

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

8/3 Cole Tasker
 8/5 Nevin Hutzel
 8/11 Jess Carey
 8/14 Hannah Hershberger
 8/27 John Carey
 8/31 Allison Broadwater

8/5 Jeff & Patty Rice

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mission gifts given in August will benefit: *The James Isaac House*
2. Anyone interested in helping to provide a meal for the Brenneman family please contact Allison Broadwater or Emily Widder.

THE CALENDAR:

Sat. August 30  Family Game Night (5-7pm)
 Sun. August 31  Anniversary Sunday 1830-2025 = 195 years
 Sun. Sept. 21  Council Meeting (noon)
 Sat. Sept. 27  Wisp Mountain Coaster & Ledo's Pizza (4pm)
 Oct. 24-25  Ligonier Always Ready Student Conf. - Lancaster, PA
 October 26  Reformation Sunday
 Sun. Nov. 2  Friend Sunday



COFFEE BREAK SCHEDULE:

August 10 - Allison Broadwater	Sept. 7 - Allison Broadwater
August 17 - Sherry Carey	Sept. 14 - Linda Upole
August 24 - Amanda Carey	Sept. 21 - Amanda Carey
August 31 - Kelly Rock	Sept. 28 - Jeff & Rebekah Clevenger

THE ELDERS:

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To begin the process of joining the church as a member, please touch base with the Elders.

SOLA GRATIA  **SOLA FIDE**  **SOLUS CHRISTUS**  **SOLA SCRIPTURA**  **SOLI DEO GLORIA**
 BY GRACE ALONE  THROUGH FAITH ALONE  IN CHRIST ALONE  BY SCRIPTURE ALONE  FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE



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 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES - 9:15AM - SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30AM

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth. – Psalm 34:15-16 ^{ESV}

GOD IS HOLY HE IS TO BE ADORED.

The Call to Worship | Psalm 34:15-16

Hymn #308 | *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Prayers of Praise ^{Jess}

Welcome

GOD'S WORD IS TO BE HONORED.

The Gospel Reading | Luke 6:1-5 ^{Gracie}

The Offering

The Kids Message | Proverbs 16:31 ^{Matt}

GUILT & SIN IS TO BE CONFESSSED & REPENTED OF.

Scriptural Call | Exodus 20:3

Song | *Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus*

Prayers of Confession & Silence ^{Matt}

GOD'S GRACE LEADS US TO GRATITUDE & GODLINESS.

Scriptural Assurance | 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Song | *And Can It Be*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Request ^{John}

The Lord's Prayer (next page)

GOD'S WORD IS TO BE PROCLAIMED.

The Sermon Text | Luke 8:4-8

The Sermon | "The Soil"

GO SERVE IN OBEDIENCE.

Song | *I Am Resolved*

The Benediction



THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS CHRIST SAVES SINNERS.
So then: Repent, Believe, and Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - EXODUS 20

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, nor any likeness... to worship.
3. You shall not take (misuse) the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day; to keep it holy... the Lord made it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - MATTHEW 6

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES (9:15-10:15am):

8/10 | Got Questions: Do pets / animals go to heaven? ^{John}
8/17 | Got Questions: What happens after death? ^{Matt}
8/24 | Got Questions: Should a Christian tithe? ^{John}

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PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

	PRAISE	GOSPEL READING	CONFESSION	THANKS/REQ.	SERMON
AUG. 10	Jess Carey	Luke 6:1-5 Gracie Broadwater	Matt Widder	John Carey	Luke 8:4-8 The Soil
AUG. 17	Harvey Hershberger	Luke 6:6-11 Lincoln Widder	Johnny Carey	Matt Widder	Luke 8:22-25 The Storm
AUG. 24	Adam Winkelvoss	Luke 6:12-19 Larry Rock	Franklin Broadwater	John Carey	Matthew 7:15-27 I Never Knew You
AUG. 31	Brayden Broadwater	Luke 6:20-23 Helen Bender	Matt Widder	John Carey	1 Cor. 12:18-21 195 Years
SEPT. 7	Larry Rock	Luke 6:24-36 volunteer	Jeff Clevenger	Matt Widder	Isaiah 56:1-12 The Outsiders

A Commentary on Luke 8:

FAMILY WORSHIP BIBLE GUIDE - REFORMATION HERITAGE BOOKS

1. The parable of the sower paints a picture of four representative human hearts. Take a look at your own heart in its light.

Do you find thorns, packed soil, withered plants, or fruit?

However things stand, take the exhortation of verse 18 to heart: “Take heed therefore how ye hear.” We must not come to the preaching of the Word expecting the preacher to do all the work.

What responsibility do we have as hearers of the Word?

2. When Christ calmed the storm at sea He showed His great power and majesty. He did no less when He cast out the legion of demons from the Gadarene man. He healed the woman of an incurable disease and raised a girl from the dead. However, while this girl experienced resurrection she would again experience physical death. These miracles do more than show us that Jesus can heal all our physical problems (as He will when He returns in glory). The way Luke linked the healed woman and the forgiven woman (v. 48; 7:50) reminds us that our most pressing need is for spiritual salvation. We need Christ to heal our souls, so that like the Gadarene man we may sit at His feet, clothed and in our right minds, desiring to live in His presence and willing to declare His glory to others. *Why is that the greatest healing?*

Faithful Stewardship

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Stewardship is one of those old words that has largely fallen out of common use in our culture. The reasons for this aren’t hard to imagine. Even as I write, I glance out the window and see a generic strip mall. Would anyone speak of stewarding such a place? Maybe a landlord would claim some responsibility for its maintenance, but the language of stewardship feels too weighty, too earnest. It suggests more than mere oversight; it conveys a sense of responsibility not only to preserve but to pursue something higher—something good and beautiful, not just profitable.

And that, I suspect, is part of why the word has faded. Few of us view our lives, our work, or our world through the lens of...

...stewardship. We’re more often governed by metrics of utility, efficiency, and personal gain. To serve a person, a place, or even a task for its own sake—because it’s good in itself and worthy of care—often feels foreign to our thinking.

There’s another reason, I think, that stewardship sounds strange to modern ears: real stewardship assumes what we care for isn’t ultimately ours.

A steward is entrusted with something on behalf of someone else. That’s a biblical concept: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof” (Ps. 24:1). Stewardship is connected, in other words, to a deeply Christian way of seeing the world.

We’ve been given gifts—time, resources, relationships—and we’re called to steward them for the glory of the One who gave them (Rom. 12:6–8; 1 Peter 4:10–11). That kind of vision feels foreign to a culture shaped more by materialism and vague spirituality than reverence for God.

In a secular age, cut off from a sense of divine ownership and human accountability, stewardship doesn’t mean much. What’s left is bare selfishness—self-directed, self-justifying, and self-consuming. But Christians are called to something older and deeper.

Our vocation reaches back to the garden, where Adam and Eve were charged to tend and keep what God had made. We now live as exiles in a land that’s not our home, and that makes stewardship harder. Even so, the calling remains. And God hasn’t left us on our own.

He sent His Son, who stewarded His mission perfectly, and now renews us in His image so that we might live lives of faithful stewardship by His Spirit.

We start by asking, “What has God given me?”

The answer, of course, is everything.

And if that’s the case, then whatever we have—our talents, resources, callings, circumstances, and relationships—we’re called to be faithful stewards of it all.

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