

October 20, 2024



**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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Maxwell Methodist Church
October 20, 2024 @ 10 a.m.
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Pianist Deb Mitchell
***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/ Announcements

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

*Congregational Song.“All I Need Is You” TFWS #2080

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

***Prayer and Praise Offering / Doxology**

Offering plates will be at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

Scripture. Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons.

¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Message “Running Like a Prodigal” Pastor Rob Bacon

*Congregational Song. “Grace Alone”TFWS #2162

Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **October 27, 28 & 29: Church renewal** with Rev. Terry Baxter, Evangelist. See enclosed insert. Please share this bio insert with a family member, friend, etc. This bio is also posted on the church's website under bulletins and announcements.
 - Sunday** October 27 at 10 am and 6 pm
 - Monday** October 28 at 7 pm
 - Tuesday** October 29 at 7 pm
- **October 31**: The Maxwell City Council has designated October 31 as the official night for Halloween activities in Maxwell. We will celebrate "Light Up the Night" on October 31. A box will be placed near the door for candy donations.
- **October is Clergy Appreciation Month**
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for Fellowship time.
- **Membership Class**: Interested in a Membership Class? Talk to Rob.
- **November 10**: Save the date for "Charge Conference" which will follow a fellowship dinner with Rev. Jeff Kodis, our DS with the Global Methodist Church. More details to follow.
- **Membership Transfer**: Blake Coughenour has requested his membership be transferred to the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Des Moines effective October 9, 2024.