

September Events:

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Today's Announcements:

- ◆ The Young at Heart Group will be meeting at **11:30 a.m. on September 3rd**, in the home of Jerry Maxwell. Bring food to share.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on back bulletin board for anyone interested with teaching or assisting with teaching.
- ◆ Ladies Trip to the Wild Sunflower Farm in Jane Lew is planned for **Saturday, September 14th at 10 a.m.** There are flyers on the table in the foyer. Let Karen know if you plan to go or need a ride.

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ *Today is Tom and Nina Tucker's Wedding Anniversary.*
- ◆ *Check out the bulletin board in the back for upcoming meetings/ events from other local congregations.*
- ◆ *Ken Fortney's birthday is September 5th. Please send him a card or give him a call. He is one of our Shut-Ins.*

Romans 15:5--"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus".

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Does Secular Education Benefit Christianity?

It has always been God's will that His people teach their children about Him. Speaking of His commands He said, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:7). Most of us are familiar with Prov. 22:6 which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." When reading this proverb with its spiritual application in mind, it is easy to understand that the seed of God's word must be planted in the hearts of our children and the godly principles taught during childhood will remain with them well into adulthood.

So one might ask, "How does our secular education fit in with spiritual training?" "Are the two compatible or completely in opposition?" First, the importance of a secular education cannot be understated and success in life depends highly on the school years of our childhood. And even though there are those subjects that contradict the biblical story and its precepts, the development of reading, writing, and arithmetic are vital in learning, comprehending, and application of the Holy Scriptures. Not only does secular education make bible study possible, but the skills and career training received make us productive members of our society and thus productive members of the Lord's church. So yes, secular education can and does benefit the Christian. However, there is one caveat. Secular education, with its many extra-curricular activities, demands much time from students and parents alike. But these activities must never interfere with appointed times of worship, spiritual training, and service, period (Rom. 12:2; Heb. 10:24-25; Luke 14:15-24; James 4:17; 1 John 2:15).

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Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

Bible Quiz: 1 John 4:12-16

1. True or False: No one has seen God at any time.
2. "By this we know that we ___ in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His ___."
3. Did John see that God had send Jesus into the world?
4. "Whoever ___ that Jesus is the ___ ___, God abides in him, and he in God."
5. "God is __, and he who abides in __ abides in God, and God in him."

Solution: true; abide, Spirit; yes; confesses, Son of God; love, love

September Card Distributor: Kristina Riffle

September Greeters: 8th: Debbie Anderson;
15th: Lois Reed; 22nd: Karen Seyler;
29th: Kristina Riffle

September Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark's Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

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September 29th: Day of Prayer and Giving for Children

October 5th: The Patch: Harvest Festival--School Age Kid Group

October 6th: Singing Service and Dessert Fellowship

November 3rd: End of Daylight Saving Time (Fall Back)

December 16th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service

January 19th: One Day Lecture-ship

March 21-22: Congregational Retreat at Jackson's Mill

May 18th: Friends and Family Day

June (TBA): VBS

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

82

Sunday Bible Class

62

Sunday Evening

29

Wednesday Bible Study

18

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4370

September Birthday/Anniversary

List:

1- Tom & Nina Tucker (A); 2- Steve Potts; 5- Ken Fortney; 6- Nathan Venable; 9- Megan Root; 12- Rodney Sleeth; 13- Doug Stutler; 16- Dennis Currey; 18- RuthEllen Wilmoth; 20- Mark Jones; 23- Ramola J Lee; 24- Don Riffle; 28-Lois Reed; & 30- Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Helen Potts, Ken Fortney, Judy Gardner, and Becky Britton

- **RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Allen** also having difficulties.
- **Barry Buffington:** Recovering from open heart surgery to replace a heart valve.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Having a difficult time.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola's daughter-in-law):** Health issues/illness.
- **Cody Skinner (Adam's friend):** Liver Transplant.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross's friend).**
- **Raymond and Debbie's neighbor:** Having cancer treatments.

- **Becky Britton:** Health issues.
- **Alice (Leah Sleath's Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Hannah Epler & Baby Judah:** Baby is due in September.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Upcoming test this week.
- **Gary Blizzard:** Recovering from MRSA and doing better.
- **Jerida Floyd (Rex & Cheryl's Brother-in-Law).**
- **Tammy Wise:** Having Chemo treatments.
- **Barbie McDonald (Mark's friend).**
- **Shirley, Jerry's neighbor:** Having breathing issues.

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.