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Coming Events

9/29	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School Noon Youth Group
9/30	8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
10/1	8:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
10/2	4:00 pm Youth Program Auditions 6:30 pm Choir Practice
10/3	Noon Bible Study 2:00 pm Circle 1&5
10/4	6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
10/5	Crossroads Rental
10/6	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 5:00, 6:00 pm Youth Group
10/7	1:00 pm Interagency Meeting 8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
10/8	8:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
10/9	8:30 am Unmet Needs Meeting 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Cantata Practice
10/10	Noon Bible Study

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) will meet at Cardinal Inn on Sat morning, **Sept 28**, 8:00, for fellowship and breakfast. Dutch treat. Contact Roger Dunham for more info.

Circle 1&5 will meet at Crossroads on Thurs, **Oct 3**, 2pm.

Church Board will meet Tues, **Oct 8**, 6pm. Packets will be ready Sun, Oct 6.

Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders! If you are interested in a solo or speaking part or both in this years Kids Connection Christmas program, Little Drummer Dude, on Wed., Dec. 18th, come to auditions! Auditions will be on Wednesday, **Oct. 2nd** from 4pm-5:15pm in the church sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Boren at 217-370-2166.

Brenda Kramer has completed the Historian Book for the first half of 2019. The book is on the tables in the Long Room for you to review and enjoy! Thank you Brenda!

FCC Outdoors will be camping on Sat, **Sept 28th** at Pittsfield Lake at the tent camping area next to the tennis courts (just across from the baseball field parking lot). We plan to start setting up at 3PM, so come then or any time after. Bring a tent, lawn chair, sleeping bags, and any other needed camping supplies. We will supply hot dogs with fixin's and s'more makings, but feel free to bring a side dish or snacks to share. Not up for camping? Come out and enjoy the campfire. We'll have dinner at 6PM. Also, join us on Facebook to keep updated on upcoming events and other information. Contact Jeremy Schoenherr with any questions.



Sky Zone - Indoor Trampoline Park

Who - **7th through 12th grade**. Parents are welcome too, just let us know for planning for space.
When - Sunday, **Sept 29**, leaving right after church. We will stop for fast food lunch somewhere before going.
Bring - COMPLETED WAIVER FORM!, \$14 for jump and socks + money for lunch.
Returning - We will jump from 2:30-3:30 and will return right after. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Boren at 217-370-2166.

Cantata Practice will start Wed, **Oct 2**. Regular Choir Practice will start at 6:30 followed by Cantata Practice at 7:00. Contact Kayla Boren if you would like to sing in the Cantata on Sunday, Dec 22.

The **Thursday noon study** will return **Oct 3** at the church Long Room and read "Glory Days, Living Your Promised Land Life Now". Cost of the book is \$6 and available at the office.

Mark your calendar for outdoor **Vesper Service** at Hamer and Jenny Tate's home on Sunday afternoon, **Oct 13**.

Kids Connection for grades K-6th will begin Wed, **Oct 16**, right after school until 5:15 at Crossroads Center. The bus will pick up kids at South and PCS. Watch for more info.

The **November Congregational Meeting** will be immediately after 10:30 service on **Nov 3**. Agenda includes electing officers and other elected officials to start term January 2020, approve 2020 budget, and approve amendment to constitution and bylaws regarding Diaconate duties.

On Sunday, **Oct 6**, we will have **question/answer session** in the sanctuary at 9:15 and after 10:30 service to present the proposed constitution and bylaw change.

Lifetouch will take pictures for the new directory Nov 1-2 and Nov 6-9.

Libby Boren and crew will be available near the coffee table the next 4 Sundays making appointments. We encourage everyone in our church family to have their picture taken. If you do not want to purchase pictures, you will still receive a free 8x10 portrait.

Prayer Concerns: Chip Barber, Karl Benjamin, Dora Lee Claus, Stacey Helms, Kathy Hull, Jamie Kelley, Arthur Knake, Ruby Bradd (Friend of Rick & Mary Wombles), Renee Sevier (Karl Benjamin's niece)

We express our sympathy to Larry Wigington and family with the passing of his mother, Lura Hammitt. We also express sympathy to the family and friends of Kenna Poor who passed away.

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking info and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. Visit their website for more valuable info and resources.

We are looking forward to the 2019 **Bazaar**. Please keep the Treasure Chest in mind if you are clearing out cupboards, jewelry, small appliances, etc. No clothing please. Friday, **Dec 6** will be here before we know it! Thank you!

Wed, Nov 13, 5:30, Turkey Dinner / Building Fundraiser.

Wed, Dec 11, 5:30, Family Meal.

Sun, Dec 15, Christmas Caroling & Caroling Supper.

Wed, Dec 18, 5:30, Family Meal. 6:30 Kids Connection Program.

Sun, Dec 22, 5:00, Christmas Cantata.

Excerpts from September 10 Church Board Meeting

Quorum of 9 met. Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Moderator Gary Mendenhall. N.D. gave the devotional highlighting the different meaning of words in context using example Romans 1:13. Minutes from Last Meeting were approved by consensus.

Minister's Report: As submitted.

Treasurer: Michelle Hart reported as of August 31: Checking/Savings = \$605,023.36. Unrestricted Operating Checking = \$100,000.00. Budgeted Receipts = \$308,138.03 (\$14,663.27 below budget). Budgeted Disbursements = \$229,988.40 (\$92,081.22 below budget). Average Attendance YTD = 277. Excess Unrestricted Operating Checking moved towards church construction/renovate during July = \$601.53 plus \$1,640 offering designated towards church construction/renovation. Net Nonbudgeted Activity = \$36,237.34. Total funds available for church construction/renovation are \$326,255.56. Motion to accept Treasurers Report was made by Bob Clark, seconded by Roger Brokaw. Motion Carried.

Christian Education: Helen reported Promotion Sunday was Aug 18 with a great celebration for the kids. Youth Sunday School attendance is up. Kids Connection will start in October and needs more volunteers, especially January through March.

Crossroads: Kitchen Crew will meet soon with possible fundraising meals for building project.

Children First: Doris with DCFS has advised us. CF has not needed any 2019 church budgeted funds yet this year.

Balsman Property: Fall cash rent should be received next month.

Task Force: Gary explained the current Task Force has finished the sanctuary remodel and it's time to concentrate on education building by reorganizing the group towards Christian education. Gary thanked the current group for their many hours on the sanctuary remodel. Judy made a motion to release the current Task Force and establish a new Task Force with a Christian education focus. N.D. seconded and motion carried. A letter will be sent to the current Task Force informing them. Hamer will talk to Mike Black soon to get preliminary blueprints and financial information so new Task Force can begin meeting.

Bus: Bus painting is nearly complete.

Lighting upgrade: Project is complete.

Security Cameras: Crossroads is finished. Church and Admin need finished.

Gary appointed the Nominating Committee: Elders N.D. Harrison – Chair & Roger Brokaw, Diaconate Charlie Hull & Scott Bacon, At Large Members Joyce Lemons & Mary Wombles.

A proposed change to the constitution and bylaws was presented by N.D. regarding Diaconate duties. They will be tasked in ministry areas with a separate group of ushers and greeters. N.D. made the motion to accept the constitution & bylaw change. Roger seconded; motion carried. The proposed change will be presented at the November Congregational Meeting.

Gary asked Brad to research the possibility of trading the current van and old bus for a different van.

Judy Ferguson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Bob. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm. Next meeting set for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

Elder Corner

God introduced us to science very soon after He created man. ¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals." (Genesis 2:19-20 NIV) This is the beginning of man becoming involved with science. We continue naming species to this day in the very important branch of science called "taxonomy".

Matthew 22 provides an account where Jesus was asked by a Pharisee which is the greatest commandment. "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" (Matt 22:37) Notice the last words in this passage, "with all your mind". This verse directs us to combine thought and reasoning with love and worship of God.

The two passages above make it clear to me that God wants us to use our brains. There have been times in my life (many years ago) when it seemed to me that the Bible was presented in a way that tried to force me to choose: did I want to believe in thought and reasoning and science or in God and the Holy Bible?

That REALLY bothered me. I knew that I wanted sound scientific treatment for any medical problem I might have. I knew that I wanted computers and microwave ovens and products that science and research made possible. And I was pretty sure that most of the people I knew, including dedicated Christians, wanted the same. Was there a conflict? Could a person be a good Christian and also be interested in science and want the benefits science could offer?

The reading of my Study Bible, listening to sermons, listening to content in RightNow Media, Googling content on YouTube (yes, YouTube really can be a great resource if used correctly), reading books and talking to others has allowed me to resolve the conflicts I have felt at different times in my life. And I have come to believe that listening to debates between Christians and atheists and deciding who had the more sound arguments helped strengthen my faith. Allowing my faith to be challenged has made me stronger and better able to defend my faith in discussions with others.

I have tried to set aside a time, at least a couple of times a month, to discuss my faith with others, especially non-Christians. My exposure to the resources mentioned above have been a great help.

I'm pretty sure there are others who are reluctant to consider Christianity because they think Christians choose faith over thought and reasoning. I believe those people confuse blind faith with evidence-based faith. I believe Christianity is an evidence-based faith and we should be able to confidently share our Christian faith with others. And I believe that in order to do that successfully we need to use the resources available to strengthen our minds.

Yours in Christ,
N.D. Harrison

October Birthdays & Anniversaries 1 Jane Calaway, C.J. Hayes, J.P. Richmiller; 2 Cindi Schoenherr, Alyssa & Brandi Cothren, Tracey Reel; 3 Ann Ferguson, Caleb & Hayley Wombles; 4 Larry Howard, Linda Decker, Wayne & Cindy Chamberlain; 5 Mattie Bishop; 6 Jenny Tate, Preston & Bethany Dunham; 7 Michael & Julie Boren, Cindy Chamberlain, Ed & Rosi Picone; 8 Bill Grimsley; 9 Korey & Lisa Wombles; 10 Gary & Deana Jones, J.P. & Cassie Richmiller; 11 Robert Crowder, Don Houchins; 12 Chuck Barber, Cathy Lacey, Steve & Betty Hayden; 13 Terra Schoenherr; 14 Deloras Martin, Ashley Ferguson, Hudson Moss; 15 Helen Earls; 16 Karl Benjamin, Buddy & Chris Crowder, Cade Tomhave; 17 Gary & Christie Mendenhall; 20 Larry & Sandy Wigington, Steve & Kathy Lehr, Jaunae Bacon, Arden Masiulis; 22 Mary Gates; 24 Dave & Gena Londrie; 26 Elaine Hoaglin, McKenzie Tomhave, Brian & Hannah Roig; 27 Betty Hoover, Adam Ruble, Scott Palmer; 28 Tammi Koltveit, Brianne Sealock; 29 Linda Belford, Judy Sweeting, Aidan Poor, Bill & Eleanor Jenkins; 30 Becky Irwin, Roger & Dorothy Yaeger, Austin Wintjen; 31 Sarah Tharp, Craig Gengler.

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Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F**Worship Times:** Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am**Sunday School:** 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	9/15	9/22
Operational	\$9,545.12	\$7,593.36
Property Improvement	13.00	3.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	3.00
Church Construction/Renovate	0.00	3,000.00
Unmet Needs	0.00	5.00
Children First	<u>380.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$10,036.12	\$10,849.36

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)

Received Last 7 Days \$9,545.12 \$9,393.36
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,494

Lectionary

9/29: Jer 32:1-15; Amos 6:1-7; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
 9/30: Ps 119:49-56; Jer 32:16-35; Rev 3:14-22
 10/1: Ps 119:49-56; Jer 32:36-44; James 5:1-6
 10/2: Ps 119:49-56; Jer 33:1-13; Matt 19:16-22
 10/3: Lam 3:19-26; Jer 52:1-11; Rev 2:8-11
 10/4: Lam 3:19-26; Jer 52:12-30; Rev 2:12-29
 10/5: Lam 3:19-26; Lam 1:7-15; Matt 20:29-34
 10/6: Lam 1:1-6; Hab 1:1-4; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
 10/7: Ps 137; Lam 1:16-22; James 1:2-11
 10/8: Ps 137; Lam 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-21
 10/9: Ps 137; Lam 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-24
 10/10: Ps 66:1-12; Jer 25:1-14; 2 Tim 1:13-18
 10/11: Ps 66:1-12; Jer 27:1-22; 2 Tim 2:1-7
 10/12: Ps 66:1-12; Jer 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16

Serving Schedule**September 29, 2019**

Elder: Judy Ferguson, Helen Earls
Diaconate: Kevin Tharp, Steve Tharp, Vickie Tharp, Scott Bacon, Sonya Bishop, Michelle Hart
8:00 Communion: Shari Clark, Deana Jones
10:30 Communion: Mike & Julie Boren
Scripture: Wayne Baughman
10:30 Nursery: Jordyn Apps
Shut-ins: Mike & Julie Boren

October 6, 2019

Elder: Matt Saxe, Judy Ferguson
Diaconate: Burdette Irwin, Cherise Anderson, Lauren Saxe, Faith Saxe, Debbie Robinson, Tom Robinson
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Ruth Bennett, Kay Sealock
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Ava Douglas
Shut-ins: Spencer & Kayla Boren
Fellowship Treats: Helen Earls, Kay Sealock, Vera Staffy

Wishes & Wants

Free: 1970 Encyclopedia Britannica & Jr. Britannica. Prime condition and already boxed up for you to come get! Ann Ferguson 217.285.4077.

For Sale: New home for an older model treadmill. Works fine, has timer and calorie counter. \$10 Come get it. Can't use because of knee. Carole Elledge 285.4929.

	9/15	9/22
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	116	126
10:30 AM	<u>178</u>	<u>166</u>
Total	294	292

Christian Education

Age 3-PK	6	8
K-1st	9	11
2nd-3rd	4	7
4th-5th	14	13
Jr/Sr High	5	11
Disciples	12	9
New Beginnings	0	5
Sermon Study	9	4
Misc Adult Grps	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	76	87