

**Where is your hiding place?** What I mean is, where do you go to get away from the world? Where do you turn when you want to avoid life? When you just need a break?

I hope you have a place like that. I hope that you can run to it when necessary. I hope that it gives you great solace and comfort. But, mostly, I hope that you meet God there.

But I pray that we don't stay hidden. Because it's tempting to do so. And obviously none of us just hole up in our closest all day, every day. But we can all easily hide into a routine in our lives and fail to really engage in the world.

For me, the church and its people (which is really what the church is anyway) are a hiding place. I wish more people knew and *experienced* the same refuge I have in the church. But for those of us who have, sometimes it's easy to stay there. It's easy to hide from the pain and turmoil and changes in this world inside the church. And not necessarily the building, but the community that is the church. And we get comfortable hiding. We feel safe there. We don't experience as much pain or discomfort there.

But what about those who haven't seen or experienced that same refuge? If we stay hidden among it, how do we expect others to know and experience it? Don't we want that for others? I know that as I've found the safety and comfort of the church more and more, I long for others to feel it to and I pray you'll join me in helping others experience the safe refuge that the church can be. Serving Him and you, Matthew

### All Church Work Day

We are planning to have an all church work day in the near future and need your help. Right now, we are putting together a list of needs that we can fix to our physical building and grounds. If you know of

something that could use some attention, please let one of the board members know so we can add it to the list. In the near future we will set a date to work on as many projects as possible. All skill levels and abilities will be needed on that day.

### Blood Drive Coordinator

Currently our church hosts 2 blood drives each year, in June and December. This is a meaningful ministry that provides a vital resource to our friends and neighbors.

Our previous coordinator has decided to pass the role on to someone else and we are looking for someone for that role. The primary responsibility is helping coordinate people to give, and getting people scheduled. The other main responsibility is being available on the Saturdays of the drive to make sure the doors are open and the team can access the basement.

Please let Matthew know if you have questions or interest in this position.

### Sunday School

As a new season starts up again, this is a great time to connect or reconnect with Sunday School at 10:30am on Sundays. We have classes for everyone and the opportunity to not only share thoughts and learn together, but to grow as a community of believers. We encourage you to come check it out soon.

Also, we would love for others to step in and help in various roles, from teaching regularly to subbing for teachers. We also are looking for someone to be our Superintendent. This involves checking on curriculum, taking attendance and

some other details. Please let Matthew know if you'd be interested in helping in any way.

### Prayer List

Tina Althiser (Judy B's friend) – cancer spreading  
 Tammy Bowman – stage 4 kidney failure  
 Cory Chockley – health and job issues  
 Ridge Cecil – continued healing with reflux and digestive issues

Bill Danner – fall, continued recovery  
 Katy Jo Dean – recovering slowly

Todd Hamm – cancer treatments  
 Laurie Martin – broken foot, healing slowly

Lori Rodriguez – pain, needs hip replacement  
 Stanley Stambaugh – cancer treatments  
 The Thiner family

Marissa (Letha Stambaugh's friend) – cancer  
 Hailey (14 y/o friend of Carlocks) – cancer

### Condolences:

Family of Brandi Rudd  
 Family of Vi Quisenberry

### Praises:

Shirley Derry – no procedure needed  
 Birth of Osryrs Hackman (Jones' grandson)  
 Birth Ridge Cecil (Judy Beaird's grandson)  
 Bill Palmer's honor flight  
 Gathering together for worship

### September Financials

|        | Weekly Actual | Yearly Actual | Yearly Budget |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sep 1  | \$1,118.33    | \$43,562.17   | \$46,595.15   |
| Sep 8  | \$1,231.00    | \$44,793.17   | \$47,926.44   |
| Sep 15 | \$392.00      | \$45,185.17   | \$49,257.73   |
| Sep 22 | \$1,209.60    | \$46,394.77   | \$50,589.02   |
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### Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

## October Events:

- Wed, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- Wed, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- Sun, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Board Meeting
- Wed, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- Thur, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm LaMoine Camp  
**Annual Meeting**
- Sat, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm Junior High and High School **Fall Festival** at Opal Stambaugh's house
- Sun, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting
- Mon, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> **Camp Fellowship @ Vermont**
- Wed, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- Sat, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm **Trap Shoot** at Bill Danner's house
- Wed, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- Thur, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm **Trunk or Treat** (details TBD)



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