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Sunday Worship and Study Times
 Bible School.....9:30 AM
 Sunday AM Worship.....10:30 AM
 Youth Groups and Adult Bible Study.....6:00 PM

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DATES TO NOTE

September 30
 6:30 PM Walk Through

October 7
 6:30 PMWalk Through

October 12
 5:30 PM First Care Ministry Meeting

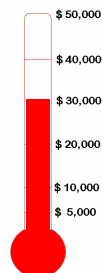
October 14
 6:30 PMWalk Through
 7:15 PMWorship Ministry Meeting

October 15
 ... Leadership reports due ...

FACTS AND FIGURES

09-20-09	General Fund	\$1904.94
09-20-09	Missions	\$ 842.80
09-20-09	Roof	\$ 100.00

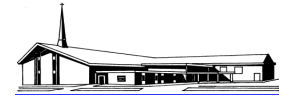
09-27-09	General Fund	\$1687.88
09-27-09	Missions	\$ 723.38
09-27-09	Roof	\$ 125.00



**FCC ROOF
 PROJECT TOTAL
 \$32,200.10**



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For the past couple of weeks, the adults have been studying and discussing one of the most critically important issues that the church (both locally and universally) faces... namely, passing our faith in God and His Word to the next generations... our children and grandchildren. As many of you know, we began this focus by viewing a video report from Ken Ham of the Answers in Genesis ministry. Most of what follows here are some of the facts that Ken reported:

Statistics reveal a huge disconnect taking place between our children and their church experience...

Nationwide polls and denominational reports are showing that the next generation is calling it quits on the traditional church. And it's not just happening on the nominal fringe; it's happening at the core of the faith. Recent and irrefutable statistics are forcing us to face the truth. Respected pollster George Barna was one of the first to put numbers to the epidemic. Based on interviews with 22,000 adults and over 2,000 teenagers in 25 separate surveys, Barna unquestionably quantified the seriousness of the situation: **six out of ten 20-somethings who were involved in a church during their teen years are already gone.**

As the chairman of America's Research Group, and as a leading marketing research and business analyst expert, Britt Beemer specializes in studying human behavior. In the first scientific study of its kind, the “Beemer Report” reveals startling facts discovered through 20,000 phone calls and detailed surveys of a thousand 20–29 year olds who used to attend evangelical churches on a regular basis, but have since left it behind.

Of all the 20 to 29-year-old evangelicals who attended church regularly but no longer do so:

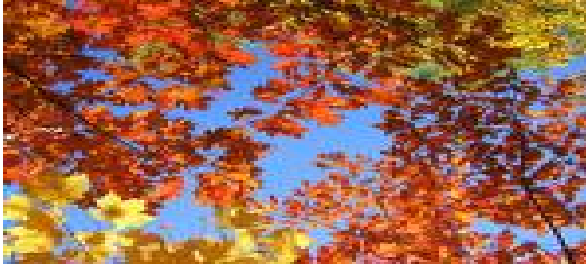
95% of them attended church regularly during their elementary and middle school years
 55% attended church regularly during high school
 11% were still going to church during college

Those who no longer believe that all of the accounts and stories in the Bible are true:

39.8% first had doubts in middle school
 43.7% first had their doubts in high school
 10.6% had their first doubts during college

The trends are frightening, but we plan to spend our study time for the next few weeks seeking answers and solutions that we can use to stop and reverse this... so that we can successful raise the next generation, not only to place their faith in God, but also to keep it throughout their lives and pass it on to the generations that follow! Plan now to use your Sunday evenings to prepare yourself for this mission.

~Philip~



SPECIAL THANKS

The Ratcliffe Family (Kris, Sondra, and Rex) would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, and calls that were given in memory of their mother Dorothy Ratcliffe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

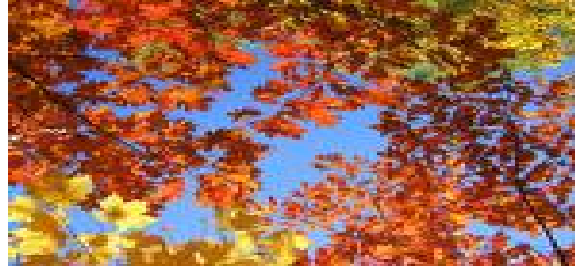
We are needing help on Sunday mornings with the 2 and 3 year olds. If you could help out in this class just every other month, please contact the Youth Ministry. Your help will be very much appreciated!

FIRST CARE FIELD TRIP

On September 15th First Care went to the Brumbaugh Fruit Farm. The children enjoyed a hay ride and a tour of the farm. There were 29 children, 19 parents, and 4 staff members present.

The children learned how the apples are picked and why bees are so important to an orchard. They each received an apple and a pumpkin to take home too.

A good time was had by all!



LEADERSHIP MEETING

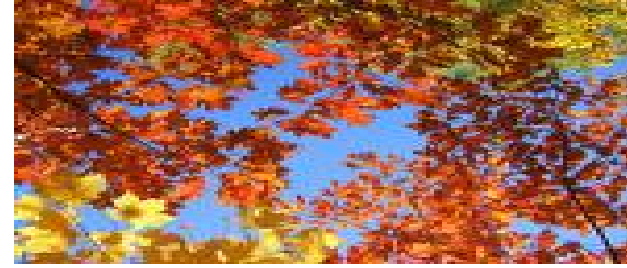
The October Leadership Meeting will be Monday, October 19th. Leadership reports are due, Thursday, October 15th. The text to read is chapter three, "Constrained Into Conflict: Why We Must Fight For The Faith," pp. 78—? Chuck Glunt will be leading devotions.

UPCOMING SEMINAR

There will be a Free Program concerning healthcare decisions on October 15th, sponsored by Ball Memorial Hospice. Check out the bulletin board for more information and schedule of events.

WCCH BENEFIT AUCTION

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home will be having their annual Auction and Dinner on Saturday, October 17th. Look for the letter and details on our bulletin board, located on the wall in the north hallway.

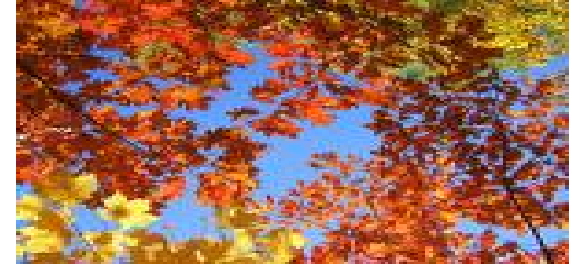


READ THE BIBLE

The all-time best seller in books, the Bible is in many homes and in all hotel and motel rooms. Unfortunately, much of the time it sits on the shelf or lies in the drawer unopened and unread. The Bible is many things. It is history, magnificently written. It is sublime poetry. It is breathtaking prophecy, and it is accumulated wisdom of the ages. Most importantly, it is the Word of God. The Bible offers solace when sorrow strikes, thankfulness when there is joy, help in times of stress, humbleness in victory, peace when there is conflict, and guidance in facing problems. In short, Nothing is more worth the reading!

INDIANA CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The upcoming event, Courage to Lead, is on November 7th at Mount Pleasant Christian Church. Registration is free. Please contact Doug or the Elders to get signed up by Sunday, October 4th.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Those Who Need to Become Christians

Home (Health Concerns):

Aaron Bruner; Ike Dalzell; Mo Dalzell; Carl Harris, neighbor of Rex and Vicki Ratcliffe; Shane Hines, friend of Brent and Stephen Boyer; Joanna Hodgin, Barbara Quick's sister; Karmen Kellams; Alisha Knoll; Marshall Meyers; Joe, Eula, and Rochella Newland; Mary Norris; Cy Riley; Harry Williams, Amy Phenis' brother-in-law; Wayne Williams

Our Missionaries including:

His Seed Sowers

Those Serving in the Military

Home (Cancer):

Joyce Breeding, Charlie Cole's niece; Carl Howard, chemo treatments; Sage Isaacs, great-niece of Anna Cross; Gayle Large, Philip Williams' sister; Naomi Schmitt, Rebecca Glunt's mother; Ted Thompson

Assisted Living and/or Nursing home:

Arbor Trace: Frank Johnnting

Forest Park: Dorothy Funk

Randolph Nursing Home: Virginia Frazier

Summers Pointe: Beulah Kirk

These names and concerns have been reported or up-dated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.