

## The Devotion of Hearing

“Speak, for Your servant hears.” 1 Samuel 3:10

By Oswald Chambers

Samuel answered, "Just because I have listened carefully and intently to one thing from God does not mean that I will listen to everything He says. I show God my lack of love and respect for Him by the insensitivity of my heart and mind toward what He says. If I love my friend, I will instinctively understand what he wants. And Jesus said, “You are My friends...” (John 15:14). Have I disobeyed some command of my Lord’s this week? If I had realized that it was a command of Jesus, I would not have deliberately disobeyed it. But most of us show incredible disrespect to God because we don’t even hear Him. He might as well never have spoken to us.

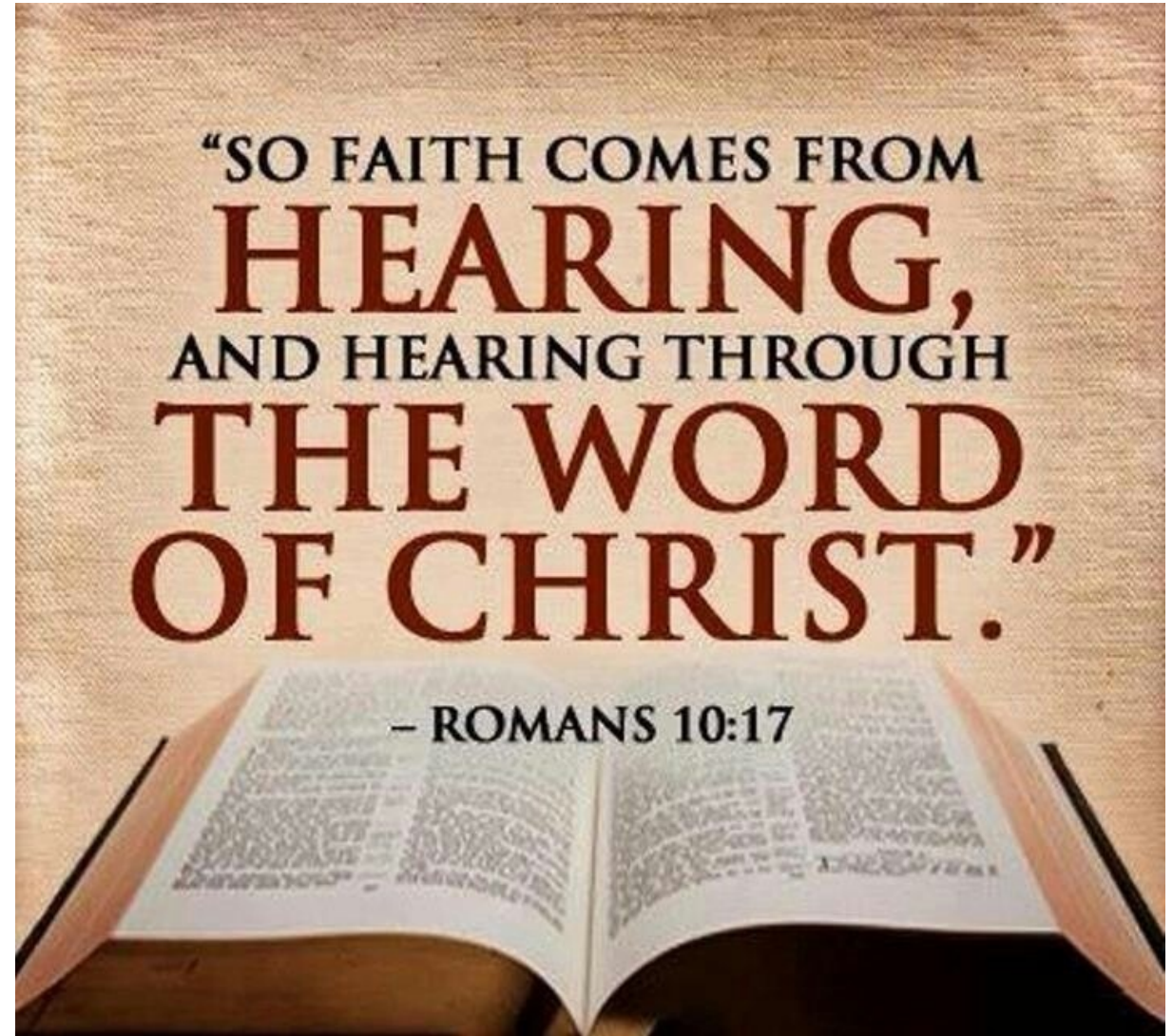
The goal of my spiritual life is such close identification with Jesus Christ that I will always hear God and know that God always hears me (see John 11:41). If I am united with Jesus Christ, I hear God all the time through the devotion of hearing. A flower, a tree, or a servant of God may convey God’s message to me. What hinders me from hearing is my attention to other things. It is not that I don’t want to hear God, but I am not devoted in the right areas of my life. I am devoted to things and even to service and my own convictions. God may say whatever He wants, but I just don’t hear Him. The attitude of a child of God should always be, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” If I have not developed and nurtured this devotion of hearing, I can only hear God’s voice at certain times. At other times I become deaf to Him because my attention is to other things— things which I think I must do. This is not living the life of a child of God. Have you heard God’s voice today?



# First United Methodist Church

“SO FAITH COMES FROM  
**HEARING,**  
AND HEARING THROUGH  
**THE WORD  
OF CHRIST.”**

– ROMANS 10:17



**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 21, 2018**

|   |   |                              |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Prelude</b>  | Prelude on an Irish Air   | Simone                       |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b><br><b>*Passing of the Peace</b>            |   |                              |
| <b>Call to Worship</b>  | He is Exalted<br>(Praise Team)  | Twila Paris                  |
| <b>Invocation</b>   |   |                              |
| <b>*Opening Hymn</b>  | Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  | #402                         |
| <b>Affirmation of Faith</b>   | The Apostles Creed  | #881                         |
| <b>New Testament Reading</b><br><b>Children's Lesson</b>                      | 1 Corinthians 2:6-16<br>"I Heard That!"   | Rev. Ott<br>Rev. Ott         |
| <b>Anthem</b><br><b>Prayers of the Church Family</b><br><b>Hymn of Prayer</b> | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty<br><br>Beautiful Savior<br><i>from Schlesische Volkslieder</i> | arr. Helman<br><br>arr. Page |
| <b>Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer</b><br><b>Offertory</b>              | Interlude in F  | Peeters                      |
| <b>*Doxology</b>  | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  | #95                          |
| <b>Sermon Text</b><br><b>Sermon</b>   | Genesis 28:10-22  | Rev. Ott<br>Rev. Ott         |
| <b>**Invitational Hymn</b>  | Close to Thee   | #407                         |
| <b>Benediction</b><br><b>*Benediction Response</b>                            | Spirit Song<br>(no refrain)   | #347                         |
| <b>*Postlude</b>  | March in D  | Peeters                      |

*\*\*You are invited to come to God's altar as you feel led*

*\*Stand as you are able*

Music Director: Melle Sensibaugh

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Shut Ins:** Jewell Wall, Hugh and Joyce Coleman, Marian Pittman, Dot Redfearn, Ann Hooks, Pearl Jackson

**Mullins Nursing Center:** Hazel Snipes

**Methodist Manor:** Elnita Vaught, Betty and James Atkinson

**Presbyterian Nursing Center:** Evelyn Huggins

**Southland Nursing Center:** Mildred Strickland

**Commander Nursing Center:** Betty Miles

**Atria Forest Lake:** Nita Neely

**Serving in the Military:** Joey McGrath

**Our College Students:** Wesley Edwards, Emme Godbold, Caroline Klauber, Cami Godbold, Mary Klauber, Haley Scott, Coleman Ott, Sally Ott, Grace DeMarco, and Hannah Maddox.

**Celebrations in the Church Family:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**   **10/24:** Jamie Craig & Mike Griffie

**10/25:** Bright Harper & Wade Williams

**10/26:** Pamela Bahan & Joey Powell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** **10/22:** David & Yvonne Edwards   **10/24:** Michael & Meg Henry

**Other Prayer Needs:** Barbara Newell, Pete Conway (Pat Koch's brother) , Roddy Hayes (Dianne McDaniel's brother-in-law), Elaine and Don Cullars, Pat Walker, Jim & Rosemary Suggs son-in-law, Nancy Sawyer, Betty Miles, Dick Goetze, the Isom family (house fire, children and father in burn center, mother died), Ralph and Lynne Atkinson (storm damage), and all the victims of Hurricane Florence.

Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Joyce Coleman. She entered into eternal life on Thursday, October 18th.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Operation Christmas Child** kicked off October 7th. Pick up your boxes below the window outside the church office or in the church narthex. This is Operation's 25th anniversary and more than 157 million shoeboxes have been delivered, spreading God's love to children around the world. The blessing of the shoeboxes will take place Sunday, November 4, the last day to turn in the shoeboxes. Call Maggie Beck 843-423-4923 with any questions.

**Upcoming This Week:**           **10/24:** Handbell practice at 6 pm

  Choir practice at 7 pm

**10/24:** Praise Team rehearsal at 5:30 pm

**10/27:** Glorious Grips

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