



# Evergreen News

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## From the DoYM

### September Harvest

After the blizzards and after the drifts, after the snowbanks and temperature shifts...After the blossoms from light colored buds, after the rainstorms and after the floods...After the heat from the high summer sun, after the grain that is ripe for autumn...come September harvest. When old farmer Elmer is out on his field, reaping the harvest with plenteous yield, reminding me fully of lost, lonely souls, that we need to harvest from Satan's controls. To he who repents and to he who believes, to all who accept Him, to all of the sheaves...come September harvest. The harvest is plenty with laborers few but these are the souls that we need to get to. If we love our neighbors as we ourselves love -(you must know by now what I'm speaking of...)For though this big world is in stark opposition, we recommit fully for this great mission...come September harvest .

By: Louis Gander

On a recent Wednesday evening, the youth were sharing their PPPP (peaks, pits, prayers & praises), one youth said North Korea. This sent the group into chatter mode, "was this youth going to North Korea?" I quickly said, "don't you know their family are international ambassadors?" I of course was not serious, but it did spark a discussion on what an international ambassador is.

I really wanted to make it clear that we are ambassadors of Christ. An ambassador serves as representative speaking for an entire community as well as a living example of that community. When someone looks at an ambassador, they should have a really good idea of what their community may be like.

This is what God had in mind when he chose the Israelites. In Exodus 19:5-6, we see God establishing who the Israelites will be, His "treasured possession", "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." We can see that God is setting them apart, they are going to be "uniquely at God's disposal." (Peterson, Engaging with God) The Israelites were to demonstrate what it means to live under God's rule, as priests they would serve God alone – an example for the whole world. The Israelites were going to be God's ambassadors, set apart to live a life that points to God. The life they were to live was going to be different, but it was going to represent the character of God.

The character of God is the reason for which His followers choose to worship Him. We recognize God as creator as well as savior. The Israelites would have seen Him the same way, but God offers Moses some more specific attributes. In Exodus 34, we learn that God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, forgiving and yet just. These are the characteristics that He wants His kingdom of priests to display to the world. His people set apart are to live lives of worship. This is not the worship limited to Sunday mornings, rather it is a way of life that encompasses the whole of one's life. God has given them a reason to worship: His character and His actions. Before God gives the law, He acts first and rescues them from the Egyptians.

Christ followers, like their forerunners the Israelites, are given instructions by Jesus in regards to being His ambassadors. In Matthew 20, Jesus makes it clear that serving is the key attribute of His followers. His example is lived out, He came to give life abundantly to mankind contrary to what the religious leaders of life were doing by imposing strict demands upon the people. Jesus tells us what the greatest commands are, to love God and others as ourselves.

We are to recognize Jesus not only as our Savior but as our King, our Lord. If we are willing to submit to Him as our king, we must be obedient to Him. Jesus thoroughly explains what His kingdom will be like through parables. As we seek to build His kingdom, we are responsible to be good ambassadors.

When people look at you, at me, at us – do they recognize us as different? Is it obvious that we are not from here, that we represent something different than this world? When they see us, do they see Jesus? Are we the international ambassadors that God calls us to be in this world? What are you ambassador for?

For Him and His Church  
Shawn

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<b>Promotion 3</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>Early Service</b> 8 am <b>Sunday</b> <b>School</b> 9:15 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Church Office</b> <b>Closed</b>  <b>WWW</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 7 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Tiny Timbers</b> <b>Meet the</b> <b>Teacher</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Tiny Timbers</b> <b>Meet the</b> <b>Teacher</b>  <b>Youth</b> 7 pm	<b>7</b> <b>Tiny Timbers</b> <b>Orientation</b> 6 pm <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <b>Choir</b> 7 pm	<b>8</b> <b>Prayer Shawl</b> <b>Ministry</b> 9:30 am	<b>9</b> <b>Deacon</b> <b>Retreat</b>  <b>Pavilion/FH</b> <b>Reserved</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Early Service</b> 8 am <b>Sunday</b> <b>School</b> 9:15 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am <b>COBYS Bike</b> <b>&amp; Hike</b> 1 pm	<b>11</b> <b>Tiny Timbers</b> <b>First Day of</b> <b>School</b>  <b>WWW</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Tiny Timbers</b> <b>Committee</b> 7 pm	<b>12</b> <b>Tiny Timbers</b> <b>First Day of</b> <b>School</b>  <b>Commissions</b> 7 pm <b>Board</b> 8 pm	<b>13</b> <b>Youth</b> 7 pm	<b>14</b> <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <b>Choir</b> 7 pm	<b>15</b> <b>Youth Uprise</b> <b>Festival</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Youth Uprise</b> <b>Festival</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Early Service</b> 8 am <b>Sunday</b> <b>School &amp;</b> <b>DWGT</b> 9:15 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am	<b>18</b> <b>WWW</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 7 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Youth</b> 7 pm	<b>21</b> <b>EA Pastor's</b> <b>Lunch Noon</b>  <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <b>Choir</b> 7 pm	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> <b>E-town Block</b> <b>Party</b> 1:30 pm
<b>24</b> <b>Early Service</b> 8 am <b>Sunday</b> <b>School &amp;</b> <b>DWGT</b> 9:15 am <b>Worship</b> 10:30 am	<b>25</b> <b>WWW</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 7 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Deacon</b> 7 pm	<b>27</b> <b>Youth</b> 7 pm	<b>28</b> <b>Men's Bible</b> <b>Study</b> <b>Choir</b> 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## Tiny Timbers Tidbits



### Twentieth Year for Tiny Timbers "Teaching children through the love of Jesus"

Hi Church members and friends,

God has been good to us at Tiny Timbers Christian Preschool! We will be starting our twentieth year! The Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes start on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and the Tuesday, Thursday classes start on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Some of the children will be returning from last year and others will be coming for the very first time. Please keep all the students, families and staff in your prayers as they begin a new school year. As I type this, we are blessed with enough children to fill three classes and have 3 openings in our Tuesday, Thursday afternoon class.

Our staff is eager to start and have been working on getting things together for the start of school. The Teachers will be meeting with each student and their parents, on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September. This is a time for the child, the parents and the teacher to get to know each other a little better before school actually starts. We will have an Orientation on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of September in the evening. This is a time for the children to play with the students that will be in their class and for the parents to fill out paperwork and receive additional information about Tiny Timbers. The staff will be working hard to get the rooms ready on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our staff in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes includes the Teacher's Aides, Teresa Hellein and Cindy Collins. Sherry Longenecker will not be with us this year. She has been with us for eight years and will be missed by all. We pray God's blessing upon her and her future plans. We are looking forward to working with our new teacher for the MWF classes which is Andrea Famous. Andrea is British. She is married and has two children. Joseph is almost 9 and starting 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Donegal and Noah is almost 5. She also works as a Preschool teacher at Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church. If you see Andrea please give her a very big, friendly welcome!!

In the Tuesday, Thursday classes the Teacher's Aide is Ruthie Hollinger and the Teacher is Natalie Gordon.

The Tiny Timbers Board Committee includes Christie Farmer, Sarah Clugston, Cindy Seitz, Marcia Hawthorne, Dennis Saylor and Paula Jones. We are under the spiritual guidance of the Witness Commission of West Green Tree.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support throughout these twenty years at Tiny Timbers. I know you all have a heart and a lot of love for Tiny Timbers. I know the families, children and staff have felt that love. We praise God for these precious little lives that are in our care every day.

**Children are a blessing and a gift from the LORD. Psalm 127:3**

In Love,  
Cindy Seitz

### VBS Wrap-Up



As summer is winding down and school is right around the corner I want to take the time to thank each of you for your support with this year's VBS! We had an amazing week learning about how God Made You... to trust Him, to follow Jesus, to help others & to shine! Thank you for volunteering, donating supplies & praying for this outreach. The kids collected items and monetary donations for Kids Caring Closet through COBYS. We collected over 100 items and \$732.38. Jerry and I enjoy organizing VBS with your help executing the vision.

Until next summer...  
Allison & Jerry Huber

**Items needed for the new year at Tiny Timbers**

If anyone is willing to donate these items for Tiny Timbers it would be deeply appreciated. You can put them by the Tiny Timbers office or place on top of the cubbies or on a hook under them. Please mark them "For Tiny Timbers. Thank you for your kindness and Love.

- Paper Towels, Tissues-Long Boxes,
- Baby Wipes, napkins,
- Tall Kitchen garbage bags, Magic cleaning erasers
- Liquid hand soap (not anti-bacterial), plastic spoons
- Lysol in a spray can
- Baggies- Quart , sandwich, snack or gallon size

**Thank You!**

We want to express our gratitude for the support of our church family. Thank you for your continued support as we seek to follow God's call on our lives. We are overwhelmed at your response to support our educational needs. Our God is good all the time.



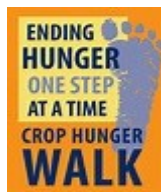
For Him and His Church,  
Cody Schwanger and Shawn O'Brien



Kids Choir practice will be starting Sunday, September 10th @ 10 AM at the end of the Sunday School hour. We are excited to start working with kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade prepare for special music toward the beginning of the 10:30 worship service on the 4th Sundays of the month. The Kids Choir Leaders are Liane Sucharski, Allison Huber, & Ryan Arndt. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Allison Huber.

**Crop Walk**

The Elizabethtown Crop Walk to help fight hunger is Sunday October 15th, at 1 pm. Starting at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church to Masonic Village and back to the church. See Jim Shumate for sponsor/registration forms to sign yourself up or you can sponsor someone else to do the walk. 25% of the proceeds go to E-town Food Bank.



**Anniversaries**

- 9/3 - Larry & Linda Brosey
- 9/4 - Steve & Nel Bender  
- Dennis & Ann Saylor
- 9/5 - Ken & Margaret Stoppard
- 9/7 - David & Joanne Arndt
- 9/13 - Ned & Margaret Stumpf  
- Ron & Wanda Winters
- 9/15 - Daryl & Angie Harnish
- 9/16 - Steve & Mindy Smith
- 9/19 - Phil & Donna Hollinger
- 9/20 - Jim & Ruthanne Gruber
- 9/21 - Matt & Heather Haverkamp
- 9/24 - Shawn & Mandy O'Brien
- 9/27 - Scott & Pam Carlson

**Birthdays**

- 9/1 - Dave Hawthorne
- 9/3 - Steve Bender, Barb Haverkamp
- 9/5 - Ryan Arndt
- 9/6 - Steve Hiller
- 9/7 - Enya Smith, Casey Tippett,  
Jaxxon Bixler
- 9/10 - Phil Hollinger
- 9/11 - Dennis Saylor
- 9/13 - Ned Stumpf
- 9/15 - Steve Dupler, Michele Gruber
- 9/17 - Christie Farmer
- 9/19 - Richard Fazenbaker,  
Marlin Kershner
- 9/21 - Sue Brooks
- 9/22 - Ed Horst
- 9/23 - Cindy Drawbaugh
- 9/24 - Gretchen Garber
- 9/25 - Gene Walmer
- 9/26 - Marilyn Keener
- 9/28 - Anthony Dupler, Isaiah Sheetz
- 9/29 - Kayley Kershner
- 9/30 - Shawn Cannon, Ken Stoppard

**Love Feast is  
Sunday, October 1st  
at 6 pm**

### September Servants

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
<b>Scripture &amp; Sermon</b>	Luke 19:1-10 Redemption Demands Evidence Pastor Mick	Luke 19:1-10 Have You Been Faithful? Pastor Mick	Glad Tidings India Project	Matthew 24:1-14 Lord, Give Us a Sign Pastor Mick
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Leslie Allen	Ryan Arndt	Leslie Allen	Ryan Arndt
<b>Special Music</b>	Dawn Dupler	Mixed Group		Piano/Organ
<b>Chorister</b>	June Kolp	Glenn Weaver	June Kolp	Regena Tripp
<b>Greeters 8 am</b>	Laurie Hollinger & Luetta Hess	Chad & Audrey Garber	Ralph Daniels & Luetta Hess	Zane Seitz
<b>Greeters 10:30 am</b>	Steve & Duane Bender	Cody Schwanger	Mel & Brenda Geib	Phil & Donna Hollinger
<b>Welcome Center 8 am</b>	June Kolp	Kathy Martin	Mary Jane McClenaghan	Mandy & Noelle O'Brien
<b>Welcome Center 10:30 am</b>	Colton & Brienna Brown	Don & Ruthie Hollinger	Ralph Daniels	Phil & Donna Hollinger
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Audrey Garber	Ralph Daniels	Brenda Axe	Linda Tripp
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class
<b>Deacons/Anointing</b>	June Kolp	Jeff & Dori Schwanger	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Matt & Heather Haverkamp
<b>Sound Room 8 am</b>	Duane Martin & Zane Seitz	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt	Jerry Huber & Nick Sieber	Jerry Huber & Duane Martin
<b>Sound Room 10:30 am</b>	Jeff Schwanger & Jason Leonard	Duane Martin & Nick Sieber	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Zane Seitz & Jason Leonard
<b>8 am Nursery/Toddler</b>		Linda Spickler & Hailey Tippet	Adrienne & Grace Fellenbaum	
<b>10:30 am Nursery/Toddler</b>	Chad & Audrey Garber	The Huber Family	Marilyn Keener & Nick Ellison	Cindy Seitz & Kelsey Hollinger

### July & August Stats

	July 23	July 30	August 6	August 13	August 20
<b>Total Worship</b>	163	164	184	62	153
<b>Sunday School</b>	98	None Reported	103	NONE	None Reported
<b>General</b>	\$3,803.00	\$3,621.00	\$4,524.00	\$1,577.60	\$5,356.00
<b>Building</b>				\$520.00	
<b>Deacon</b>	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$233.00	\$25.00	\$500.00
<b>Seminary</b>		\$630.00	\$1,305.00	\$1,690.00	\$65.00

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Our Purpose Statement  
*"We intentionally develop friends of  
Jesus Christ by sharing God's love  
through words and deeds."*

Sunday Service Times:

Contemporary Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Service Times:

Jr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm

Sr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm