



September 2019



# *The Church Bell*

"Follow the Bells"

## *A Note from Your Pastor*

"Talents"

Written by Pastor Casey  
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There was once a tall youth. He tried learning basketball and baseball during his childhood to no avail. He was approached many times by the track coach to join the team, which he eventually did. Was he good? Not so much. Regardless of the sport that he tried he was okay, but not good. That young, tall, youth was me. One thing I did excel in was music. Even in college I never found myself a sports person. And if you have had the same experience, that is okay.

There are people that have amazing athletic talent. I was not one of those people. If you have that talent then by all means use it, but do not be dismayed if your talent is different from another's. That is a good thing. We cannot all be football players, but we can all use our God-given talents together for the betterment of our community.

In everything you do, do it for the Lord. Together we build one another up. Apart we do nothing but create a big ego. Whether you are on the chess team or the football team, cheerleading squad or in the marching band use your gifts to lift one another up.

In the same way God has granted each of us a spiritual gift. Now there are many spiritual gifts according to 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:8-10. These gifts produce what is beneficial and are all from the same Spirit. "For", verse 12, "as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body – so also is Christ." Whether we are speaking of our Cortland community or our spiritual community each gift we have contributes to the whole.

So, I encourage you to use your gifts that you have been given by the Creator. Do everything as though you are doing it for the Lord, and if you do this, then where it really matters, you will please the right people, and you will please God.

*Pastor Casey Chapman*



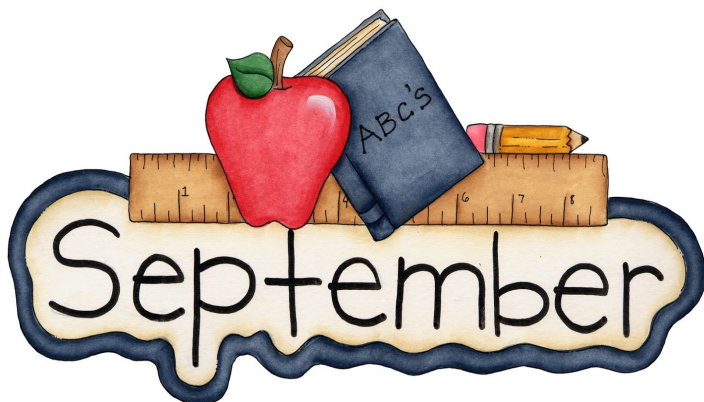
## September 2019 Worship Leaders

September 1	Amy Seger and Jeff Byler
September 8	Amy Popichak and Ron Miller
September 15	???????? and Sharon Hopkins
September 22	Curtis Bell and Linda Swauger
September 29	Jeff Byler and Carol Robinson

Deacons: Captain: Virginia Carr: 330-507-3313  
Chuck Chagnot, Katie Molnar, Sharon Polakoff,  
Carolyn Sparhawk and Linda Rogers

Deaconess: Ruth Young

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo



Pastor Casey

is in the office

8am-1pm Mon-Thurs.

If you need anything call the office

330-637-4611

Office is open

Monday-Thursday

8 am-1Pm

### August Coffee Fellowship



September 1 Bob and Betty Evans

September 8 Gail Peura and Amy Popichak

September 15 Brenda and Jeff Byler

September 22 CHURCH PICNIC

September 29 Carol Glancy and Effie Welch

## August 2019 Financial Report

**In order to function in the black, this church needs \$11,500.00 monthly to just maintain.**

### Month—August 1 to August - 31, 2019

Offering Received	\$ 8,567.00
Expenses	\$ 7,495.00
Balance	\$ 1,072.00

### Year to date— Jan 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019

Offering Received	\$ 80,838.00
Expenses	\$ 86,830.00
Balance	\$ -5,992.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.00

Mortgage \$ 99,000.00

## ***Happy Birthday***

***Sept. 2            Cherri Chapman***  
***Sept. 4            Greg Ainsley***  
***Sept. 14          Jack Hanna***  
***Sept. 15          Karen Miller***  
***Sept. 18          Rachel Miller***  
***Sept. 20          Ed Niemi***  
***Sept. 28          Terry Swauger***  
***Sept 29          Katie Molnar***



## ***Important September Meetings***

***Tues. September 10***  
***Finance Meeting***  
***6:15pm***  
***Board Meeting***  
***7pm***



## ***Happy Anniversary***

***September 7***  
***Nick and Rachel Miller***

***September 29***  
***John and Katie Molnar***

## ***Elders***

### ***Meetings***

***Third Thursday in month***  
***at 8 am or***  
***whenever they***  
***call on.***



## **The Cross**

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

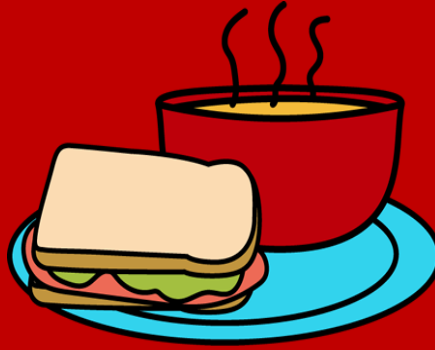
***Some people attend church three times***  
***in their lives:***  
***when they're hatched,***  
***when they are matched,***  
***and when they're dispatched.***

# Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Starts the New Season

Sept 19 11am-1pm

Sept 18 Prep Day



Always a need for your delicious *Pies, Pies, Pies* and  
we also need lots of help



L.O.A.F.

Methodist Church

Thursday, September 5

10 am

Any one wanting to be a part of this organization is welcome to come.

We need volunteers.

Pastor Casey is the new  
President of LOAF



## Church Picnic

~~~~ September 22 ~~~~

## Following Church Service

Fun Games, good burgers and picnic food,  
delicious desserts.

Y'all will come, won't ya?

And "Elvis" will be here to entertain us.

## *Breakfast with Friends*



Love. Grow. Serve.

*Saturday - September 7*

*10am*

*Four Star Restaurant*

## *Women of Worship*

*Every woman in this  
congregation is invited to  
attend.*

*We eat good food, talk and dis-  
cuss activities of the church and  
other topics.*

*It is just a nice time away with  
friends, get to know your church  
family. We are all pretty nice  
folks.*



## Parable:

My Grandfather Murai had a favorite parable: A sparrow heard that the sky was falling and lay down on his back. Along came one of the King's horsemen. He said, "What are you doing?" The sparrow said, "I heard the sky is falling and I'm holding it up." the horseman was amused; "Do You really think you can hold up the sky with those little legs?" And the sparrow said, "We do what we can."

When people volunteer to help, it means so much. It's a way of saying you're not helpless; you can change the world for the better. There is meaning in even the smallest action.

~ Author Unknown ~



## Pancakes

Six-year-old Dan decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor.

He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Dan was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly, he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically, he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

Just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Dan's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him.

Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process. That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky, we insult a friend, we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

Sometimes, we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying for God or for others. Sooner or later, we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.



# ***Mom and Dad: The Old Church on the Hill***

*Each fall, we go to the church Mom grew up attending. A*

*tiny country church with most members having grown up attending the same church all their lives.*

*They have a special afternoon of song and praise, good food, and just plain fun. Mom and Dad have attended as many times as they could over the years, and she would not be happy to miss it. So, on the same day as Hurricane Ike blew through Ohio, we went to that church.*

*There was a guest musical group in attendance– the 4 of them sing at churches all around, when they are not singing at their home church. And so it came that one of the songs one of the women in the group sang was, 'In My Daughter's Eyes.' I've heard this song about a thousand times and it's never come close to moving me, even a little. (Yeah, I know, bah humbug!) The group leader announced the singer, announced the song, and the woman began to sing, 'In My Daughter's Eyes'*

*Mom reached over and took my hand.*

*I turned and looked into her eyes.*

*So much trust...*

*So much love...*

*And she is now my "daughter"...*

*And I am now her "hero"...*

*And the people behind me see the exchange and I hear a sharp intake of breath behind me and then another, and still another.....*

*And I hear the rustling of clothing and the whispers and the gasps of involuntary sobs as more people look our way...the sharing of this touching moment throughout the entire congregation...*

*And it's like someone has reached into my chest and grabbed my heart and squeezed and it hurts more than anything!*

*As I drive away, I turn on the radio and reflect on the day. The radio plays softly, almost unnoticed– background noise. I reach a long stretch of straight away as the radio breaks through my reverie.*

*"In My Daughters Eyes." is the song playing on the radio.*

*And I pull over*

*And I still hear those sharp intakes of breath*

*and I still see that look in her eyes*

*and I cry.*

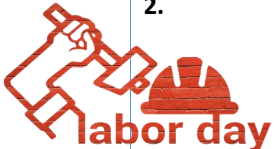




*By Ruth Young*

*A memory of her Mother*

*Written about a journey through Alzheimer's*

# September

2019

|                                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                                                        | Tue                                                                                   | Wed                                         | Thu                                                                                                        | Fri                                                                                     | Sat                                                                                    |
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| 1.  <b>labor day</b>                                    | 2.                                                                                                         | 3. Finance<br>6:15pm<br>Board Meeting<br><u>7pm</u>                                   |                                             | 5. L.O.A.F.<br>United Methodist<br><br><b>Aerobics</b>                                                     | 6.                                                                                      | 7. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                     |
| 8. Sunday Service 10 am<br><br><b>Grandparents Day</b>  | 9. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                                         | 10. Lighting The Way<br>Kids<br>6pm                                                   | 11. Joyful Noise                            | 12. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                                        | 13.  | 14. <b>Aerobics</b><br>Breakfast with<br>Friends 10am<br>at<br>Four Star<br>Restaurant |
| 15. Sunday Service 10 am<br><br>                        | 16. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                                        | 17.  | 18. Prep Day<br>for S/S<br><br>Joyful Noise | 19. Soup and<br>Sandwich<br><br><b>Aerobics</b>                                                            | 20.                                                                                     | 21. <b>Aerobics</b>                                                                    |
| 22. Sunday Service 10am<br><br>Elder Meeting 8am<br><u>Church Picnic</u>                                                                 | 23. <b>First Day of Fall</b><br><br><b>Aerobics</b>                                                        | 24. Lighting The Way<br>Kids<br>6pm                                                   | 25. Joyful Noise                            | 26. <br><b>Aerobics</b> | 27.                                                                                     | 28. <b>Aerobics</b><br>Quiz Night at St<br>Roberts                                     |
| 29. Sunday Service 10 am<br><br>                      | 30. <br><b>Aerobics</b> |                                                                                       |                                             |                                                                                                            |                                                                                         |                                                                                        |

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.

## Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista  
41 Heron Circle  
Cortland, Ohio  
44410  
330-637-1456

## Grace Wagner

Gillette Rehab  
Room 613  
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.  
Warren, Ohio 44483

Katie and John Molnar  
2444 Williams Drive  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Lauralee Lawrence  
124 Willow Street  
Cortland, Ohio  
44410

## Edwin Niemi

Lake Vista  
Apt. 207  
Mecca Street,  
Cortland, Ohio

## Kathie Bates

Room 105  
369 N. High Street  
Cortland, Ohio  
44410

## Kathy Miller

Shepherd of the Valley  
4100 North river Rd  
Warren, Ohio

## Pat Taylor

Room 212  
4100 North River Rd.  
Warren Ohio







Preparing for the new blacktop parking lot, lots of work for such a few people. Several trees had to be cut back, creating a pile of branches and brush. A whole tree in the corner had to be cut down . Divider in the parking lot had to be removed. The Dumpster and the surrounding fence had to be removed and moved to another location. All signs had to be pulled out. It took some time and labor to get this all done.

Below are some of the pictures of the shingles and the men working on the roof. It is all done and looking good.....







## Little Lambs Clothing Sale

Friday — October 4 10am -7pm  
Saturday —October 5 10am - 2pm

Stop over and shop  
for some very reasonably priced clothing, toys and  
playpens, etc. for babies, toddlers and  
children up to size 14

Good day for the sellers and  
a great day for the buyers

Coming in August  
or early  
September

Our parking lot is  
going to be paved this  
month, too. Our  
church will be looking  
good and be safer, too.

If you would like to  
donate to the parking  
lot fund, just mark  
your envelope and  
drop our donation in  
the offering tray.

Thank You!

We have a new roof  
and it is paid for.

Hooray!

Looking Good!



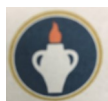
# The Gideons

The Gideons are the organization that places all the small pocket size bibles in churches, Dr. Offices, etc. They also furnish bibles for hotels to be put in individual rooms. You may have seen them at some time while on vacation.

With the contributions that were made through our church and many others during the year, the Gideons are able to engage people of all ages in our area. They handed them out at Shepherd of the Valley, Relay for Life, and the Baccalaureates at Maplewood High School Bloomfield High School, Champion High School, Leavitsburgh High School, Newton Falls High School, Bristolville High School, Niles McKinley High School, Howland High School and Lakeview High School. They were also at the African American Achievers Festival.

They were able to place about 3000 copies of God's Word, one by one, into the hands of our community at these events, many of whom will be teenagers. Souls are being reached. Souls are being saved for Christ! Your contributions are bearing fruit. Most importantly, please pray for the Harvest!

Glorious Blessings, Jim Giammarco  
Trumbull County Gideons



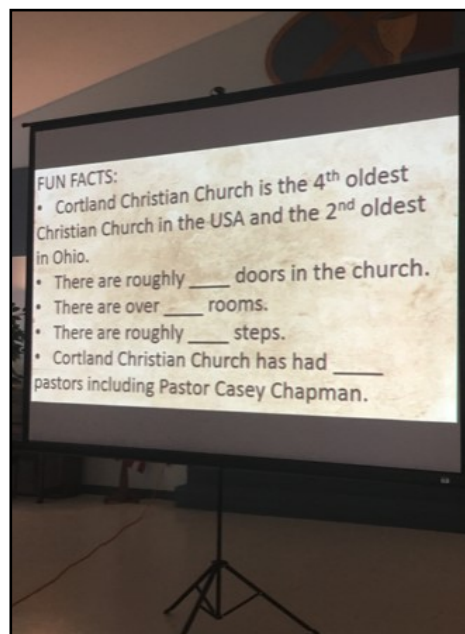
**Riddle 2** Removing an appendix is called an appendectomy, and removing tonsils is called a tonsillectomy. What is it called when they remove a growth from your head?



Pastor Casey,  
I certainly enjoy hearing from you & words of the church. It seems like amazing things are happening in the word of our Savior. You are the perfect <sup>pastor</sup> to lead them in your mission of discipleship.  
With a sad heart, I mention the loss of Lorin Hopkins & John Klamet. They were pillars of C.C.C.  
I am hopeful to plan a trip to Ohio in Oct. Right now, I am packing for a grandson's wedding in Oregon.  
Give my regards to many!  
may the Peace of the Lord be with you +  
Phyllis Hoke

Pastor Casey gave a very informative presentation of the history of Cortland Christian Church.

He started at the beginning of this church - 1828 and took us through the next 191 years until today.



Many trivia questions made this so much more fun and interesting.

I hope you didn't miss it.

Cortland Christian Church is 191 years old.





## Books in Our Library

**Come visit our Library in the Education Wing  
of the church across from the offices.**

### Riddle 1— Can you figure out the song?

A man is sitting in a pub feeling rather poor. He sees the man next to him pull a wad of \$50 bills out of his wallet. He turns to the rich man and says to him, "I have an amazing talent, I know almost every song that has ever existed." The rich man laughs. The poor man says "I am willing to bet you all the money you have in your wallet that I can sing a genuine song with a lady's name of your choice in it."

The rich man laughs again and says, "Ok, how about my daughter's name, Joanna Armstrong-Miller."

The rich man goes home poor. The poor man goes home rich.

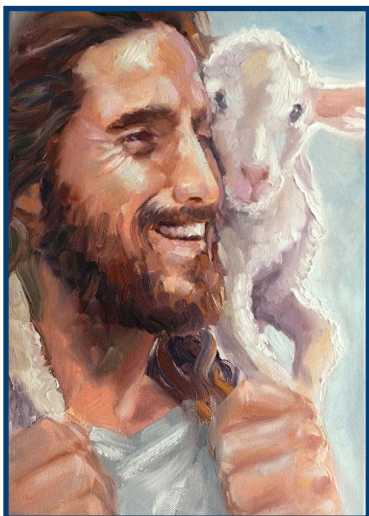
What song did he sing?

*Answer : Bottom of page 12*

**A pastor** never gets to say "I'm off duty"  
Never gets to punch out at 5. Never gets to  
have a normal schedule. We don't know  
how many sleepless nights they spend on  
their knees praying for their church. How  
much opposition they face. How many  
family opportunities they miss to meet with  
hurting people. We can't carry their burden  
for them but we can do what the Bible tells  
us to: **Pray for them. Encourage them.  
Support them.** By blessing them we will  
only be blessed in return.



GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT  
SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR  
BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS



**Lesson, activity or  
game and snacks.  
Meet new friends,  
and have fun  
together.**

**Bring a friend.**

### Lighting the Way

Ministry for children

3 years - Kindergarten



*Education Building*

Hope you had a wonderful fun filled Labor Day Weekend.

# HAPPY LABOR DAY



Artist



Doctor



Nurse



Mechanic



Farmer



Reporter

## A Survival Kit for Every Day Living

### Items Needed:

**Toothpick:** to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.

**Rubber Band:** to remind you to be flexible; things might not always go the way you want it to but it will work out.

**Band Aid:** to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.

**Pencil:** to remind you to list your blessings everyday.

**Eraser:** to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and that's OK.

**Chewing Gum:** to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

**Mint:** to remind you that you are worth a mint.

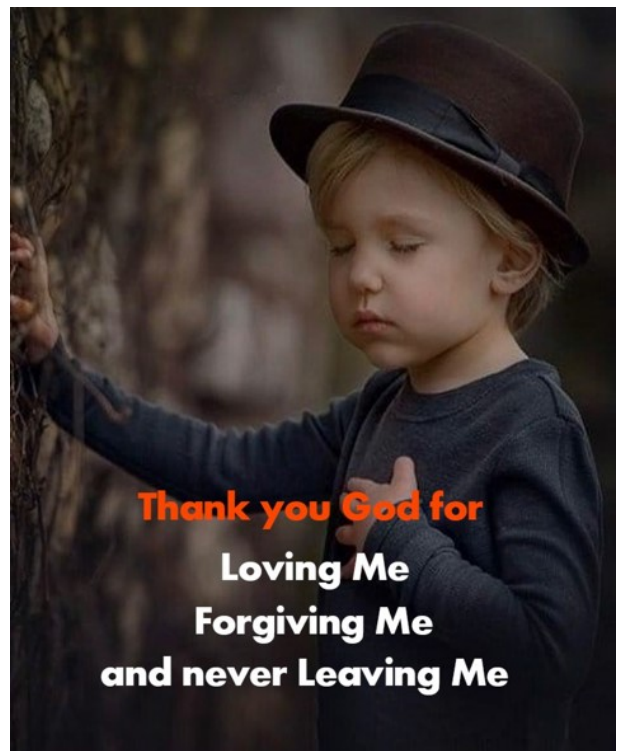
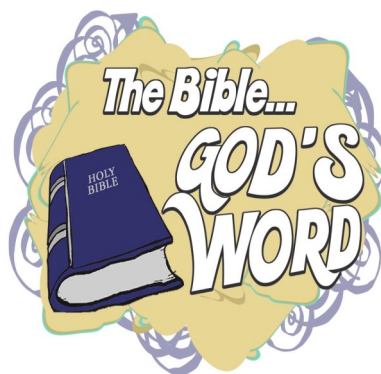
**Candy Kiss:** to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday.

**Tea Bag:** to remind you to relax daily and reflect on all the positive things



## BIBLE

Basic  
Instructions  
Before  
Leaving  
Earth







# church Picnic

## Cortland Christian Church Picnic

**September 22**  
**following Church Service**

Fun and Games, Great picnic food, **live entertainment.**  
Bring one of your favorite foods and maybe some dessert and  
of course, **yourself.**

## Apostles Believer's Prayer

### Acts 4:1-31 NIV

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand ...

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ...

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say ...

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

G E N A B L E D S N O W E R G  
D S R E D L E A C E U L H O S  
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### 7. Apostles Believer's Prayer

ACCOUNT  
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BOLDLY  
CAPTAIN  
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ELDERS  
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JOHN  
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VOICES