



The Boskydell Bulletin

“THE POWER OF MOMENTUM”

BY DR. RALPH F. WILSON

“Do not despise the day of small things,” said the prophet Zechariah.

Five centuries before Christ a great project to rebuild the temple had ground to a halt. The site had been devoid of activity for years. People were discouraged. But then Zechariah inspired the people to turn to God, with his prophecy: “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty!” And inspired by God, with the power of his Spirit, the people rose up and finished the temple to the glory of God.

“The day of small things” can discourage us, too. We see our few numbers. We experience the drag of inertia and resistance to change.

Is there any hope to grow and become a powerful church once more? Yes, indeed! It is found in the power of momentum. Newton discovered that:

Momentum is the product of the mass (weight) and velocity (speed) of an object.

A big, heavy, dead-weight object can have huge momentum at very slow speed – if you can ever get it going. But so can a small, light object at higher speed – and you can get it going much easier.

Smaller objects – and churches – are inherently much easier to get up to speed and change direction than large churches. A speedboat can run circles around an ocean liner.

The Laws of Motion indicate that a small church moving fast can actually

generate more momentum than a large church moving slowly. Once we get our speed up, we generate huge momentum – and momentum attracts people who like to be part of something that is going, happening, moving. It’s the snow-ball effect.

Of course, to generate momentum, we need to be willing to move fast – to create speed velocity. And that requires a willingness to change.

Some people might say, “We’re trying to do too much, too fast. Take it slower.” Those people mean well, but don’t understand either the laws of physics or the power of momentum.

Have you ever tried to push an old car with a dead battery fast enough that the engine will catch when you engage the clutch? Then you understand.

We small churches may not have much mass at the beginning, but if we can create velocity along the path of God’s will for us, we can generate great momentum – and through that momentum grow in effectiveness, size, and in our mission to reach our community for Christ.

**Momentum =
size x speed**

We can turn our smaller size into great momentum if we’re willing to move! That’s how it works.

“Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.... Do not despise the day of small things.”

(Zechariah 4:6, 10)



OUR CONTINUING PRAYER LIST – OCTOBER 2026



Milton and Corene, Patty and Larry Jackson, Harold Lee, Mac Hine and family, Eugene Oats and family, Cathy Manis, Tommy Banks, David and Marty Francis, Mike and Terry as well as her brother Joe and her sisters Jennifer, Karen, Nancy, and Elizabeth, Chris and John Bobell, those recently bereaved, Beth Francis and family, Jan Phillips, Roger Byers, Rudy Rodriguez, T.J. Gentry, the Missions Yard Sale, the war in the Middle East, our church, missionaries, military, and government officials throughout the world.

REMEMBER, THE FALL MISSIONS GROUP
YARD SALE WILL BE HELD
OCTOBER 1ST - 3RD & OCTOBER 8TH - 10TH
FROM 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM DAILY
SPREAD THE WORD!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: ANYTIME PUMPKIN BARS

2 cups pumpkin puree
1 cup applesauce or oil
4 eggs, well beaten
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. ground ginger
1 cup chopped nuts
¾ cup raisins

In a large bowl, whisk together pumpkin, applesauce or oil, eggs, and vanilla; set aside. In a separate bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and

ginger; mix well. Stir flour mixture into pumpkin mixture; fold in nuts and raisins. Pour batter into a greased 13" x 9" baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 minutes, until a knife tip inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool; cut into bars. Makes 3 dozen.



October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3  <i>Eugene Oats' Birthday</i>
				← MISSION GROUP YARD SALE →		
4  <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
				← MISSION GROUP YARD SALE →		
11	12  <i>Columbus Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19  <i>Noralee Ellis' Birthday</i>	20  <i>Chance & Savannah Durringer's Birthday</i>	21	22  <i>Teegen Young's Birthday</i>	23	24
25	26	27  <i>Effie Brimmer's Birthday</i>	28	29	30	31  <i>Halloween</i>

Come worship with us...

BOSKYDELL BAPTIST CHURCH
3518 Boskydell Road
Carbondale, IL 62903
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM ✦ WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 AM

Church Mice™

A Christian Cartoon by Karl Zorowski

GOD REALLY
LOVES YOU!



Copyright Karl A. Zorowski

"Out of Focus"

A Mice-Sized
Sermonette
by Rev. Cheese



IF WE JUST COME TO CHURCH
TO BE SEEN BY OUR FRIENDS,
AND DON'T PUT OUR HEARTS
IN THE PRAYERS AND AMENS...



IF WE BELT OUT THE HYMNS
JUST TO HEAR OURSELVES SING,
WE'RE WORSHIPPING CHURCH
INSTEAD OF
OUR KING!

