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October, 2025

It's Time for the annual...



October 30th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
(Details inside)



ELDER'S PAGE



There is a verse in Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 2, that says; *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

When you read this verse, did you see what kept Jesus on the cross, even when he was enduring horrible pain? Did you see the thing that allowed him to bear the shame that crucifixion was designed to produce. The one who wrote the book of Hebrews tells us that was because Jesus saw the joy that was waiting for Him in Heaven. It was in seeing the peace and safety that was waiting for His arrival in the land of everlasting life and peace. Rather than focusing on the mess He was in at that moment, He was strengthened by what He knew was coming to Him very soon.

That same peace and strength can be accessed by us in the here and now, right now. We can be uplifted by this same powerful concept. Living by faith, we too can focus on the eternal promises of God and not on our present trials and troubles. Granted, it doesn't take away those troubles, or the difficulties we are facing, like broken marriages, struggles that come as we raise our children, worries about finances or problems at work, or even health issues. But it does allow our minds and our hearts to rest in the Heaven that is coming, if we have put our trust in Jesus Christ. It is in knowing what God has promised to those of us who have put our faith in His Son, knowing that these present difficulties are temporary. May we all focus on Jesus, Who is and Who will always be the foundation of our faith. In the strength that only He can give, we can endure any circumstance we may face until the very end of life.

May God bless and keep you until that blessed day we meet again in Heaven.

Elder Dave Fox.



As Promised...School News

Josilyn Fields placed 1st in her division in Glen Dale Elementary's Literature Fair in September. She will move on to the County Literature Fair in October. Congratulations and Good Luck Josilyn!! Josilyn is the daughter of Rebekah Fox and Caleb Fields and the Granddaughter of Dave and Dru Fox.

Josilyn's sister, Sydney, continues to run Cross Country & play volleyball for Sherrard Middle School's 6th Grade. The 6th Grade volleyball team remains undefeated as of the publishing of this issue.

Steven Morris (son of Steven and Ashley Morris and Grandson of Jay & Michelle Morris) plays football for Sherrard Middle School Varsity team and they, too, remain undefeated.

Steven's brother and sister, Landin and Emilie along with Manny Davis (Son of Alexander Davis) are all playing flag football for Center McMechen.

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.



Children's Church

The kids have been busy downstairs on Sunday mornings studying their way through the Old Testament and learning about God's love for them.

In September they learned more about the life of Joseph.

If you are interested in getting involved in teaching or helping with games or crafts, please see Rebekah Martin



The Women's Retreat is just around the corner. Ten women will be attending and plans have been finalized! We are looking forward to a great weekend of fellowship, faith and growing friendships. And we may eat and shop as well!

Stay tuned to the next issue to find out what we get up to!!

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



Titus Women

The Titus Women Bible Study invites the ladies of the church to join them on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm as we continue our study of the book of Job by Francis Chan. The food and fellowship are good for the soul!



Prayer List:

Debbie Baum – Fall (Fx Neck)
Kandy Burrall
Fred & Virginia Brautigan
Holly Cline
Judy Deaton
John Henderson
Heather Neff
Rylin Richards (Child/Cancer)
Judy Tucker
McCoy (Cindy Brautigan's Grandson)
Rick (Cindy Brautigan's Brother)
Cindy Yoho

John Six

Women's Fall Retreat
Church Construction
Pastor Search

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

Romans 12:12



New Small Group

Our new Small Group will begin meeting once a month beginning Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm.

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 would like more information, see Michelle Morris or just come and join us on the 7th.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Election of Officers

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Friday, November 7th at 7:00 pm. This being an “odd” year (2025), the officers up for election are the group offices. (Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees). These elected officers will hold these positions for a period of 2 years – From January 1, 2026 to December 31st 2027.

Below is a description (from the church constitution) of the offices to be elected and their duties/responsibilities.

Elders: It shall be the duty of the Elders, in conjunction with the Pastor, to attend to the spiritual affairs of the Church, and to render such assistance to him in the discharge of his duties as he may require, and they shall strive to fill the requirements of an elder according to Titus, Chapter 1. The Elders shall be consulted at all times in case the pulpit is to be filled other than by the Pastor. They shall assist the Pastor in the administering of the Ordinances.

Deacons: It shall be the duty of the Deacons to look after the more material interests of the Church. They shall have charge of and conduct all campaigns for finances as directed by the Council and shall make recommendations as for the dispersal of said funds. They shall be entrusted with the duty of educating the congregation in matters of Christian Stewardship. They shall, through either the chairman or secretary of the Board of Deacons, or someone appointed by the chairman, with the Financial Secretary of the Church count the loose offerings and keep a record of the same. They shall make the necessary arrangements along with the Deaconesses for the observance of the Ordinances, and shall with the Deaconesses be entrusted with the storing and care of such equipment. They shall assist the Pastor in the service where public baptism is administered, and shall make any necessary arrangements for said service as required. They shall be responsible for the distribution of envelopes to members of the congregation. They shall be responsible for the ushering and shall either serve in that capacity or see that proper ushers are provided.

Deaconess: It shall be the duty of the Deaconesses to visit the sick; especially the aged, shut-ins, and those women who need particular care. They shall, along with the Deacons, make arrangements for the observance of the ordinances, and they shall be responsible with the Deacons for proper storage and care of such equipment.

Trustees: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to have charge of the buildings and equipment of the Church. They shall see that all needed repairs are made, and that the grounds are kept in proper order. They shall supervise and make recommendations concerning the insurance of Church property. They shall be the legal representatives of the Church in regard to property. They shall not contract any debt exceeding \$500.00 per month without concurrence of the Council. They shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of a custodian, and shall with concurrence of the Council employ a custodian.

Please prayerfully consider these responsibilities/duties when completing the nomination ballot.

We will also be electing Delegates to represent our church at the annual Allegheny Region Conference sessions which will be held in May of 2026.



Happy Birthday to you!
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Happy Birthday dear...

Happy October Birthday to....

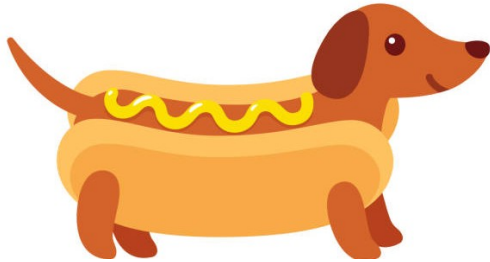
- 2 Gary Rusen
- 4 Sarah Baum Milbert
- 7 Richard Lee Sperling
- 7 Shelly Martin
- 10 Josilyn Fields
- 13 Ardell Mayhugh
- 13 Tim Seidler
- 26 Sarah Grigsby
- 28 Sandy Martin

Happy Birthday to you!



Happy October Anniversary to....

- 7 Mark & Shelly Martin
- 8 Phil & Minerva Toothman
- 20 Dave & Dru Fox
- 22 Michael & Wendy Younger



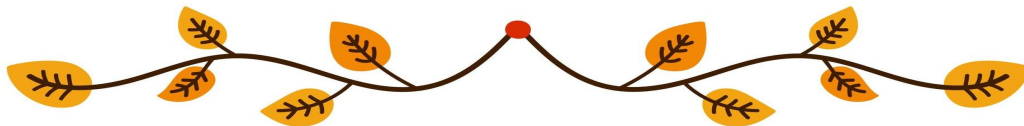
Hot Dog! It's Halloweenie Time Again!!

We are looking forward to our annual "Halloweenie" event.

It's a time for us to "Treat" our McMechen friends and neighbors. There is no "Trick" to it...we give out hot dogs, chips and lemonade at our "home" location – the corner of 10th & Logan Streets.

This event will be held during the "Trick or Treat" times for McMechen – Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

We will begin setting up at 4:00 pm. All help is appreciated. If you are willing to purchase Hot Dogs, Buns, or Assorted Bags of Chips, please let the elders know.



Hang Out Dinner Group!

On Sunday, September 7th, the Hang Out Dinner Group went to lunch at the Benwood Undo's after church. As always, everyone had a great time and ate very well.

Next month they will be going to the El Paso Restaurant in Glen Dale on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join them, please let Tom Baum know.







October, 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Firemen's Memorial Service Sunday, October 5th at 7:00 pm St. James Catholic Church</p> <p>Halloweenie – Thursday, October 30th 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (Set up at 4:00 pm)</p>			1	2 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 pm AA Group 7:00 pm Women's Retreat in Amish Country
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