



SEPTEMBER CHALLENGES

Do you remember when school started in September, the day after Labor Day, and ended around June 15th? There were no late Fall or Spring Breaks (at least not in the school systems in the St. Louis where I grew up). With September, there was always the challenge of getting back to the norm of education and the exciting adventure of meeting the challenges of the next higher level of education (and the pride of being at that higher level).

A major challenge for some of us this month will be the challenge of getting back into the swing of Thursday Bible Study, PW&M, choir practice, and Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship. All of us have never been involved in all of these activities and that's understandable. Let's meet the challenges of getting back into the midst of those that have been meaningful for us in the past. Let's not forget that for a church activity to be available for someone looking for more opportunity to enrich their spiritual lives we have to be there for them. Let's do it early in September and with a spirit of excitement. Let's approach the challenges as opportunities for adventuring with our Lord Jesus Christ. Never forget that living for Jesus is an exciting adventure.

Let's make this hymn our special hymn for September:

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with your love;
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts with praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

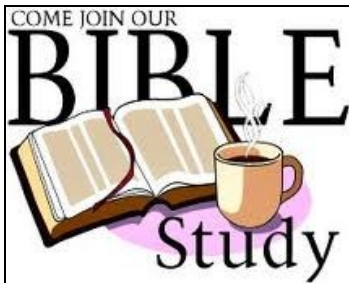
God bless! Fred



CHURCH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 10TH AT BROWNS BEACH - FOLLOWING WORSHIP

July Income - \$4,262.00
July Expenses - \$6,714.16



THURSDAYS, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO NOON IN
MEMORIAL HALL. MEN & WOMEN WELCOME.

Coffee & Fellowship



Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a
Danish or cookies and wonderful fellowship
on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in
Memorial Hall!

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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 3rd
“What Are We Planning?”
Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
COMMUNION



SEPTEMBER 10th
“Pleasure”
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
CHURCH PICNIC AT BROWN’S BEACH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17th
Guest Pastor, “Cindy Saul”
BLESSING OF THE FOOD PANTRY



SEPTEMBER 24th
Guest Pastor, “Cindy Saul”
MINUTE FOR MISSION



USHERS & GREETERS

CHURCH USHERS/GREETERS

September 3 - Irene Bere & Dr. Simons
 September 10 - Ken Hobart & Amy Johnson
 September 17 - Celia & Roger Millard
 September 24 - Faye Brackett & Sandy Erickson

COMMUNION SERVERS

Ed & Peni Lloyd

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR. - 2017

September 3 - Faith, Pine Bluff
 September 10 - Central, Pine Bluff
 September 17 - First, Brinkley
 September 24 - First, Gurdon



First, Beebe
 Church Camp Ministries
 First, Jonesboro
 Churches in Presbyteries in Honduras

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

September

September 1 - Tywillah Schauer
 September 12 - Gloria Wiles
 September 29 - Pam Hobart



October

October 12 - Elaine Miller
 October 17 - Nancy Soares

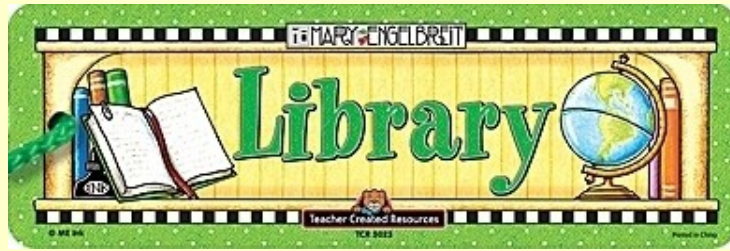
ANNIVERSARIES

September 1 - Dick & Jini Sass
 September 2 - Ken & Pam Hobart

October 22 - Bruce & Lee Powell



LIBRARY LINES - SEPTEMBER 2017



A new fiction book was donated to the library: book 1 - LOVE STORY by Karen Kingsbury.

"From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a new book featuring everyone's favorite family—the Baxter's, which tells the story of how John and Elizabeth first fell in love.

From the day they met, John and Elizabeth were destined to fall in love. Their whirlwind romance started when they were young college students and lasted nearly thirty years—until Elizabeth died of cancer.

So when John Baxter is asked to relive his long-ago love story with Elizabeth for his grandson Cole's heritage project, he's not sure he can do it. The sadness might simply be too great. But he agrees and allows his heart and soul to go places they haven't gone in decades. Back to the breathless first moments, but also to the secret heartbreak that brought John and Elizabeth together.

At the same time, Baxter family friend Cody Coleman is working through the breakup of his complicated relationship with Andi Ellison. He is determined to move on when a chance sighting changes his plans—and heart. Can Cody convince Andi to give their love another try, or is it time for them to say goodbye for good?

As school comes to an end, Cole presents his report on the love story between his grandparents John and Elizabeth Baxter. It is a tale that touches the hearts of the entire family, and one that causes Cole to better understand his own beginning.

Whether you're meeting the Baxter family for the first time or finding them all over again, Love Story will stir your heart and remind you of the generational impact of love and the eternal bond of family."

Faye Brackett, Librarian



MISSION MINUTE

SEPTEMBER 2017



Michele Hendrix remembers the moment her life changed. Floating above her hospital bed, she saw her beloved pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston praying for her. She was just 33 years old. "It wasn't a beautiful story," she says now. "I was kind of suspended in time, watching the sadness of my husband, with our 4-year-old twins — a boy and a girl — and 6-year-old daughter, feeling that kind of sorrow."

Hendrix, now 65, is president of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN). She survived that three-week hospital stay in 1985, when doctors discovered a tumor on her bladder. She also had blood clots in her lungs and pneumonia.

Having emotionally experienced what dying might be like, Hendrix no longer took any day for granted. Her personal mission became "making Jesus visible" by doing everything she could to make a difference, by "smiling at the face of an older person in the grocery store" or "stopping to talk with a homeless person."

She also began volunteering at her home church, Grace Presbyterian, in older adult ministries. Eventually she was named director and pastoral care assistant for the ministry. "I could relate to the struggle we all face in the journey of life, from birth to death," she said. "The loss that came with my feeling of being suspended in time helped me see both the beauty and challenge of ministering to older adults."

Hendrix calls those 20 years of service in ministry to older adults "a gift" because she began to see that "with age comes wisdom, with wisdom comes grace, with grace comes acceptance and with acceptance comes understanding."

Hendrix shared some of what she's learned in Older Adult Ministry at the recent 7th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality at Concordia University in Chicago. During the conference, which POAMN helped sponsor, Hendrix co-led an experiential session, "The Church as a 'Go-To Place' for Caregivers." She argues passionately for the church to come up with a compassionate response to challenges facing aging populations, their families and society. By 2030, it's estimated that 72.8 million adults — 20 percent of U.S. residents — will be 65 or older, and most members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are in this category. "I talked about how older adults are going through so many losses," Hendrix said, "including the loss of their church. When they can no longer walk inside its walls, they feel disposable."

Hendrix hears from those who are hurting, including entire families who usually go to their home congregations for help. Those churches often come to POAMN for assistance.

"Our time has come," Hendrix said. "Everything POAMN does is mission for the church. We believe it is wise to prepare all ages and all generations to navigate this journey of life together." That's what she learned in the moment when she thought her time had come — and in her call to serve in older adult ministries. At Grace, more than 800 senior adults and 800 baby boomers were under her care.

"It was critical for us to have someone we could relate to, someone to empower and equip us for the different phases on the journey of aging," she said. "Together we learned how to develop ministries and resources to meet completely differently needs and interests of multiple generations."

"It is special and sacred to minister and learn from those who often are the most vulnerable, the most fragile and the most frightened."

The Evangelism area of Theology, Formation & Evangelism at the PC(USA) serves as a liaison to POAMN. Ray Jones, the ministry's associate director, attended the international conference and called it "a great learning opportunity." "I'm discovering they're making a difference in congregational life, helping older adults grow in discipleship in ministry beyond retirement, and helping intergenerational populations better deal with losses that come with the aging process."

[Paul Seebeck, Mission Communications Strategist, Video and Digital Asset Management, Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

- Submitted by the Mission Committee

BULL SHOALS FOOD PANTRY - NEWSLETTER

(By the Community, for the Community)

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May - June 2017

The rains have ended, but the heat rushed in on a "freight train" or so it seems, and it does make it difficult to keep a garden growing, but hopefully those of you who garden are able to keep up with this heat and reap a plentiful harvest.

Many times people ask "why do we need a Food Pantry" but as the numbers below will show, there is a great need for our pantry due to demographics, single households, and lack of well paying jobs within the area.

According to the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), the following applies: Using the second level of a four tiered chart (the "low cost plan") a family of 1 female and 1 male age 51 – 70 can plan to spend \$471.90 per month and a family of 2 adults and 2 children under this plan will spend approximately \$846.60 per month. The four levels are 1) Thrifty, 2) Low Cost, 3) Moderate Cost and 4) Liberal. These food plans represent a nutritious diet at all four levels. The nutritional bases of these food plans are the 1997-2005 Dietary Reference Intakes, 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the 2005 My Pyramid Food Intake recommendations. Another basis of the Food Plans is that all meals and snacks are prepared at home.

These numbers are just part of the "Big Picture"; the Federal Poverty levels are \$12,060.00 for 1 person, \$16,240.00 for 2 people, and \$24,600.00 for a family of four. Using these numbers, a family of four will spend approximately \$10,159.20 for food leaving \$14,440.80 for all other expenses including insurance, transportation, utilities and housing. In addition, Marion County, Arkansas has 18.9% of the population below the poverty level. Whereas, overall, the cost of living in Marion County is lower than a lot of areas and these numbers are "national", there is still a great need to keep the shelves full at our Pantry so we can help those who are food insecure.

The "**JULY JUBILEE**" event at Danuser City Park on July 1st saw many people coming out to enjoy the food, games and wonderful "baked goods" provided by the members of the First Baptist Church of Bull Shoals (and they had wonderful baked goods for sale), plus the bounce house and face painting for the children (and even some adults got into the fun of having their face painted).

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I wonder if a certain lady went to church with her 'painted face'? A big, big THANK YOU to Rosemarie Ward for all the planning and work, Dottie Smith and her daughter Debbie (she is the face paint Artist), Nancy Schuyler, Rhonda Clingensmith and Barb Carlin for all their work in preparing and serving the food, and numerous other volunteers (selling tickets, giving breaks, etc) and businesses who all helped make the Jubilee a success. And a Great Big Thank You to the Diamond River Band who volunteered to play all afternoon with some great music for everyone to enjoy.

At the end of May the Food Pantry held their 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic (inside, at the Presbyterian Memorial Hall), and we had a wonderful turnout. A picnic with no wind, chiggers, dust or flies, who could ask for more??? The salads and desserts were all made by the Food Pantry Board members and WalMart helped out with the purchase of meat and condiments. There was also an anonymous donation that allowed us to present each volunteer with a "thank you" gift for all they do, and Rosemarie Ward set up Bingo for everyone who wished to play and there were some very funny prizes given out. Without you, our Volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do all we do, so THANK YOU!!!!

The Food Pantry is proud to announce their new program, "The Food Pantry Flippin Annex" which allows people within the Flippin area who don't have reliable transportation to be able to receive food on a monthly basis by appointment. (Please call Bonnie Galvan or Sharon Arra for more information about this program). Volunteers package boxes with food and twice a month (on Tuesday's) this food is taken to Flippin for people to pick up at their appointed time. After a client's first visit, they are given a list of foods available for the next month that they can choose items they will eat for the next delivery.

Remember, if you have some time to give, call a Pantry Board Member, or stop by during our open hours, and see if you would enjoy becoming part of our "Food Pantry Family".

Who Can You Call? Our Manager, Bonnie Galvan 870-431-4338 or Peni Lloyd (newsletter) 870-656-5033

Feb/Mar by the numbers:

Number of Households served: 282

Total Number of People: 657

Pounds of food donated: 4,198.2

Total Volunteer Hours: 743

Commodity Pounds: 2,652

Total Pounds distributed: 14100 (est)

*When we realize the depth of our need for mercy,
We can more readily offer mercy to others.*

Till We Speak Again

SEPTEMBER 2017

A good friend of mine was telling me her son was about to retire and was dreading it. He is afraid he will turn into a couch potato and do nothing but watch T.V. and waste his precious retirement years. She also confided that she was fresh out of advise to give him. Well, you know me!! I told her to tell him to " Find his JOY"!! When you put these sorts of things into Jesus hands, by putting him first, things just sort of fall into place.

Place others second. This is possible by volunteering. There are many opportunities available through volunteering, and many places where he can make a difference. These are just a few samples: homeless shelters, thrift stores, prison ministries, food pantries, programs for the elderly, mentoring teens, hospital organizations, church organizations, civic clubs, and library reading programs for children. I'm sure there are even a few where his interest and talents lie. He could really make a difference if others come second after Jesus.

Yourself last....believe it or not, there will still be time left over to do the fun things he waited his whole life to do in retirement: sleep late, watch T.V., play golf, fish, go camping, and oh yes mow the lawn. Retirement is not a time for idleness. It is a time to share your time, knowledge, and talents with our lord and with others. He will be so busy and so energized, he'll wonder how he ever had the time to work.

This is the advise I shared with my friend, Emma, to share with her son. "Find his JOY!"

Luv, Millie



SEPTEMBER PUZZLE

BibleWise

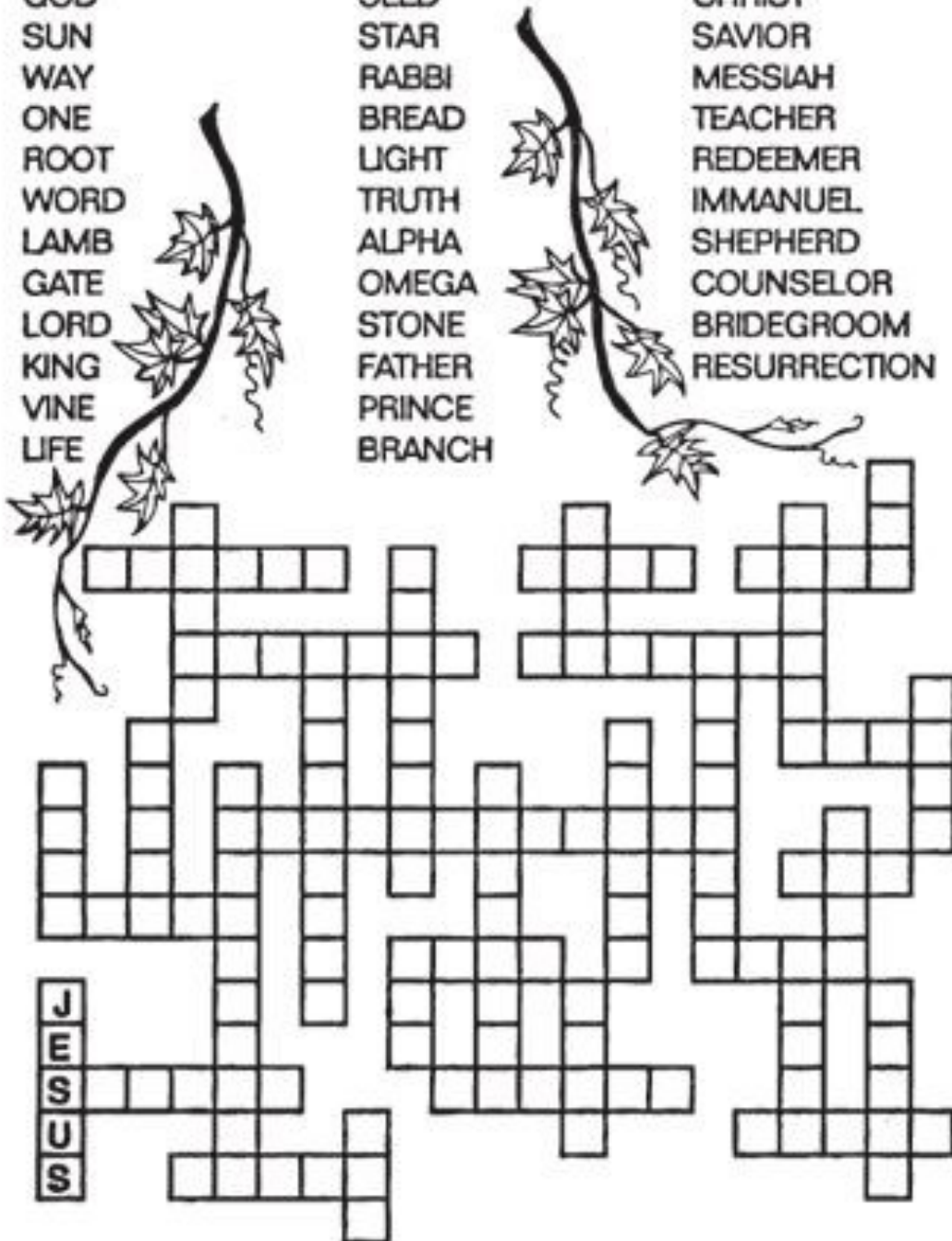
And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD
SUN
WAY
ONE
ROOT
WORD
LAMB
GATE
LORD
KING
VINE
LIFE

SEED
STAR
RABBI
BREAD
LIGHT
TRUTH
ALPHA
OMEGA
STONE
FATHER
PRINCE
BRANCH

CHRIST
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
TEACHER
REDEEMER
IMMANUEL
SHEPHERD
COUNSELOR
BRIDEGROOM
RESURRECTION



Neil de Vries and Mary Currier. More Bible Activities You Can Do. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

THIS WE BELIEVE FOR SEPTEMBER

**"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"
"Romans 6:23"**

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

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