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September 2025 Newsletter

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BE MORE LIKE JESUS

Another month has come and gone. Is it too much to ask what have we done for Jesus? Okay we have been good, and we haven't done anything we consider wrong, but what have we done to further the Kingdom? In a world that is currently making sin less of a shock to our systems, what have we done to stop the madness?

I say "we" because it is the responsibility of every one that claims to be a Christian to take action to proclaim the message of Jesus – the message of Galatians 5:14 "Love your neighbor as yourself." The person that lives next to us is not our only neighbor, nor the people that we do church with, but every living person on this earth. Jesus describes what happens when we treat others with love, respect and honor. **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38 ESV)** When we follow Jesus' example and see everyone as a potential child of God it changes us. It has the potential to change the world.

We need to be honest with ourselves and look deep into our motivations for the things we say and do. It is so easy to go along with the crowd and think that this group or that group deserves less than what we do. We must never forget that if God gave us what we deserve we would all be on our way to Hell. It is the grace of God that gives us the opportunity to be sons and daughters of Christ. It is by our following that example and forgiving others that we will be judged.

God has, throughout the scriptures, worked with the misfits, the fallen, the weak, the outcast, and the foolish to demonstrate His love for people. He created us in His image to be able to communicate with Him and learn to love others as He has loved us and yet many of us defy Him at every turn, acting like we are better than others and more deserving. We tend to easily get influenced by our worldly desires and forget that if we lose everything to follow Him, we are doing His will. We have to let go of the things of this world and let go of our pride in the things of earth if we are going to be on the side of those that He knew instead of those that He never knew.

I have a great concern over the way the world is normalizing the sinful treatment of others as something acceptable to "Christians". We must be better than the world, we have to get our values from the scriptures and not from the interpretations of evil men. We need to get back to praying for our neighbor instead of criticizing them. We need to be more like Jesus and the example He has set for us. It is better to lose everything including your life to follow Jesus.

Don't let the world determine your steps, let it be the Holy Spirit.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Brad

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Here are some pictures from our Church Family Picnic on August 10. Thank you to everyone that contributed to the picnic!



Meet at door #1 for assignments and safety meeting. For more information, see Tom Hooten.



Saturday, October 4

Pennway CHoG in Lansing

Sign up deadline is Sept. 21

**Cost is \$10.00 and includes
Breakfast/Lunch**

**Make your check payable to
West Court Street Church of God
and memo "360"**

Dream It – See It

More information on the Capital Funds Campaign that was initiated in December 2024!

Please check the thermometer posted in the hallway to show our progress. **God is faithful and the fund is growing!** If you have any questions, please see one of the Leadership Team. Keep your eyes open as we see God at work! The information I have today is that \$11,521 has been given! **Praise God!** Continue to pray for this endeavor as we keep up with the maintenance of God's building.

When you contribute to this Campaign please indicate on your envelope or your check that it is for the Capital Funds Campaign and know that we will not start any project without having sufficient funds for the completion of that project. Your gifts are greatly appreciated; any size donation is so helpful, it adds up when we work together.

Your Sister in Christ, Chris

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will return to their regular weekly schedule beginning **Wednesday, September 10 at 12:30pm**. The study group meets at McLaren Hospitality House, G3170 Beecher Road in Flint. Questions? See Kathy Carrithers.



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 6:00pm The Ark	1 Office Closed	2 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	3 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	4 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	5 2:00pm Church of God Pastors Meeting	6 2:30am - 2:30pm Academy of Servant Leadership/New Creation ChoG 9:00am - 4:00pm Kit Together Craft Retreat with Alycia
7 COMMUNION 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Youth Zoo Field Trip 10:30am Worship Gathering 6:00pm The Ark	8	9 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	10 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	11 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	12	13 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Liberty Diner
14 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Worship 6:00pm The Ark	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	16 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	17 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	18 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 4:30pm MBK Meal Prep 5:00pm Yoga Class	19	20 9:00am Fall Community Clean Up/Adopt-A-Highway
21 Deadline for 360 Registration 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Message 11:30am Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00pm The Ark	22	23 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	24 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Prayer of Jabez Virtual Study	25 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 10:00am Rambling Rovers to Turkeyville 5:00pm Yoga Class	26	27
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2 Kathy Lince
 7 Ken Lemons
 11 Dan Smiley
 12 Vance & Carrie Kupisch (66 yrs)
 14 Randy Gallagher
 21 Randy Russell
 29 Theresa Povolny

Four of our Stained Glass Windows in the Tower

CROSS WINDOW

The cross is in three pieces to represent the Trinity.

The background (sky) is in twelve pieces for the twelve apostles.

The ground is in one piece representing our one Faith in which the cross is rooted.



BIBLE WINDOW

The two pages represent the Old and New Testaments. The New Testament page is split by a red bookmark representing the blood of Christ that flowed for our sins.

The edge of the pages are gold representing this world's riches. The blood of Christ cuts through these riches to touch our sins represented by the black in the cover of the Bible.

The purple in the background represents the royal nature of God's Word.

CUP WINDOW

The wine in the cup represents the blood of Christ as He indicated in the Last Supper.



FISHES AND LOAF

There are two fish representing the Old and New Testament. The one fish lays over the other, as the Old Testament formed the foundation for the New. The New Testament is complete and is now our complete guide.

There is one loaf representing one Christ who is our one Bread of Life.

Everette Humphrey