



NEWSLETTER 2026

. Hello,
Recently, I have been to a lot of funerals and viewings.

It makes me think of life after death. I hope those that have died really knew Jesus. I hope that they made it to heaven.

But then I think about those all around us that do not know Jesus. Now it's true, Jesus did say that only a few find the narrow gate (Matthew 7:13-14). So that means that not everybody who has ever lived is getting into heaven. There are those that outright reject Jesus and therefore will not enter into the kingdom.

But I wonder how many are all around us, who would be willing to listen if we just love them like Jesus. If we were just honest and told them the truth about Jesus. How many would repent and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior if we just loved them and told them the truth.

I wonder, how often do we avoid uncomfortable conversations because we don't want to be offensive or outcasts?

Jesus before sending out the twelve was giving them final instructions in Matthew. He told them this:

“ 32 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33, NIV)

In other words if you are ashamed of Jesus, he will be ashamed of you. Now some may say I don't disown Jesus, and I am not ashamed of Jesus. But not speaking his name when you know you should, isn't that the same thing?

Some may say, but Pastor Chris, aren't we supposed to keep the peace? Yes, but not at the expense of the truth. As a matter of fact Jesus goes on to talk about that very thing in the next section.

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34, NIV)

Not a sword to start a war. Not to be a warrior king, like many thought Jesus would be. But Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). The truth is exclusive by definition. Some will be offended by it and reject it. Others will accept it. But for those that accept it, it will come at a cost. It may tear families apart. It may cost relationships, thus the bit in the verse about bringing a sword.

This is a tough teaching.



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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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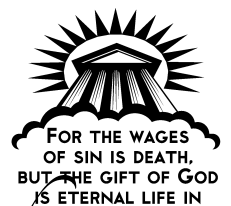
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Church Secretary

Rena' Warnock

Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



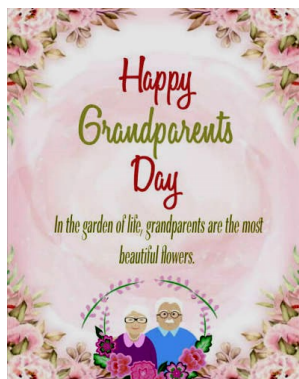
Christ Jesus
OUR LORD.

ROMANS 6:23, NIV

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. To open their eyes....Acts 26:18



Sowing Blessings

If you want to make a difference in other people's lives, be thoughtful and considerate, be slow to criticize. Be helpful when you're needed, let others know you care, be patient and forgiving when hurts are hard to bear. Do always unto others as you'd have done to you, for when you sow God's blessings, you'll reap His harvest, too.

Vi B Chevalier



But I bring this up to ask a few parting questions of you.

Have you been shying away from conversation with people because you don't want to offend?

Have you been avoiding that conversation because you're trying to keep the peace?

Are you avoiding that conversation about Jesus because you're afraid they will examine your life and find your spiritual wanting?

Folks, we have to stop being afraid of people. People are dying every day. They need Jesus just as much as you and I do.

It's scary to go to that person in the middle of the road when the bus is steaming towards them. I know it's scary. Even though it is scary, that person needs someone brave enough to get close enough to push them out of the way. The bus is a metaphor for life in hell. The person in the road is in danger, and they often don't know it. Jesus told the twelve that it was their job to push others out of the way, and by extension it is ours.

If you have not been making the decisions that you know you should, let me encourage you to start today.

Repent, turn around, run to God. Walk with Him. Stay close to Him.

You're not too far gone. You can start talking to people about Jesus.

If you don't know where to start, start with what has Jesus done in your life.

I am telling you to do these things because it's good for them, and it's good for you. I am telling you this now because God loves you, and so do I.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Chris

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



25 years, but still so clear in our minds. Do you remember where you were when you heard the news? I do. My son Jason, had been hurt in a football game the Friday night before. We were on our way to see an orthopedic surgeon in Warsaw. As we were getting ready to leave the doctor's office the last plane had just hit the Pentagon. Everyone in that waiting room, office staff, nurses and the doctor stood in silence watching it on the TV. (Rena')

Please remember the following in prayer:



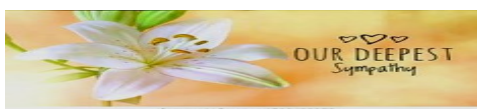
Eli Mattern, Marvin Mast Family, Family of Donna Yentes, Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, Ron & Rhonda Baer, Jim Hartley, Jerry & Nancy McColley, Janene & Wendel Dawes, Nancy Miller, Ray Terrell Family, Vi Miller & Family, Janice Miller, Coy Eads and his parents and sisters. Also those of loved ones, friends and families. Please pray for continued healing.

OTHER CHURCH NEWS

There will be Prayer Gatherings on September 11, 2026 from 8:45-9:45 am at the Wabash County Courthouse lawn. The focus of this prayer time will be the specific times that the planes hit the Twin Towers. Another gathering will be held at 6:00 pm at the Wabash County Courthouse lawn. The focus of this prayer time will be for Law Enforcement, and First Responders.



Please keep the families of Beverly Schnepf and Rex Baer in your prayers. Beverly passed away on August 5, 2026 and Rex passed on August 10, 2026.



Thank you to Mike and LouAnn Shoemaker for planting the new plants around the sign and the flowerbed under the car port. Also, to Janet Chamberlain for the flowers in the planters on the west porch.



Labor Day Poem

**God of shop and marketplace,
Of farm and studio,
Factory and shipping lane,
Of school and busy home:
Bless the produce of our hands.
Redeem our work for Kingdom-use.
By Your grace, our efforts stand,
All offered up to You.**

**There in Eden, You proclaimed
That we should work the earth –
Stewards over all we named,
Delighting in their worth.
Through our fall we brought decay,
Lost access to Jehovah's rest.
Through the cross, we rest in faith
And all our labor's blessed.**

**In Your image we are made:
Creative like You are,
Forming goods for use and trade
Just like You formed the stars.
Send us out in power and skill
To worship through each task assigned.
By Your Spirit we fulfill
The holy, grand design.**

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Need a Volunteer

Liturgist: Rena' Warnock

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Brian Chamberlain

Greeters: Sept 6 & 13: Kitty Baer & Judy Eltzroth

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.

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Fri

Sat

		1 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	2 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	3 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	4	5 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
6 Communion	7 	8 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	9 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	10 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	11	12 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
13 	14 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	15 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	16 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	17 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	18	19 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
20	21 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	22 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	23 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	24 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	25	26 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
27	28 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	29	30			
	31	Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Secretary Hours: Wednesday Evening 5:30-7:00 pm	9 Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Bible Study, Wednesdays @ 7:00 am	Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tues @ 6:00 pm

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THE PERFECT CHURCH

*I think that I shall never see
A Church that's all it ought to be;
A Church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A Church that has no empty pews,
Whose Pastor never has the blues;
A Church whose deacons always speak
And none are proud and all are meek,
Where gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and kind,
And all to others faults are blind.
Such perfect Churches there may be,
But none of them is known to me,
But still I'll work and pray and plan
To make our own the best we can.*

Bethel Messenger

