



NEWSLETTER 2025

Hello All,

I want to start by asking you a question, are you introverted or extroverted. A friend of mine beautifully explained the difference between the two. This friend explained that introverts tend to “recharge” away from people and extroverts tend to “recharge” with people.

Which do you think you are?

Now, let me ask you another question, how often do you pray? You don’t have to say it out loud, or tell me, but how often do you pray?

Do you pray everyday at exactly the same time or do you pray at different times? Where do you pray? Do you pray the exact same prayers every morning or different prayers everyday? Do you pray because you want to walk with God? Or is your prayer life like the Jelly Rolls song “I only talk to God when I need a favor?”

I have been thinking a lot about prayer lately. Like, a lot. Anyways, I came across this verse in Mark 1:35:

“ 35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” (NIV)

Why do you think Jesus got up before dark? Why do you think He felt the need to leave the house? Most of you will probably say, “to pray.” You would be right. But I want to examine this deeper.

Why did Jesus feel like He could not pray in the house? What is significance of going while it was still dark? Was Jesus introverted (I think He was by the way, but that is a topic of another article), was He extroverted? Was He going to get away from people, or was He going to someone (God the Father).

This one verse raises so many questions that I would like to ask Him. Ultimately I probably won’t get the answers right now. I am okay with that.

I wonder if I am just supposed to be still, stop asking so many questions, and follow His example and get up in the morning, seek solitude, and seek God.

What do you think? Does this verse raise questions for you? Do you think that we are supposed to emulate this example? If you think that we are, how well do you do at that?

I am not trying to guilt trip you by the way. I am trying to help you stop and think about your prayer life. I want to do this because in a world of endless distractions, we need to be intentional about the things that matter, and prayer should be one of them. Now what do you think about Mark 1:35?

Have a good August y’all,

Regards,
Pastor Chris



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Box 8 Urbana, IN 46990

Worship Service
10:00 AM

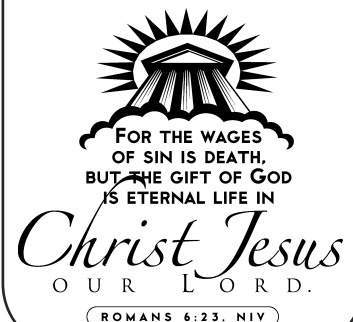
Sunday School
9:00—9:45 AM

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Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



Our Mission Statement

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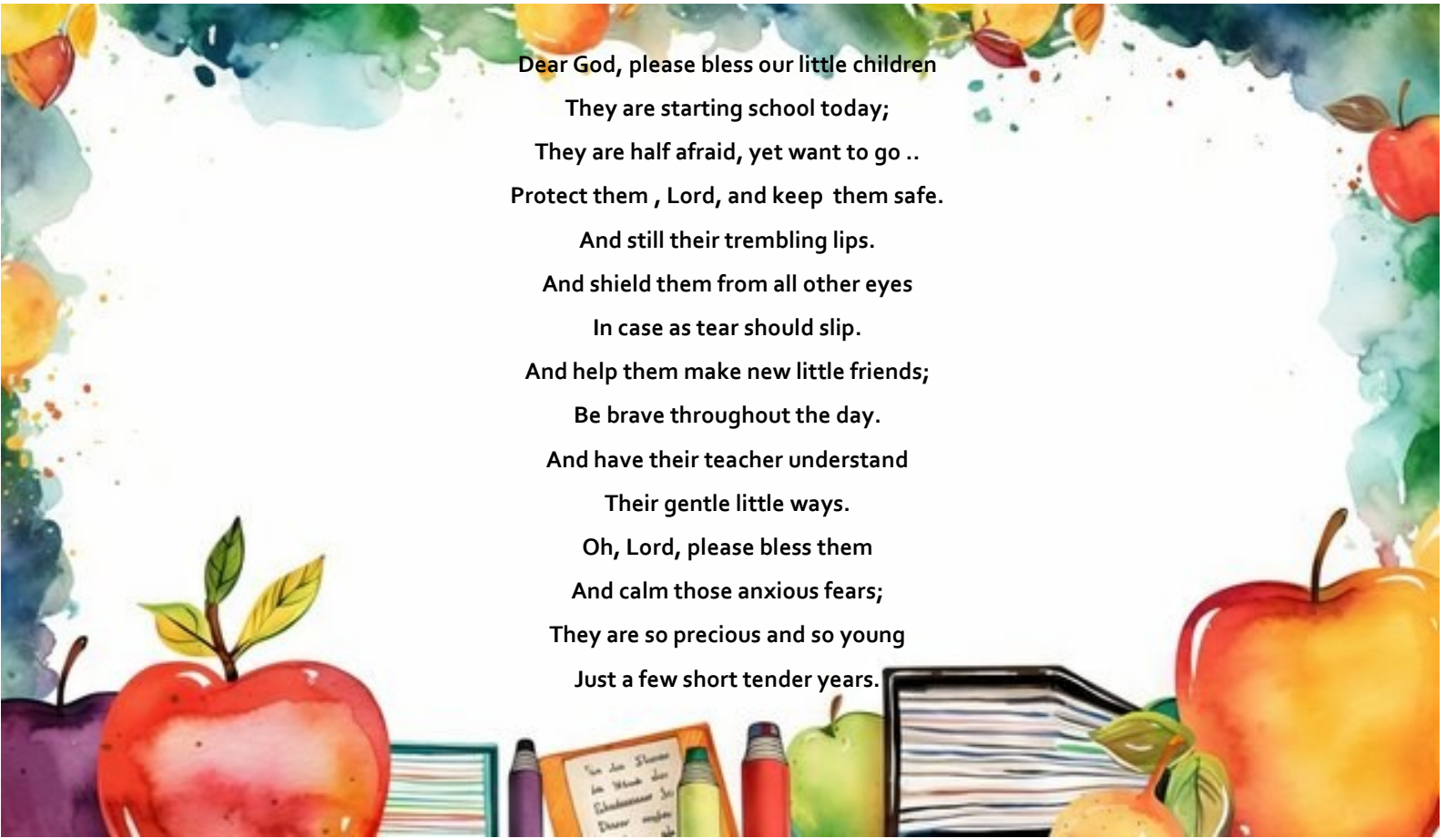
To glorify God through our actions, words and deeds as a daily way of life by the leading of the Holy Spirit and commitment to sharing the love of Jesus Christ to others.



A twelve-year old boy became a Christian during a revival. The next week at school his friends questioned him about the experience. "Did you see a vision?" "Did you hear God speak?" The youngster answered "No" to all the questions. "Well, how did you know you were saved?" they asked. The boy searched for an answer and finally said, "It's like when you catch a fish; you just felt him tugging on the line. I just felt God tugging on my heart."

THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOUR DAY GO BETTER

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start your day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. KMS (Keep Mouth Shut) . This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the kid in you everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thought and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you Jesus".
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more.
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).



Dear God, please bless our little children
They are starting school today;
They are half afraid, yet want to go ..
Protect them , Lord, and keep them safe.
And still their trembling lips.
And shield them from all other eyes
In case as tear should slip.
And help them make new little friends;
Be brave throughout the day.
And have their teacher understand
Their gentle little ways.
Oh, Lord, please bless them
And calm those anxious fears;
They are so precious and so young
Just a few short tender years.

If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday mornings you can now watch the service LIVE on Facebook. Service begins at 10:00 am.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please remember the following in prayer:

Naomi Miller, Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, Julie Miller , Ron & Rhonda Baer , Duane Wagner, Jim Hartley, Jerry & Nancy McColley, Janene & Wendel Dawes, Nancy Miller, Ray & Esther Terrell, Vi Miller, Janice Miller and her grandson Kole, Coy Eads and his parents and sisters. Also those of loved ones, friends and families. Please pray for continued healing.



OTHER CHURCH NEWS

The Outreach Committee will host a "Community Breakfast" on Saturday, August 30th from 7:30 am—9:30 am. This is a new outreach for our church, so please help spread the word about this free breakfast.



Please keep the family of Terry Knee in your prayers. Terry passed away on July 22, 2025. He had a tough exterior, but was truly a softy and a caring man. During past Pancake and Sausage days he ran the kitchen with an iron fist, but we always knew he did it out of love for his community. He was one of the good ones!



The Program Committee is planning the "Church in the Grove" for Sunday, August 31st at 10:00 am. Bring a lawn chair and your friends and neighbors for this special worship service. A carry-in meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Meat will be provided, bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome!



The Outreach Committee is having a blood drive on Wednesday, August 6th from 1:30 –6:00 pm in the Community Building. As always, the need for blood is great, please donate if you are able.



August 3, 2025 Back to School Prayer Walk at 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to choose a location and join with others to pray for all students, teachers, staff, and administration prior to the new school year.

Locations are: St Bernard Elementary, Whites Junior/Senior High, Northfield Junior/Senior High School, Sharp Creek Elementary, LH Carpenter Elementary, OJ Neighbors Elementary, MSD Administration, Wabash Middle/Senior High, Emmanuel Christian, Heartland Career Center, Southwood Elementary, Southwood Junior/Senior High, Metro North Elementary, Wabash City schools administration.



Carol Krom is the great grandmother of a queen! Haley Krom was crowned the 2025 Wabash County Festival Queen July 23rd. Congratulations Haley and her proud great grandma Carol.



THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Need a Volunteer

Liturgist: Richard Monce

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Need a Volunteer

AUGUST 2025

Sun

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					1 Secretary Hours 5:30-7:00 pm	2 No Secretary Hours
3 Communion	4 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	5 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	6 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	7 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	8 Secretary Hours 5:30-7:00 pm	9 No Secretary Hours
10	11 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	12 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	13 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	14 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	15	16 No Secretary Hours
17	18 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	19 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	20 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	21 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	22	23 Secretary Hours 10:00 am—1:00 pm
24	25 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	26 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	27 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	28 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	29	30 Secretary Hours 10:00 am—1:00 pm
31		Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study Aug 12 & 26	13 Board Meet- ing @ 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study Wednesday morn- ings @ 7:00 am	

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Where Do You Look for God?

**Where do you look for God, my friend?
Way up in the blue, blue sky?
Do you think He sits on a regal throne
In a body? Like you and I?**

**How do you pray to God, my friend?
As to a superman
Who may bestow or not bestow
According to His plan?**

**Perhaps you've searched yet looked in vain
Amid this earthly din,
But have you ever looked for Him
Where He really is—within?**

**You're as dear to Him as a favored child
As along your way you plod,
And you never, can get away from Him.
For You're really a part of God.**

V. Deleath

