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Pastor's Pulpit:

"October is here, and in the Northern Hemisphere, that often means the days are flush with falling leaves, chilling weather, and growing anticipation for the holiday season. The tenth month by our Gregorian calendar, October shares a root with octopus and octagon — the Latin octo and Greek okto, meaning "eight." The original Roman calendar had only ten months, and October was the eighth month. January and February hadn't been added to the calendar yet! Like its neighboring months September, November, and December, the numerical name stuck, even after Julius Caesar expanded the calendar year from 10 months to 12." (from Dictionary.com)

But what about the number 8 in the Bible?

Now that's pretty interesting! A 10 that started off an 8! I'm not really into numerology, but just the sheer number of times the number 8 comes up in the Bible is pretty interesting and entertaining. Consider the following 10 instances where we find the number 8 being preeminent:

- 1) The number 8 in the Bible represents a new beginning, meaning a new order or creation, and man's true 'born again' event when he is resurrected from the dead into eternal life.
- 2) Like the Old Testament Passover Lamb, Jesus was selected as the Lamb to take away man's sins on the Hebrew day of Nisan 10. He was crucified on Nisan 14. His resurrection occurred, exactly as he stated, three days and three nights after he was buried, which was at the end of the weekly Sabbath day that fell on Nisan 17. Nisan 17 was also the eighth day, counting inclusively, from the time Christ was selected as man's sacrificial Lamb.
- 3) Boys were to be circumcised on the 8th day. Today, the number 8 symbolizes circumcision of the heart through Christ and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Those in Christ are becoming a new creation, with godly character being created by the power of God's Spirit.
- 4) After the 7 weeks of the spring harvest, the next day, the 50th day, is Pentecost. This day is also the eighth day of the seventh week.
- 5) Forty different people wrote the Scriptures. Forty is a number composed of five (symbolizing grace) times 8 (symbolizing a new beginning). It is therefore only by God's grace and love that man will someday be given a chance for a new beginning, as promised in the Word of God.
- 6) The New Testament was penned by only eight men (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Peter, Jude, Paul).
- 7) The most joyous Feast period of the year is the eight day period of the Fall Feast of Tabernacles followed immediately afterward by the Last Great Day.

- 8) Abraham, the father of the faithful, had 8 sons total.
- 9) God saved eight people on the ark in order to have a new beginning for mankind after the flood. Since the meaning of four is derived from God's creation of everything, 8 (4 + 4) pictures the new creation after the flood.
- 10) Eight is the number of Jesus, whose name in the Greek adds up to 888.

So, what's all the fuss about a 10 that started off an 8? It is really pretty simple.

As God's chosen and cherished child, our life may seem to be pretty normal. We may not feel we have accomplished anything grand or become someone worth emulating! And yet, in reality that's not true. Because we belong to God, at least in His eyes we are (and always have been) a 10: the best, the cherished, the loved, the adored, the believed-in one! So the next time you consider your life to be only a 3 or 4 ... give yourself a little credit and go ahead and mark it up to an 8. After all, you have done something! You are somebody. You have survived! In your own strength and in your own eyes, being an 8 really isn't too bad. But God says that's not the whole picture! In fact, in God's eyes, you have always been a 10 who may have started off as an 8, but that's only where we see ourselves not where God considers us to truly be.

Take the month of October to honestly consider your true standing before God: If God is truly for you, who in the world can be against you. And what does other people's opinion matter anyway? If God says you're special then you really must be. If God says you're not an 8 or a 3 but a 10 ... well, glory in it!

Just as an aside, did you know Pastor David A. Cook has 16 letters ... which is simply 8 times 2 ... well never mind, there's that numerology that I don't believe in ... but pretty interesting!

*Blessings,
Pastor David*



**OCTOBER MISSION
EMPHASIS:
OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOXES**

The loose change offering in October will be going toward Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The money collected will be used for the starter kit and packing additional shoeboxes. The starter kit contains basic items of: crayons (24 count box), markers or colored pencils, eraser, sharpener, pencils, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, and a notebook. If there is any money left after the purchase of the starter kits, it will be used to purchase items for additional shoeboxes. During October, a short video will be run during announcements, talking more about the mission of Operation Christmas Child that is about spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation.



YOU ARE INVITED!
TO AN
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 3rd — in the Fellowship Hall — Following Worship

Pulled Pork Sandwiches — Potato Salad — Desserts

This luncheon is our appreciation for all your prayers and assistance in our monthly mission offerings (loose change, etc.)

Your Mission Team

MISSIONS GIVING

January 1 through September 19, 2021

Joshua Fund - \$346.80

Blessing Israel & her neighbors in the name of Jesus

Hot Springs Ministerial Association - \$17.25

Provides emergency assistance in the community

Hot Springs Food Pantry – \$641.35

Helps supplement food supplies to those in need

Haiti - \$10,648.25 (total)

\$5,194.25 Project Fund for Apartment for Dr. William

\$3,616.00 Other various donations for Haiti Mission

\$1,838.00 Earthquake Relief

Oyate Concern - \$514.00

Gifts to Oyate Concern Christian School, Oglala, Pine Ridge Reservation

Good Neighbor Project - \$164.00

Project funds for ministry to help local people in need

Basic Needs Boutique - \$1,605.51

Provides basic household supplies

“Operation Christmas Child” Shoeboxes – (none yet, October mission emphasis)

Gifts for children in other countries through Samaritan’s Purse

One Great Hour of Sharing - \$344.00

For disaster relief, etc., funds are divided between our three denominations

Cornerstone Women & Children’s Home, Rapid City - \$371.50

Help with the homeless shelter for women and children in need

TOTAL: \$14,652.66



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Steve & Cheryl Keller

4	Mary Martino	12	Frank Mason
7	William Coffield	18	Cindy Meadows
10	Annie Zwetzig	18	Marcella Sunding
11	Sandra Nichols	21	Mavis Olstad
12	Lisa Welch	27	Kadlin Humbracht

If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church office:

THIS AND THAT

CONGRATULATIONS!

It's a boy!! **Ezekiel Guadelupe Cantu** born on September 4, 2021. The proud parents are Gerardo & Jaime ... and brothers Julian, Miguel and Sergio.

THANK YOU:

We appreciate all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and messages of well wishes and offers of help during Pat's lengthy illness this summer and following Garry's recent surgery. We are thankful for restored health and feel blessed to have such a caring church family. **Thank you! Garry & Pat Strausser**

FOOD PANTRY REPORT-CLIENT PROFILE:

Number of Active Clients (Visited the pantry in 2021): 316 (+21 from previous month); **Single** (163); **Family** (152); **New Sign-Ups since Jan 1, 2021** (69 + 11 from previous month); **Average Days Open Each Month** (16).



CHURCH OF HOPE QUILT RAFFLE — "Star of Hope" Quilt Crafted by Kate Ulmer

***The Church of Hope is an American Baptist Church
gathering within the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre.***

This quilt raffle is one of the Church of Hope's main fundraisers for the year.
***If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this beautiful quilt, please
contact Jeanne Wyatt.***

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!

UNITED WOMEN'S GATHERING

Beginning in January 2022

Would you like to start off the New Year gathering together
with women of the church?

This group would meet monthly for: spiritual nourishment; prayer; encouragement; fellowship
and sharing.

Jeanne Wyatt will be passing out cards for women to indicate
preferred days and times to meet.