



# Kindred Lines

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October 2024

## Good morning church,

I never thought I'd be a "cat person" I always had this thought that cats are aloof and don't really care much about their owners. Then we got a cat. Actually Kaitlyn found it online. We drove two hours away to pick him up.

So for two years now I've been the proud owner of Socksthecat.

I've learned a few things. Cats aren't aloof at all. In fact, Socksthecat follows me around just like my beagle does. He's always by my side.

We can learn from this. Often times it can feel like God is aloof, distant, uncaring. Especially in the dark periods of life. But I've found that not to be the case. He has never, not one time, ever let me down. Even when I was the least deserving person of God's help in the world.

And we need to hang onto that. Charles Stanley said we are either coming out of a trial, in a trial, or heading into a trial. It's the price of being conformed into the person God wants us to be.

The other big thing I've learned from Socksthecat is his complete trust in me.

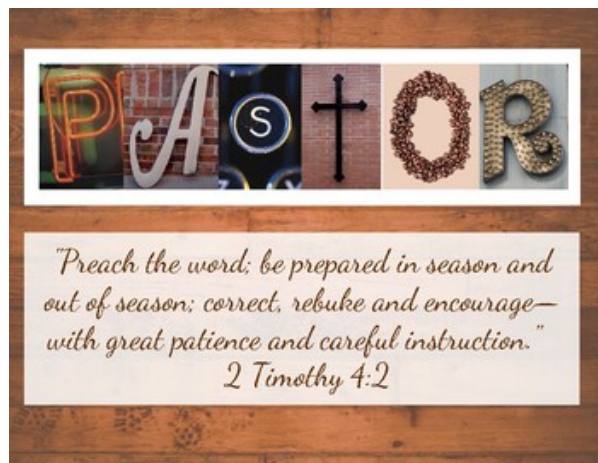
He has a habit of walking himself into situations he can't get out of - a lot. He's on a long runner so he doesn't run out in the street. He will find any and every obstacle to wrap himself around.

But the thing is, when he gets himself tangled up and he can't move, he gives his "help me" meow. He doesn't panic. Doesn't fight to get free. He just sits down, sends out a single call for help, and knows that I'll be there every time.

It's the same with God. He's just a cry away. And I promise that He will answer - every time.

Thanks cat, you're pretty cool after all.

Pastor Brian



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# October is Pastor Appreciation Month

*"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."  
1 Timothy 5:17*



from your church family  
Pastor Brian, Barbi & Kaitlyn!!

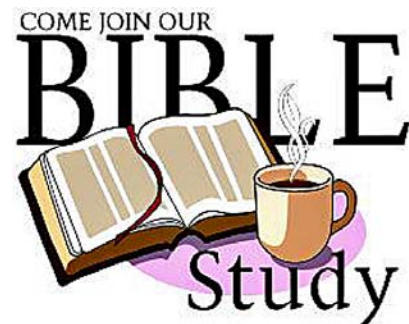
Join us as we celebrate on October 13th



*October 20th following church*

## *Church Family Meeting*

*Make plans to attend this meeting to participate in the workings of the church. We will be presenting a proposed budget for 2025. Then stay for Food & Fellowship Potluck. Bring a covered dish and a dessert to share. Drinks and table service is provided!*



Thursdays – 6:30 pm

*Max Lucado study on Israel titled, "In the Footsteps of the Savior; Following Jesus Through the Holy Land"*

*It's not too late to join us on Thursday evenings!*



## Fourth QUARTER MISSION 2023

### Shiloh Military Ministries Larry and Linda Ingalls

**GIVING GOAL: \$1,000.00**

Shiloh Military Ministries is a 501©3 non-profit organization enabling individuals and churches to support missionaries who provide Bible based teaching, hospitality, and activities for our military service members to grow in Christ. Larry and Linda Ingalls are missionaries with SMM, who are currently based in Ft. Riley Kansas, ministering to the base there.

**They reach out to soldiers who are faced with very difficult circumstances, open their home to provide teaching and fellowship, and lead them to Christ.**

There are missionary teams at six bases in the US, and they even have a team in Thailand. Thanking you in advance for supporting their mission.



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## OCTOBER *Mini Mission*



### Baskets For Our Homebound Members

*In October we'd like to do a collection of money where we can buy items or food collections to put together baskets for Thanksgiving time. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, please mark check or cash in envelope "food baskets".*

*If you wish to contribute food (please check expiration dates to make sure the dates are several months away) or other supplies (personal items, notecards, postage stamps etc.) you can put them in the tub in the Fellowship Hall. Food items can be cans of soups , canned vegetables, individual packaged items, like granola bars, fruit, cups, snack cakes, Jell-O, pudding, cups, chips, candy bars, Ensure, Instant mashed potatoes, dressing/stuffing, etc. we can split up multi pack packages between the baskets. These are just a few suggestions but sure you can think of others. In November our youth will be taking Sunday School time to put the baskets together and deliver them to these members' homes close to Thanksgiving time. Have fun thinking of our homebound*

