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Goodbye Summer!



Hello Fall!



ELDER'S PAGE



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your GOD is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

This verse serves as a powerful reminder of **God's presence and encouragement** in times of fear and uncertainty.

The Lord led me to this first chapter of Joshua. The story is when Moses had died and Joshua was left in charge of the Israelites. God told Joshua in verse 6, "be Strong and Courageous, for you shall give these people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Do all the things I have commanded Moses to do."

Joshua had inherited the mission Moses had been given. Losing Moses at this time was hard. The good thing is that Joshua had been prepared for years by God and Moses. Joshua learned to meditate on the book of the law, day and night, and was told to be careful to do all that is written in it. If you do so it will make your way prosperous. Then you will achieve success. Again, God tells Joshua in verse 9, "Be Strong and Courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We as a church have been going through a change. A transition not unlike the Israelites when Moses died and Joshua took over.

I believe the Lord our God is reminding us, as He did Joshua and the Israelites that He will do the same for us as His Church.

The Israelites listened to Joshua and said we will do all you command us only be strong and courageous.

As we go through this transition without a pastor and still working on the completion of our new church building, may we seek **His** will.

Jesus calls us to be Strong and Courageous (Joshua 1:9) – and promises to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

That is an awesome promise.

God Bless
Elder Tom Baum



Hallelujah!! The Quilt is DONE!!

We are still in the process of selling raffle tickets. As of the date of this publication we have officially reached the \$1,000.00 mark and we are hoping to reach \$1,500.00 before the drawing! We would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who is selling tickets.

Tickets are still available. They are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. (See Patti, Dru or Donna)

All the materials for the quilt were donated, including the tickets, so ALL proceeds will be going to the new church building!

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at noon at a free luncheon following our church service. The winner need not be present to win, but why not come and get in on the excitement *and* eat a good meal?!?

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this project and who prayed for us while we worked on it. It has been a real labor of Love!

So, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th and plan to attend! Looking forward to seeing you there!



As Promised...School News



At Sherrard Middle School, Sydney Fields (incoming 6th grader) made the 6th grade Volleyball Team and will also be running Cross Country for the Rams! Congratulations and Good Luck on a successful Season. **GO RAMS!!!**

If you would like to include any examples of "proud Mom & Dad or Grandma/Grandpa" moments, or just to give the kids a "Pat on the back" - get the information to Dru Fox by the 20th of the month to be included in the next month's issue.



We are in the final stages of planning for our Women's Retreat in October. We have more people going this year which promises to be a great time!!!

We will be holding a meeting for all those planning to go on Tuesday evening, September 16th at 6:30 pm.

We can't wait!!!! We hope you are as excited as we are!!!



Upcoming Sermons

Starting on August 30th & 31st, John Martin will be bringing a series of sermons designed to help believers have conversation with those who have doubts about God. Join us for "Faith and Reason". You won't want to miss!



Prayer List:

Debbie Baum – Fall (Fx Neck)

Kandy Burrall

Holly Cline

Jim Hockney

Tammy Metz – Praise

Dr. Naum

Heather Neff

Donna Pegg – Praise

Rylin Richards (Child/Cancer)

Bill Sayers

Sandy Sperling – Praise

Judy Tucker

Schools – Students & Staff

Ohio Valley Flood Victims

Women’s Fall Retreat

Church Construction

Pastor Search

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12



Titus Women

Titus Women continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. We are working on a unique study of Job by Francis Chan. Come join us as we eat, fellowship and grow in our faith.



Hang Out Dinner Group!

On Tuesday, August 12th, the Hang Out Dinner Group went to dinner at the Olive Garden in Triadelphia. They all had a great dinner and a time of fellowship together.

Next month they will be going to **Undo's** in Benwood, on **Sunday, September 7th**, after church. If you would like to join them, please let Tom Baum know.



New Small Group

We are looking at starting another “small group”. While it’s primarily for women, anyone can join. We understand that it’s hard to commit to one night a week when you work, so to begin we will only be meeting once a month.

The purpose of this group is to give everyone a chance to share their joys, sorrows, burdens, dreams – anything that’s on your mind and heart that you just need to share with someone who won’t judge! We will laugh with you or cry with you, but we will definitely **PRAY** with you!!

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group or just want more information, see Michelle Morris.



Happy Birthday to you!
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Happy Birthday dear...

Happy September Birthday to....

- 9 Jane Criswell
- 18 Cate Johnston
- 19 Harley Quinn Hoffer
- 20 Amy Baum Howard
- 20 Pastor Mitch Johnston
- 21 Bryan Morris
- 22 Britni Kubancik
- 30 Tom Baum

Happy Birthday to you!



Happy September Anniversary to....

- 1 Pastor Mitch and Cate Johnston
- 27 Donnie & Janette Anderson



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3	4 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm
7 Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am Hang Out Dinner Group at Undo's	8 IronMen 6:00 pm	9 Piecemakers Quilt Club 5:00 pm	10 Prayer & Bible Study 10:00 am Titus Women 6:00 pm	11	12	13 Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm
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28 Sunday School 9:00 am Morning Worship 10:35 am Luncheon & Quilt Drawing	29 IronMen 6:00 pm	30		Saturday, September 27th Funnel Cake Fundraiser at the GrandVue Park Festival Sunday, September 28th Free Luncheon and Drawing for the Quilt 12:00 noon		

