



Thanksgiving Meal

Save the date:
November 19th
Following Worship

Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Sign up sheets are located in the sanctuary.

DNOW Beach Weekend

November 9-12

The youth are going on their annual Discipleship Now beach trip in November. Please pray for this event and for the youth attending!



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

November 18 9AM-2PM

Shiloh Valley Elementary School (5210 Rogers Road, Monroe) Union County residents are invited to dispose of hazardous household materials at this free event. Bring unwanted paints (up to 5 gallons), pesticides, herbicides, household cleaners, oil, gasoline, and propane or helium tanks (limit 3 tanks per household; grill size only). All materials must be in their original labeled containers. They'll also have a document shredding service available on-site; limit of five boxes per person.

Bring expired or unneeded medications (over-the-counter, prescription, or unknown) to dispose of them safely through Operation Medicine Drop, a service of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection FREE for County Residents

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Shiloh Valley Elementary School - 5210 Rogers Road, Monroe, NC

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October 29, 2023



**Why does God allow suffering?
Is there a purpose to pain?**

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Sunday, October 29 2023

Why Do We Suffer?
Job 30:26-31; 42:1-6

The Point: We may not know why we suffer, but God meets us in our suffering.

The Bible Meets Life: In my various interactions with non-believers, there is a particular argument I hear frequently as they attempt to dismiss belief in God.

Either God is a loving God, or He is an all-powerful God, but He can't be both. If He was a loving God, He wouldn't allow suffering. And since suffering exists, He is either not loving and doesn't care, or He isn't powerful enough to stop it.

In order to make an argument like that, people must start with certain assumptions. One assumption is that God is the cause of *all* suffering. Another assumption is that He is capricious and arbitrarily imposes suffering on people. A third assumption is that there is never any purpose in suffering. In addition to those assumptions, people also have to presume that their personal definition of suffering applies to every person and circumstance. Of course, none of these are true.

An understanding of suffering requires much deeper thought, and Job, the Old Testament suffering servant, is a great starting point for that. So, what can we learn about suffering from Job's life?

Live It Out: Confess. All suffering is not a result of sin, but sin can lead to suffering. Ask God to reveal any sin in your life. Confess that sin and thank Him for His grace and forgiveness. **Honor.** Ask God to show you how He wants to strengthen you during a time of suffering. While dealing with difficulties, look for ways to honor Christ. **Encouragement.** Everyone's experience with suffering is different, but share with someone how God helped you, strengthen you, and brought glory to Himself during a time of hardship or suffering.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Confident in the Face of Hard Questions

Sunday, November 5 Is Jesus the Only Way to God?
(1 John 5:1-13)

Sunday, November 12 Won't All People Ultimately Go to Heaven?
(Matthew 7:13-23)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal Nov. 1

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir
rehearsal will be
Wednesday, November
1st & 15th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, October 22

Indoor: 51

Online: 157



Wednesday, October 25

Online: 67

Youth: 16

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

October Offering

To Date:

\$11,380.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Nancy Chapman

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Peggy Dean

Hedgepeth Family

Christine Hinson

Lillian Lewis

Rich Majewski's Family

Evan Manly

Richie Raines

Global Missions

Local Ministries

National Missions (NAMB)

Area Schools/Admin

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students

Congratulations!

Haley Beard got engaged!

