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*“Connecting with **God**, with **People**, with **Power**,
and with **Purpose**”*

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Pastor Chris has been out of the office recovering from his family's recent auto accident. This month we are featuring a guest article. Our prayers continue to be with Pastor Chris and his family for a complete recovery.

THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Who should I date? Marry? Should I go to college? Trade School? Where should I live? Do I turn left or right up ahead? Will this depression ever end? Why did I get cancer? Again? When should I retire? Can anything good come out of this bad situation?

I don't know the answer to any of those questions, but I know someone who does . . . God. We must ask the Lord all of our questions and then listen for his answer. In the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." (10:27) so, if we ask God a question, just exactly how do we hear His voice? I will share a few ways I've experienced personally.

SCRIPTURE – reading the Word is the best way to hear from the Lord.

SITUATIONS – God may change your situation as a way to hear His voice.

SERVANTS – Could be a word from your Pastor's sermon, the words in a Christian author's book or a Sunday School Teacher's lesson.

SONGS – It may be the lyrics, the tune or the memories that come when hearing songs.

SILENCE – Not the absence of noise, but there are activities that produce their own silence. Things like mowing, driving, sitting on a porch, sitting in a tractor, gardening, hiking, biking, fishing, the beach, prayer, etc.

SPIRIT – The Holy Spirit is in us when we ask Jesus to be our Savior.

Just know that God wants to communicate with us. He wants to answer our questions. But rarely will we ever hear an audible word from Heaven.

Now, just ask and then listen!

Bob Lines



Congregational Prayer Concerns

Church Family

Ernie Hanna Lena Gordon Isabelle Cumins Tad McBride
Mike & Wanda Byrd Richard Williams Ralph Fairchild
Richard & Sharon Wittbold Dewey Schwinn

Extended Family & Friends

Don Worley – brother of Carolene Smith
Marilyn Futtrell – mother of Rob Upchurch
Sally Denny – daughter of Jim & Mary Nipp
Julie White – daughter of Tom & Jane White
Scott Weisheit & family – friends of Jane Cowan
James & Ronnie Semler – brother of Don Semler
Jennifer Davis – daughter-in-law of the McCullers
Scott Parris – son-in-law of David & Karen Boram
Lisa Myers & Vivian Lowe – friends of Mike & Mike Maze
Sherry Reamer Labishak – daughter of Ernie & Mildred Hanna

Dear SMDCOG, I just wanted to thank you for taking me to Camp Challenge. I hope to go next year! I feel closer to God after this, and camp was a very eye opening experience! Also, I enjoyed the activities . . . especially the tournament. Thank you so much for this opportunity.
Sincerely, Gabe Kitchell

With a grateful heart I would like to say thank you. To my church family for the prayers, visits, kind gestures, phone calls, cards and words of encouragement. God know who you are. Thank you Pastor Chris and Tonya for always being there. God is good and continues to bless.
In His Love, Ernie



IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR FOOD PANTRY WELL STOCKED WE WILL BE ASKING FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS EACH MONTH. September is Peanut Butter, cans of beans, small cans of soup, boxes of mac 'n cheese, scalloped potatoes, muffin mix, stuffing, pasta salad, packages of noodles, rich with sauce or mashed potatoes. Drop your donation in the shopping cart in the Community Room.



KARING KEENAGERS COOKOUT AT THE GAMMELLO'S 830 SOUTHVIEW DRIVE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 11:00 AM

Please bring lawn chairs if you have them. This is an annual event and if you are 55 or older we urge you to join us. Pastor Chris will be in charge and it will be a fund day for our group. If you need transportation, call Bill Clampitt at 765-529-3013 or 765-524-9462.



PEACEMAKER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Our guest speaker will be
Todd Braschler.

Together with their
children,
Ernie & Mildred Hanna
invite you to their
anniversary celebration.

50th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
2:00 TO 5:00 PM**

SOUTH MEMORIAL DRIVE CHURCH OF GOD



CWC MUM SALE

Stop by the table in the Community Room to purchase your fall mums. They are \$7.00 each and colors available are red, white, yellow, bronze and purple. Tentative delivery date is September 5 from 5 to 7 PM. Money and orders are due by Friday, August 31.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 FOR LABOR DAY!**



**MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR OUR
MEN STAND UP EVENT
OCTOBER 21
4:30 TO 7:00 PM**

All men and boys are invited. It is a FREE event of fellowship and worship. Food will be served by our Christian Women Connection group and a free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to CWC missions.

We will enjoy music led by Tim Lee and welcome Ron Baker from Children of Promise as our speaker. Save the date!

RON BAKER has been involved in mission and church ministry most of his adult life. Ron is semi-retired and he and his wife Carol worship at Church at the Crossing in Indianapolis. Ron has served on staff as an associate pastor in Pennsylvania and Ohio and Carol has served in a number of different ways in children's ministry. Ron and his wife Carol served in Tanzania, East Africa with Global Missions, Anderson from 2010 to 2013. Their specific assignment was with Children of Promise where they provided administrative oversight to COP Safina with over 900 sponsored children. They have been involved in serving and leading ministry teams. Ron has participated in around forty mission teams in various Latin American countries and Indonesia. Ron is thankful to have the opportunity to join the CATC mission team to Lebanon in September where they will serve refugees, participate in a training program at the Baptist Seminar in Beirut and tour/sightsee in the Holy Land, one of Ron's longtime dream.

Ron owned, operated and worked as an electrician for his own electrical contracting business, R. H. Baker Electric, for over forty years. He put the business on the "baker burner" when they left for Tanzania and retired when they returned. Ron still loves electrical work and sets time aside for volunteer work.

Ron's studies include: BA Warner Pacific College, MBA Youngstown State University, MA Northwest Nazarene Seminary and doctoral studies in global leadership at Portland Seminary.

HISTORY OF LABOR DAY FROM THE U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was the first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter Maguire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, NJ, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the work has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom and leadership – the American worker.

SEPTEMBER 2018

SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday, September 1
Men's Prayer Meeting – 7:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8

Sunday, September 2
Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
No evening events at church – Family Nite

Monday, September 3
OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 4
Ladies Prayer Mtg–9AM – Visitation #4
CWC Executive Meeting – 6:00 PM
CWC Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 5
Prayer Gathering in Sanctuary – 7 PM
Twisting the Truth – 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 6
Men's Basketball – 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 8
Men's Prayer Meeting – 7:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday, September 9
Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
Youth – 6:00 PM
Life Groups – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 11
Ladies Prayer Mtg–9AM–Visitation #1

Wednesday, September 12
Prayer Gathering in Sanctuary – 7 PM
Twisting the Truth – 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 13
Karing Keenagerss at Gammello's – 11 AM
Men's Basketball – 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 15
Men's Prayer Meeting – 7:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22

Sunday, September 16
Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
Be the Church Nite-Guest House – 5:30 PM

Monday, September 17
Elder Board Meeting – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 18
Ladies Prayer Mtg – 9AM – Visitation #2

Wednesday, September 19
Prayer Gathering in Sanctuary – 7 PM
Twisting the Truth Class – 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 20
Men's Basketball – 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 22
Men's Prayer Meeting – 7:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29

Sunday, Sept. 23 – Peacemaker Sunday
Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
Speaker: Todd Braschler
No evening events at church – Family Nite

Monday, September 24
Food Pantry Pre-Sack Night
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Sacking at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 25
Ladies Prayer Mtg – 9AM – Visitation #3

Wednesday, September 26
Prayer Gathering in Sanctuary – 7 PM
Twisting the Truth Class – 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 27
Food Pantry/Clothing Closet – 1 to 3 PM
Men's Basketball – 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 29
Men's Prayer Meeting – 7:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 30

Sunday, September 30
Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Morning Worship – 10:30 AM
Youth – 6:00 PM
Life Groups – 6:00 PM

