

Call to Worship | James 1:12 ^{ESV}

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Reading of The Law | Galatians 5:5-6 ^{ESV}

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Scriptural Assurance | Numbers 14:20-21 ^{ESV}

Then the Lord said, "I have pardoned, according to your word. ²¹ But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord,

Those Serving

	COFFEE BREAK	PRAISE	SCRIPTURE READING	KIDS MESSAGE	CONFESS.	ASSURE.	THANKS. & REQ.
9/6	Allison	Larry	Proverbs 28 Amanda	Heidelberg 36 Gracie	Jeff	Austin	John
9/13	Samantha	Jess	Proverbs 29 Larry	Heidelberg 37 Matt	Brayden	Lincoln	Matt
9/20	Kelly	Harvey	Proverbs 30	Heidelberg 38 Emily	Johnny	Macie	John
9/27	Emily	Adam	Proverbs 31:1-9	Heidelberg 39 Brayden	Franklin	Lord's Supper	Matt

Sermons

9/6	Matthew 5:38-42	"Retaliation"
9/13	Matthew 5:43-48	"Love Your Enemies"
9/20	Matthew 6:1-4	"Giving to the Needy"
9/27	Matthew 6:5-15	"The Lord's Prayer"



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The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus Christ saves sinners.
so then: Repent, Believe, and Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

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[#12 - Immortal, Invisible](#)

[How Great Is the Greatness of God](#)

Prayers of Praise ^{Larry}

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading | Proverbs 28 ^{Amanda}

Offering & Kids Message ^{Gracie}

Reading of The Law | Galatians 5:5-6

[#490 - Rock of Ages](#)

Prayers of Confession & Silence ^{Jeff}

Scriptural Assurance | Numbers 14:20-21 ^{Austin}

[Grace](#)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Request ^{John}

Sermon Text | Matthew 5:38-42

Sermon | "Retaliation"

[I Set My Hope on Jesus](#)

Benediction

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

"The opposite of retaliation is to entrust ourselves to God, who judges justly."

JERRY BRIDGES

Mission gifts given in September will benefit: *Our Deacons Fund*.

The Calendar

<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Midweek Bible Study – 6:00-7:30pm</i>
Sept. 18-20	EA National Gathering – New Philadelphia, OH
Sun. September 27	The Lord's Supper
Sun. October 25	Reformation Sunday
Sun. November 1	Friend Sunday, Daylight Saving Time (fall back)
November 20-22	Weekend To Remember – Williamsburg, VA
June 20-24, 2027	Spy University VBS 2027 (Save The Dates!)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/9 Brian Leiss
 9/13 Emily Widder
 9/23 Cady Sanders
 9/24 Travis Brenneman
 9/27 Lucas Leiss



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/3 Steve & Jen Hershberger
 9/13 Jaden & Megan Carey
 9/29 Jeff & Rebekah Clevenger

To begin the process of joining as a member, or to pursue baptism, please contact an Elder:

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Adult / Teen Bible Study: 2 SAMUEL – DAVID'S HEART REVEALED
 SUNDAY MORNINGS (9:15-10:15am) FELLOWSHIP HALL

9/6 2 Samuel – 12. Reviewing Key Principles John

9/13 **An Introduction to Romans** Matt (**New study beginning!**)

9/20 Romans 1:1-17 – 1. The Good News John

Kids Bible Study: LITTLE PILGRIMS THEOLOGY – ABC THEOLOGY
 SUNDAY MORNINGS (9:15-10:15am) DOWNSTAIRS

9/6 T is for Trinity – Matthew 28:19 Emily

9/13 U is for Unconditional Election – Ephesians 1:4 Emily

9/20 V is for Visible Church – Colossians 1:18 Emily



*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
 in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"*
Matthew 28:19

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An excerpt from Daily Doctrine by Kevin DeYoung

The aim of Christian theology is to know, enjoy, and walk in the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
 How then should we undertake the task of theological study?

Doxologically. We learn that we might love. We grow as we behold glory. We dig deeper in doctrine that we might soar higher in worship. God is not just the object of our study. He is the one who reveals all there is to know about Himself and the One in Himself who is worthy of all our devotion.

This Week in Church History

WHY STUDY CHURCH HISTORY?

Church history is the story of how God has guarded, purified, chastised, and strengthened His undeserving people. God has unique purposes for His church.

6 September 1620

The Mayflower sails from Plymouth, England, with Pilgrims aboard.

7 September 1823

Samuel Marsden is shipwrecked while sailing to take the gospel to the Maori of New Zealand.

8 September 1499

On this day in 1499, Peter Martyr Vermigli was born at Florence. The Italian Reformer taught at Oxford, Strasbourg, and Zurich.

9 September 1411

Pope Gregory XII issues a bull of indulgences which John Hus of Bohemia denounces.

10 September 2025

Charlie Kirk is assassinated on the campus of Utah Valley University. He was 31 years old.

11 September 2001

Islamic terrorists hijack 4 planes in a coordinated attack on the United States that bring down the twin towers in New York City. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church is destroyed.

12 September 2026

Today is Rosh Hashanah (The New Year in Judaism) which begins at sundown on the day before. It is the first of the High Holy Days as referenced in Leviticus 23:23–25.

Heidelberg Catechism¹⁵⁶³ | Lord's Day 36

Third Commandment - You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

Question 99. *What is required in the third commandment?*

Answer: That we must not by cursing, or by false swearing,^a nor yet by unnecessary oaths,^b profane or abuse the name of God; nor even by our silence and connivance be partakes of these horrible sins in others; and in sum, that we use the holy name of God no otherwise than with fear and reverence,^c so that He may be rightly confessed^d and worshipped by us,^e and be glorified in all our words and works.^f

- a. Leviticus 24:11; Leviticus 19:12.
- b. Matthew 5:37; Leviticus 5:4
- c. Romans 2:23-24; Colossians 3:8.
- d. Matthew 10:32.
- e. 1 Timothy 2:8.
- f. Colossians 3:16-17.

Question 100. *Is then the profaning of God's name, by swearing and cursing, so grievous a sin, that His wrath is kindled against those also who seek not, as much as in them lies, to hinder and forbid the same?*

Answer: Yes truly:^a for no sin is greater, or more provoking to God, than the profaning of His name. Wherefore He even commanded it to be punished with death.^b

- a. Leviticus 5:1.
- b. Leviticus 24:15.

Prayer List

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Memorize, Meditate, and Pray this week:

James 1:12

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for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life,
which God has promised to those who love him.

Pray using prayers of the Puritans - Refuge:

Almighty God... All my treasures I give up compared to the joy that is in You.
Make my name new in Christ. May my body, soul, talents, character, success,
spouse, children, friends, work, my present, my future, my end... let them all
be Yours.

Pray using our Prayer Points for this week:

MONDAY

**for Bhutan*

**for Piper Wilt*

WEDNESDAY

**for Rep. McClain-Delaney – D*

**for times of rest.*

FRIDAY

**for those battling anxiety.*

**for firefighters.*

TUESDAY

**for good exercise habits.*

**for studying the Bible.*

THURSDAY

**for the costs of following.*

**for conversion of Jehovah's Witnesses.*

SATURDAY

**for Matt & Emily*

**for Conrad Mbewe*

Pray for:

Immediate family members: _____

Extended family members: _____

Somone who does not know Jesus: _____

Friends/Neighbors: _____

Pray using the hymnal:

To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest - the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Pray for our fallen world & global concerns:

The call & response of the lost. ^{Matthew 18}

The end of abortion practices & the close of the abortion mill. ^{Exodus 20:13}

The sins of sexual rebellion. ^{Genesis 1:27; Romans 1:18-23}

Peace and Justice in Israel, and in Nigeria. ^{Psalms 25:22}

Those battling addictions and those hurt by them. ^{Galatians 5:1}

Iran and protection for our soldiers. ^{Psalms 46:1}

Pray for those serving our country: ^{Isaiah 41:10}

Nathan Brenneman ^(and the family)

Pray for those in nursing homes: ^{1 Timothy 5:1-3}

Helen Bender

Shirley Bender

Pray for health/comfort for: ^{Psalms 121:1-2}

Allison Broadwater

Charlie Smith ^(cousin of Samantha Leiss)

Chip Leiss ^(brother of Brian Leiss)

Harvey, Hannah, & baby Lennie

Steve Hershberger

Nevin & Wilma Hutzal

Jeff & Patty Rice

Butch Baker ^(friend of the Clevengers)

Doug Broadwater ^(father of Mike Broadwater)

Fred Holiday ^(friend of the Broadwaters)

Becca Kilgus ^(friend of Linda Upole)

Stephanie McBride ^(mother of Michele Carey)

Sandy McKenzie ^(friend of the Broadwaters)

Ronnie Stanton ^(brother of Linda Upole)

Pray for those battling cancer: ^{Jn 14:27}

Ruth Yoder

EA Nat. Minister Jim Barnes

Nick Brown ^(young local boy)

Linda Handwerk ^(daug. of late W. Sheffield)

Shelbi Knauer ^(friend of Hannah Hershberger)

Daisy Murray ^(friend of John Carey)

Angie Rush ^(local teacher)

Gay Ziegler ^(friend of Linda Upole)

Pray for:

EA National Minister-Elect Pastor Jason Ford.

Nepal and Tibet.
