:

Centenary UMC  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403

•Use your bank's bill pay feature and set-up payments through your account.

•Or, you may use our online giving platform, Sub-Splash. Directions for online giving can be found on our website

## Financial Update

### Year-to-Date Giving/Expenses-Ending 9/30

**Revenues     \$ 178,933.00**

**Expenses     \$ 299,303.00**

**Profit or (Loss) for 8 months   (\$120,370)**

## Centenary Starlight Book Club

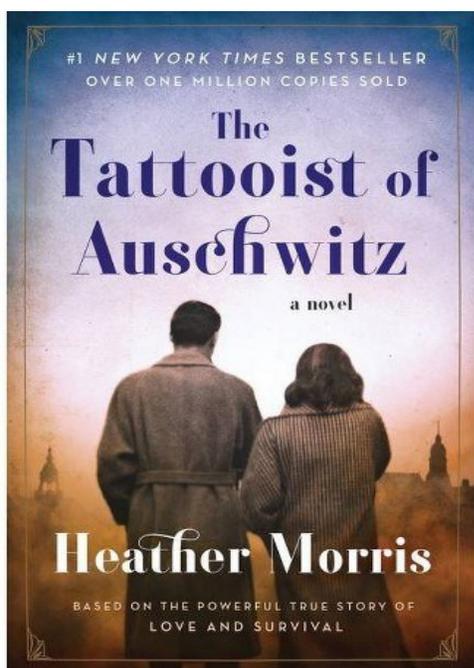
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

### The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather

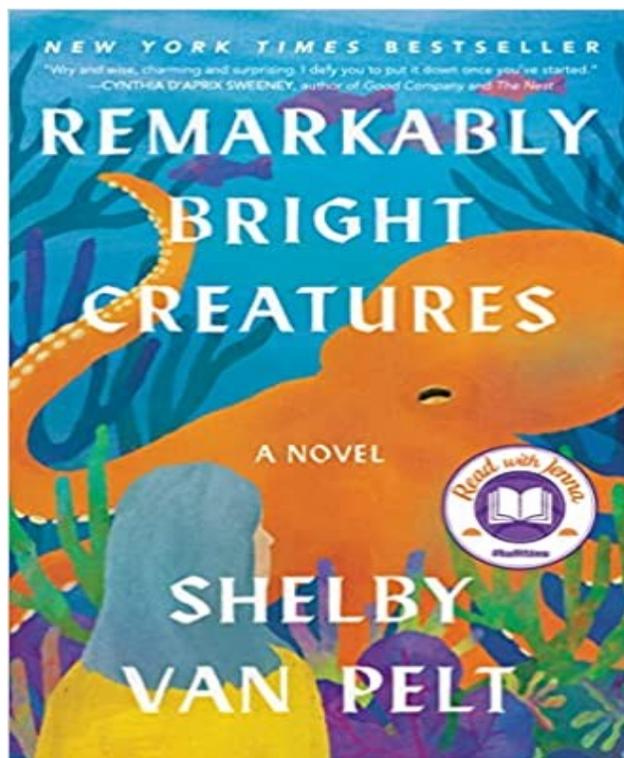
In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a *Tätowierer* (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.

One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

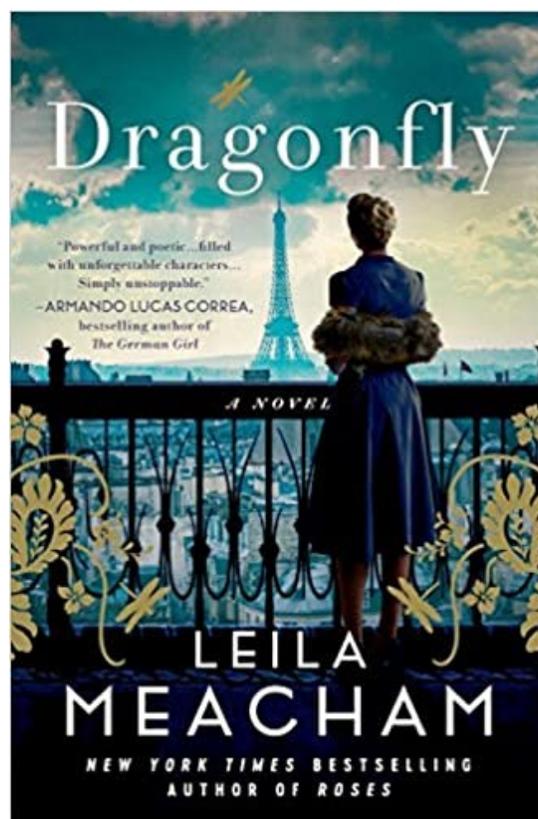
A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.



Thursday, November 17th  
Remarkably Bright Creatures by  
Shelby Van Pelt



Thursday, January 19th  
Dragonfly by Leila Meacham



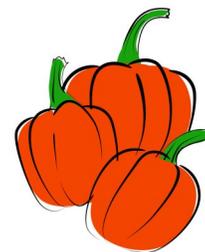
N/A Wednesday 8pm & Sunday 1pm, Al-Anon

Friday night

Choir Practice Wednesday at 6:30pm

Covent School Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

# October 2022



**Sun**

**Mon**

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**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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<b>2</b> Crop walk 2 pm	<b>3</b> Rev. Kelley will be away at a Spiritual Retreat	<b>4</b> Rev. Kelley will be away at a Spiritual Retreat	<b>5</b> 6pm Choir Practice 7:30 Bell Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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### Our Mission:

To experience God's life changing love and take God's love into the world.

### Our Vision:

To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.

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## Gifts for the Budget: September

*In Memory of Barbara Grey  
Jim & Brenda Wilson*

*A gift has been made in honor of  
Jackie Thompson for the Christian  
service and love she shows to her  
church family and friends.*

### Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 am Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

