

Call to Worship | 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ^{ESV}

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Reading of The Law | Galatians 5:7-9 ^{ESV}

You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you.

⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Scriptural Assurance | Psalm 103:11-12 ^{ESV}

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Those Serving

	COFFEE BREAK	PRAISE	SCRIPTURE READING	KIDS MESSAGE	CONFESS.	ASSURE	THANKS. & REQ.
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
10/4	Allison	Larry	Proverbs 31:10-31	Heidelberg 40 Gracie	Jeff		John

Sermons

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"
10/4	Matthew 6:16-18	"Fasting"



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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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[#79 - To God Be The Glory](#)

[Is He Worthy](#)

Prayers of Praise ^{Jess}

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading | Proverbs 29 ^{Larry}

Offering & Kids Message ^{Matt}

Reading of The Law | Galatians 5:7-9

[#542 - O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee](#)

Prayers of Confession & Silence ^{Brayden}

Scriptural Assurance | Psalm 103:11-12 ^{Lincoln}

[Bless the Lord O My Soul](#)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Request ^{Matt}

Sermon Text | Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon | "Love Your Enemies"

[As You Go](#)

Benediction



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

"Beware of no man more than of yourself; we carry our worst enemies within us."

C.H. SPURGEON

Announcements

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Sermon Notes & Prayer Cards are available on the windowsills.

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

Weekend to Remember registrations are half off through 9/21.

See Matt or Emily for more details. familylife.com

The Calendar

<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Midweek Bible Study – 6:00-7:30pm</i> currently in John 15
<i>September 18-20</i>	EA National Gathering – New Philadelphia, OH
<i>Wed. September 23</i>	40 Days for Life begins 40daysforlife.com (ends Nov. 1)
<i>Sun. September 27</i>	The Lord's Supper
<i>Sun. October 25</i>	Reformation Sunday
<i>Sun. November 1</i>	Friend Sunday, Daylight Saving Time (fall back)
<i>November 20-22</i>	Weekend To Remember – Williamsburg, VA
<i>June 20-24, 2027</i>	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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evangelicalassociation.org

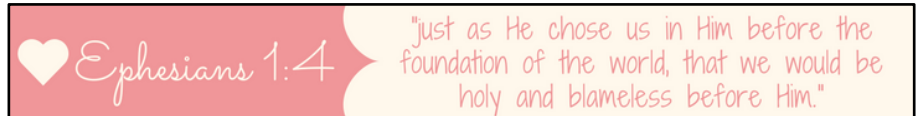
Opportunities to Grow

Adult / Teen Bible Study: ROMANS – GRACE, TRUTH, & REDEMPTION
Sunday Mornings (9:15-10:15am) Fellowship Hall

9/13 **An Introduction to Romans** ^{Matt} (**New study beginning!**)
9/20 Romans 1:1-17 / 1. The Good News ^{John}
9/27 Romans 1:18-3:20 / 2. The Bad News ^{Matt}

Kids Bible Study: LITTLE PILGRIMS THEOLOGY – ABC THEOLOGY
Sunday Mornings (9:15-10:15am) Downstairs

9/13 U is for Unconditional Election – Ephesians 1:4 ^{Emily}
9/20 V is for Visible Church – Colossians 1:18 ^{Emily}
9/27 W is for Wrath of God – John 3:36 ^{Emily}



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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.

13 September 1541

John Calvin returns to Geneva after three years in exile and began the decisive second period of his ministry there.

14 September 1814

Francis Scott Key, cofounder of the American Sunday School Union, is inspired to write the song that becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," when he sees that Fort McHenry has not struck its colors after a night of heavy bombardment by British ships during the war of 1812.

15 September 1648

The British Parliament approves the Westminster Larger Catechism.

16 September 1672

Death from consumption of Anne Bradstreet, the first poet of New England's Puritans.

17 September 1575

Death of Swiss reformer Heinrich Bullinger. He had succeeded Zwingli at Zurich and because of the hospitality he extended to English exiles, had gained influence with the English Puritans. Bullinger had ministered at Zurich for more than forty years leading its church.

18 September 1639

Connecticut observes its first annual Thanksgiving Day as a colony, following heated debate whether or not setting aside a specific day will prompt people to neglect thanking God on other days.

19 September 1853

James Hudson Taylor sets sail from England for China where he will found the China Inland Mission. Taylor visited or lived in China over a period of 51 years.

Heidelberg Catechism¹⁵⁶³ | Lord's Day 37

The 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 101. *But may we not swear by the name of God in a religious manner?*

Answer: Yes; when the magistrate requires it, or it may be needful otherwise, to maintain and promote fidelity and truth, to the glory of God and our neighbour's good.^a For such swearing is grounded in God's Word,^b and therefore was rightly used by the saints in the Old and New Testament.^c

- a. Exodus 22:11; Nehemiah 13:25.
- b. Deuteronomy 6:13; Hebrews 6:16.
- c. Genesis 21:24; 1 Samuel 24:22; 2 Corinthians 1:23; Joshua 9:15-19; Romans 1:9.

Question 102. *May we swear by saints, or any other creatures?*

Answer: No: for a lawful oath is a calling upon God, as the only searcher of hearts, to bear witness to the truth, and to punish me if I swear falsely;^a which honour is due to no creature.^b

- a. 2 Corinthians 1:23.
- b. Matthew 5:34-35; James 5:12.

An excerpt from Daily Doctrine by Kevin DeYoung

In doing systematic theology, we are trying to answer the question, "What does the whole Bible say about this?" The "this" could be angels, sin, faith, works, law, grace, the death of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, or a hundred other things. Many prefer the title "Dogmatics" to Systematic Theology.

While "dogmatics" may sound pretentious and stuffy, it is in some ways a richer term. Dogma refers to an accepted doctrine of the church (the mature fruit of the church's reflection on Scripture) while systematic speaks to the way in which doctrine is studied. Both terms have their place, and Christians often use the terms interchangeably.

Prayer List

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Memorize, Meditate, and Pray this week:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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Pray using prayers of the Puritans - Resting on God:

O God, most high, most glorious, the thought of Your infinite serenity cheers me, for I am toiling and moiling, troubled and distressed, but You are forever at perfect peace.

Pray using our Prayer Points for this week:

MONDAY

**for Mozambique*

**for Matt & Emily Widder*

WEDNESDAY

**for Rep. Reschenthaler – R*

**for fighting against gossip.*

FRIDAY

**for financial health.*

**for soldiers.*

TUESDAY

**for good eating habits.*

**for fighting lukewarmness.*

THURSDAY

**for powerful prayer.*

**for conversion of Wiccans*

SATURDAY

**for our Deacons.*

**for Kevin DeYoung*

Pray for:

Immediate family members: _____

Extended family members: _____

Somone who does not know Jesus: _____

Friends/Neighbors: _____

Pray using the hymnal:

Teach me Thy patience! still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong;

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}

Butch Baker (friend of the Clevengers)

Allison Broadwater

Doug Broadwater (father of Mike Broadwater)

Jane Carey (sister-in-law of John & Sherry Carey)

Steve Hershberger

Harvey, Hannah, & baby Lennie

Fred Holiday (friend of the Broadwaters)

Nevin & Wilma Hutzal

Becca Kilgus (friend of Linda Upole)

Chip Leiss (brother of Brian Leiss)

Stephanie McBride (mother of Michele Carey)

Sandy McKenzie (friend of the Broadwaters)

Jeff & Patty Rice

Charlie Smith (cousin of Samantha Leiss)

Ronnie Stanton (brother of Linda Upole)

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

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)

Ruth Yoder

Gay Ziegler (friend of Linda Upole)

Pray for:

EA National Minister-Elect Pastor Jason Ford.

Nepal and Tibet.

Those mourning the death of Carol Humberson.
