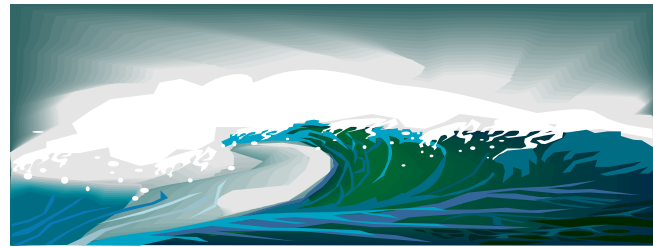




The *September 2019*
Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



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As we enter the month of September, we start to think about the season of Fall and of course Labor Day. While the Labor Day holiday affords most of us a day off work to rest, which is important, it also reminds me that there is work to do and how we should do it. Biblically speaking, we can use the Labor Day holiday to remind us of what God's Word says about laboring and resting.

One example is found in Colossians 2:23, where Paul writes, ***"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."*** As Christians, we should strive to do the best we can, at whatever we do, or wherever we work. If we work in an office, we should be the best clerk. If we work in a school, we should strive to be the best teacher the child has ever known, and so forth. *When people watch how we live and how we work, do they see Christ in us? Do they see laziness? Do they see character? Do they see zeal? Passion? Dedication?* I have always hoped those who watch me, see someone who works hard, is honest, and does as he promises or says. I'd like to think I take responsibility. We all should.

Another scripture is found in Psalm 127 reads ***"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain..."*** These scriptures tell us that if God is not a part of our efforts, it really won't last. True service and work that is founded and honored in Christ, perseveres or endures. Why? Because our efforts honor Him. *God is faithful!* We have to give all of the honor for what we are able to do, and any success we have to Him. Proverbs 16:3 says ***"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*** The effort will be blessed. This is yet another reminder that our success and the fruit of our labor is found only in Christ Jesus. We should take no glory or honor for our talents or abilities, but instead, give credit and praise to God for equipping us to do the work that needs done. In this case, God has provided for our families by giving us the ability and desire to do what we do, or have done, to support them over the years. With the Lord's help, I have a home, food, car, etc.

In closing, while most of the article focused on work, we need to pause to mention rest. We will work ourselves to death if we are not careful. I think I read somewhere that there is not a tombstone known in the U.S. that reads, "I should have worked more." While God doesn't need to rest, He did so, after creation was completed. It was a time to honor His work. ***"On the seventh day, He rested from all His work,"*** it says in Genesis 2:1-3. We need to take time to rest from your labors. Rest allows the stress of life to subside. Rest allows us to worry less. Rest restores our minds to refocus on what needs done. Rest helps eliminate error. Rest allows us to be revived. Remember, when we have rested, we are able to move forward toward another day, working harder than the day before, and so forth. So this Labor Day, if you have the day off, relax. When we relax, let us meditate on Jesus and He will give us rest. His burden is light. **Happy Labor Day!** Now, let's get some rest because we got a lot of work to do for Jesus.

In His service,

Pastor Toby



In the past year, we had 42 youth that were active in 6-12 youth!! (although they never all came at the same time.) Starting out our new 2019-2020 year at FBC for the Youth, we have sent many on to work force and college, or just life!!

Please encourage your Middle School and High School children to come and join us!

Learning to believe and trust in God's love is our goal, which leads us to eternal life through Jesus Christ. We're having fun while we do this!!

- Ann Johnson - Youth Director
- Helen Johnson - Junior High - Wednesday Night
- Geraldine Wright, Nancy McCoy, Amy Starkey, and Helen Johnson are faithful kitchen helpers
- Susan West - All around helper

Fall is an exciting time for the Captivate! We had 4 students move up into the youth group. Connor Ritchie, Ryley Thompson, Hannah Wagoner and Isaac Adkins. And now we are preparing for our fall activities.

We had our end of the summer swim party at Bob and Helen Johnson's home on August 25. We had 20 kids come out and enjoy the water and each other's company. Thanks Bob and Helen for opening your home to us.

Our very first End Zone will be on September 6. This is a terrific outreach to the youth in the community. We average around 120 kids that come out to each End Zone. This is a time to show our love to all of them and give the students a safe place to be on a Friday night.

And we will be needing a lot of help! *First* - with drinks and snacks. Bottled water, cans of soda, individual chips and cookies, home made baked goods - all are needed. Please bring your donations to the kitchen by 5:00 Friday evening. We will be ordering pizza, having hotdogs and the nacho cheese and chips like we always have. *Next* - Set up and clean up crews are needed. Maybe you aren't able to stay late but can help decorate the tables and set out the food. Kitchen help is needed to get things going. Maybe you can't come till late. The more help we have cleaning up, the faster we can get home. *Last but not least* - **We have a great need for chaperones.** 120 kids are a lot! We need to make sure they are safe and our areas are well covered with caring adults. *And as always*, keep this ministry in your prayers. We want the Lord to bless our work with the youth.

We are still working out our plans for the fall activities - our trip to Hawk's Nest to see the foliage and a trip to the Fun Barn for a movie.

As always, thanks to all of you for your support for the youth of FBC. I couldn't do it without you!

Blessings,

Ann

Monthly Meetings & Activities

- Sep 1 World Mission Offering Begins
- Sep 2 Labor Day - Office Closed
- Sep 3 Trustee Meeting @ 6:00
Deacons Meeting @ 7:00
- Sep 6 End Zone
- Sep 8 Rice-to-Go
Social/Fellowship Meeting after church
- Sep 9 BOCE @ 7:00
- Sep 10 Men's Fellowship @ 6:30
- Sep 11 First Responders Appreciation Day
- Sep 14 Nat'l Day of Remembrance for Aborted
Children @ 1:00
- Sep 15 Good Hope Association ABWM @1:00
- Sep 18 Anchor Articles Due
- Sep 19 CIRCLE @ 7:00
- Sep 20-22 Spiritual Growth Retreat
- Sep 29 Church Picnic @ Riverfront Park

Nursery Workers

- Sep 1 Leigh Ann Kerns
- Sep 8 Bev Stephenson
- Sep 15 Jane Moore
- Sep 22 Talia Martinez
- Sep 29 Lauren McGoskey

Children's Church

- Sep 1 Richard Massey
- Sep 8 Deb Lyons
- Sep 15 Leanne Thompson
- Sep 22 Fred & Seth McGoskey
- Sep 29 Kathy Hudson

CommUnity Kitchen

- Sep 7 Broken Chains Ministry
- Sep 14 Calvary Baptist
- Sep 21 Lion's Club
- Sep 28 Andrea Crow

Bell Ringers

- Sep 1 Riley Stewart
- Sep 8 Kian McGoskey
- Sep 15 Mason Kerns
- Sep 22 Izzy Booth
- Sep 29 Kolton Booth

Deaconess for Communion

Robin McGoskey

Junior Usher

John Wagoner



Focus on Sunday School:



Fall into Wisdom

A new school year has begun. Kids are decked out in their new school clothes with backpacks in tow - starting out fresh and (mostly) eager to learn what they are taught.

Schooling is mandatory for children and youth of a certain age. So even if they are being homeschooled or have joined the hundreds who are attending public and/or private schools, they have to participate in learning.

Fall is also a great time to start learning in Sunday School. Proverbs has many verses on knowledge and wisdom. Some are:

1:5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.

18:15 An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge

22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Timothy also has words for us on learning:

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

While there are very important subjects our youth need be taught, ***the greatest wisdom is from the Lord.*** Sunday School is the place to learn this fall. Make it a habit today.

Attend Sunday School!



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Let Living Water Flow

"Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life"
(John 4:14, NIV)

During the month of September, FBC will be observing the World Mission Offering (WMO). This is a global mission offering that supports the ministries that God is using to transform the world. In each weekly September bulletin, there will be inserts detailing the many ways your gifts are used. Our goal is \$950.00 and offering envelopes are available in the pews. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

FBC Around Town and County



Pastor Bill Stewart received a Certificate of Recognition for his part in helping to save the life of a person.



Pastor Toby gave the sermon at the annual Good Hope Association Meeting at Reedy Baptist Church on August 18.



Marie DeLong, Pastor Bill Stewart, and Pastor Toby were among those presented for the installation of officers for the Good Hope Association at the annual meeting.

Marie is the secretary/treasurer; Bill is in the office for evangelism and Toby is the youth leader.

Area Minister **Mark McCloy** presided over the installation of officers.

First Responders Appreciation Day

During the first week of September, we will be collecting snacks, i.e. single packs of chips, cheese or peanut butter crackers, gum, baked goods, etc. to distribute to the First Responders in Ravenswood.

The last few years, the *Board of Christian Education* has been able to fill up baskets with lots of donated goodies to deliver to the police, firemen and EMS workers.

If you would like to donate items, please mark them for 9/11 and place them in the church kitchen.

You will also have the opportunity to sign cards for each group that will be included in the baskets of goodies.

Help us say 'Thank you' to those who help us!





I know who you are!



That's those women from First Baptist.



The Wilds animals had a great time watching the CIRCLE members as they toured around their home in August. And the women had a great time watching them too.



Oh me! They're watching me again!



Shop in Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store.
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere.
And one angel said, 'My child shop with care.'
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.
And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some *patience*, *love* was in that same row.
Further down was *understanding*, you need that everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of *wisdom*, a bag or two of *faith*.
I just couldn't miss the *Holy Ghost* for He was all over the place.

I stopped to get some *strength* and *courage*
to help me run the race.
By then my basket was getting full,
but I remembered I needed some *grace*.

I didn't forget *salvation*, for *salvation* that was free.
So, I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill.
For I thought I have everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw *prayer* and just had to put that in.
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
Peace and *joy* were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
Song and *praises* were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then, I said now how much do I owe?
He just smiled and said, Just take them everywhere you go.
How much do I really owe?
He smiled and said, 'My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago.'

By Lorine Woody

Submitted by Pam Balser



Note: this poem was given to Pam soon after she was saved.

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters



National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday Sept. 14 2019

On Saturday, September 14, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

Date & Time
Saturday, September 14, at 1 pm

Location

**St. Matthew Catholic Church
600 Crooks Avenue
Ravenswood, WV 26164**

Special Details

Refreshments will be served following the prayer service in the parish hall.

Local Contact

**Jenny Butler, 304-531-2123
jennifer_brunoni@hotmail.com**

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For more information on this event, visit **AbortionMemorials.com**

Letter from a Missionary



Changing Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

One of the things I missed while in Asia was Autumn. I grew up in West Virginia and the state has some truly phenomenal Fall seasons. I even love the bareness of the trees as winter begins because I understand that the process is necessary for the new, vibrant season of spring. It was difficult to describe to people in the areas where trees only loose their leaves as new foliage is coming on.

I have come to the decision that my season has been, and still is, changing.

I will be retiring from International Ministries on October 31, 2019. I felt that I needed to change my focus two years ago when I returned from the Philippines. I was excited to explore the new responsibilities of working with IM while living among my family in WV and visiting several times a year with our partners in Asia. But now I realize that my season as a missionary overseas is coming to an end. In other words, just like the trees, I need to make a break and strengthen my work with ministry here in the US.

I have some deputation commitments before the end of October, but my focus will soon be on my home church, Philippi Baptist, and specific local and international ministries that I support as an individual.



I have been blessed with an amazing Missions Partnership Team, including Rev. Dick Hepler, Convener, Rev. Dana Gatewood, Mrs. Sandy Phares, Mrs. Jeanie Philipps, Rev. Jim Stinespring, and, as Volunteer Assistant, Mrs. Susan Stinespring. I have had small churches faithfully support me with \$25 per month, and large ones with several

hundred per month. There have been several churches that have spent time stuffing envelopes, and hundreds of people that have prayed for me, and I have been blessed. I chose this time to retire so that these churches and individuals might seamlessly make support changes in their upcoming budgets. (However, I will still need support for September and October, please.)

There are at least four ways to choose a Missionary to support. I encourage you to continue your commitment to missions by choosing a Missionary in the next few weeks.

1. Your local Region. I am from the WVBC and we are blessed to have 3 missionary families on the field at this time—

The Aragons- Juan, Denise, Juancito and Ziba

The Myers-Keith, Debbie, Boyden and Baillie

The Reeds-J.D., Rhonda, Grace, Abie and Nathan

Each of these families would welcome new or increased support.

2. By Country. You may want to learn about a particular country and the ministry there. Choose a missionary from the country.
3. By Ministry. Another way is to pick a ministry, ie. Education, agriculture, Human Trafficking, and support a mission unit in that ministry.
4. New Kid on the Block. Choose to support a new missionary, someone who is raising funds to do ministry. Watch and participate in the process they must go through.

It has been a privilege and honor to work with our local Baptist churches, our international partners, and with you for the last 20 years. Your faithfulness has been never-ending and your prayers continual. You have shown me mercy, understanding, and forgiveness for my many short-comings and faults. You have been examples for the "Hands and Heart" of Christ in so many ways, and I will always be grateful for you.

Philippians 1:3-6 "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Blessings to you as you continue your support of the ministry of our Lord, in our country, and abroad.

Yours in Christ,
Debbie Mulneix



Past Experience

I recently received a request at the church asking for information on baptism or membership of someone looking for her great, great grandfather. I went to the library and began to peruse some older church books that contained minutes of meetings and other information to see if the name "Jones" was included for any reason.

The time spent was interesting in more ways than one might think. One book from the women's group Home Workers was from the 1920s. The writing, with what was obviously **not** done with a Bic pen, was in proper cursive - something not seen much anymore...maybe in Amy Starkey's beautifully scripted Christmas cards...but not much else. The content told of the women doing many tasks too...something that continues today but in different ways.

I thought some of you may find it interesting to see just what was said and done in one of their meetings so I am transposing one of them for you to read. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

Sept. - 1924.

The Sept. meeting of the Home Workers was entertained by Mrs. John Noll at her home. There was but little work but a pleasant afternoon was spent. 23 members and some visitors were present. Minutes of the August meeting were approved. Mrs. Nichols was elected to membership. A note from Rev. J. E. Hutchison was read which expressed his appreciation of the Home Workers gift to him.

It was decided that the H. W. would co-operate with the women's S.S. class in a bake sale for the benefit of the Pt Pleasant Church.

Receipts of the afternoon \$4.05

Other entries contain interesting information of how the ladies of the church sewed rags, quilted, and made baby clothes for the needy. They also helped paint the parsonage and raised funds to pay off the bathroom. Our ladies of heritage were busy in the church, community and very mission minded.

The same experience continues today as our women strive to be servants of the Lord. Our women are busy reaching out to the needy, caring for those who are sick and spreading the love of God around us.

95 years later, our CIRCLE meeting for the month of September 2019 will be at the home of Debby Bashaw on September 19 at 7:00. I hope all women of the church will come out for a great time of fellowship. *We just may be continuing a legacy.*



*Come Frolic and Have Fun as We Fellowship and Worship
at the*

**GOOD HOPE ASSOCIATION
ABW FALL RALLY**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ "REDEEMED" ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Place: Mill Creek Baptist Church

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019

**Time: 1:00 pm Lunch & Registration
2:00 pm Rally Program & Business Session**

Speaker: Dr. Sandra Lutz

State Coordinator of Mission and Service

Topic: Ruth, a Woman in the Bible

**A Special Invitation Just for You:
Enjoy a Service of Praise and Worship
with Ladies of all ages
from your Sister Churches**

Bring the Little Ones: A Nursery/Kids Room Provided

Rice-to-Go

Remember those Rice Recipe Cookbooks you received in July? Well, be prepared to try some of the dishes.

On September 8 immediately following the morning worship service, CIRCLE members will be offering their favorite rice recipe dishes for those who would like to try some.

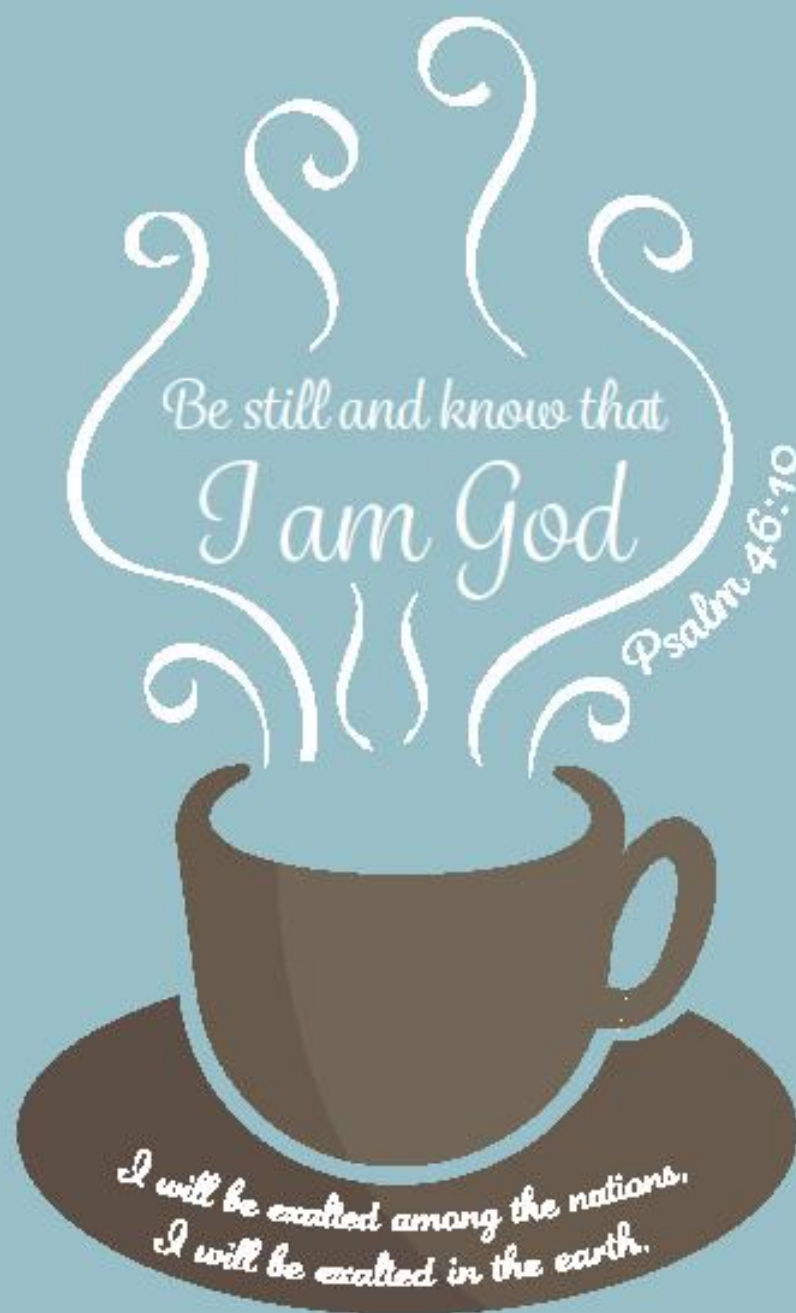
Donations will be collected with all proceeds to go the 2019 Mission Outreach Project. House of Blessing in Chiang Mai, Thailand will be able to help feed struggling children and families with rice purchased from our offering.

Enjoy the service, then get you some ***Rice-to-Go!***



American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia

Spiritual Growth Retreat



“In the Quiet”

September 20-22, 2019

Parchment Valley Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Rev. David Bush

American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV
Spiritual Growth Retreat

Parchment Valley Conference Center (Hill Hall) – Ripley, WV

September 20-22, 2019

Registrations must be received by Sunday, September 1, 2019.

Registration form and fees needed for **each** person registering.

Spiritual Growth Retreat Package

Includes registration fee, two nights lodging, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

Lodges: () **Double** Occupancy - \$112.00/per person, roommate listed below.

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() Triple (3) or quadruple (4) \$102.00/per person, roommates listed below.

To take advantage of this price, at least 3 per room is required. It is essential to share a bed and must be pre-arranged.

**** Three (3) handicapped rooms are available. Please indicate on this form if needed-- includes handrails on toilets, tubs and walk-in showers.**

Air Conditioned Cabin (Dorm) Rooms:

() \$86.00 per person (bring your own linens)

() \$91.00 per person (includes linens)

Cabin room sleeps 10 people, 5 single size bunk beds.

.....Roommates listed below or on attached sheet.

Check-in begins at 5:00 pm on Friday evening and 8:30 am on Saturday morning.

Registration Options:

() \$25.00 Registration Fee

() \$ 6.00 Saturday Breakfast

() \$ 7.00 Saturday Lunch

() \$ 8.00 Saturday Dinner

() \$ 6.00 Sunday Breakfast

() \$17.00 Bunkhouse/Dorm (per person)

() \$25 One night's lodging, 3-4 to a room

() \$30.00 One night's lodging, double occupancy

_____ Total

Walk-ins are welcome. However, meals cannot be assured.

Mail registration forms, including fees, to:

Carrie J. Gasaway

451 22nd Street

Dunbar, WV 25064

panda112260.cj@gmail.com

Phone: 304.552.3760

I cannot receive personal calls at work. You can reach me between 4:30-9 p.m. Thanks

****Make checks payable to AB Women's Ministries of WV***

Please print legibly.

Name _____ Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____

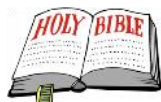
Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Church _____ Association _____

Roommate (s) _____ Email _____

Dietary Needs _____ Handicap Needs _____

**Bible Book of the
Month
September 2019
Revelation**



**Men's Fellowship
September 10
6:30**



**Choir Practice every
Wednesday
@ 7:30**

**Good Hope Association
American Baptist Women's
Fall Rally
Millcreek Baptist Church
September 15 @ 1:00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Meetings

9/3

Trustees—6:00

Deacons—7:00

9/8

Social Fellowship Committee

9/9

BOCE—7:00

Wednesday

September 11, 2019



Thank you!



**Spiritual Growth Retreat
September 20-22**

September Birthdays



Janyce Watkins—9/1
Helen Frank—9/2
Riley Stewart—9/7
Abbi Woods—9/7
Jim Frazier—9/9
Diana Staats—9/10
Alan Arrington—9/14
Philip Lyons—9/15
Angel Ritchie—9/16
Nathanael Flesher—9/17
Liam Davis—9/17
Sami Wagoner—9/19
Gary Balser—9/19
Susan Gerstell—9/20
Jessica Morgan—9/21
Charolette Jeter—9/23
Christian Jeter—9/23
Bev Stephenson—9/27
Sandy Confer—9/27
Jonathan Morgan—9/27
Cass Bennett—9/29

**Women's CIRCLE
September 19 @ 7:00
Hosted by
Debby Bashaw**



**Labor Day
September 2
Office will be
closed**

Rice-to-Go!

**September 8
after the morning
service**



**FIRST END ZONE
September 6
After game party**

Have you checked out the prayer calendar today?

CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Geraldine Gregorich	2 Terry Greenwood	3 Rhonda & Libby Hall	4 Mike Hall	5 Nathan Hall	6 Jo Hendricks	7 Kyle Hickman
8 Crystal Hickman, Destinijane, Tara	9 Lisa Hoke	10 Kathy Hudson	11 Mark & Rhonda Hunt	12 Bobby & Charolette Jeters, Christian	13 Margaret Johns	14 Bob & Helen Johnson
15 Ann Johnson	16 Torren Johnson	17 Jason & Leigh Ann Kerns, Mason & Logan	18 Chris & Shannon Kimes, Isaiah, Cedar, Emma, Lily, Omara	19 David Lehw	20 Emily Lehw	21 Debbie Legg
22 Wayne & Pam Legg, Victoria, Samantha, Josh	23 Tom & Susan Lookabaugh	24 Burt & Deb Lyons, Phillip	25 Talia Martinez	26 Richard & Phyllis Massey	27 Fred & Robin McGoskey	28 Adam McGoskey, Taylor
29 Seth & Lauren McGoskey, Cole Hadleigh, Tyler, Kian	30 Theresa McKown					

Let the fields be jubilant and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Psalm 96:12

