

The Christian Caller  
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 Sunday school: 9:00 AM.  
 Worship 10:30 AM.  
 God's Praise Warriors Thursday 4:00-5:30 PM.  
 Office hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:30 PM.  
 Secretary: Cheryl Rice

## Our Mission Statement

**To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.**

**September 26 Caller**



### Prayer Concerns

#### In the hospital:

**Local Concerns:** Marilyn Compton, Lucine Reed

**Continuing Concerns:** Howard Svaty, Louise Kelsey, Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Doris Regan, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle, Imogene Walton, Wauneta Shaver

**Our extended family:** The family of Judy Ward, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward, Debbie Sunthimer, Brenda Firr, Sharon Heien, Myla Farwell, Linda Schneider, Chuck Baker, Maxine Wilson, Mary Teresa Cooper, Calvin Howard, Clayton Linville, New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims.

#### Please call the church office (378-4118) with

**information or updates** related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

**Serving in the Military :** Griffin Voorhies- Marines



### Happy Birthday!

Oct. 17 – Carson Self  
 Oct. 05 – DeAnna Vaughn  
 Oct. 08 - Anita Smith  
 Oct. 10 – Charlotte Svaty



### Have you forgotten God?

In the glare of earthly  
 pleasure,  
 In the fight for earthly  
 treasure,

“Mid your blessings without measure-  
 Have you forgotten God?

While His daily grace receiving,  
 Are you still His Spirit grieving  
 By a heart that's unbelieving-  
 Have you forgotten God?

While His bounty you're accepting,  
 Are you His commands neglecting  
 And His call to you rejecting-  
 Have you forgotten God?

### Financial Report

Sunday	General Offering
Sept. 16	\$ 1951.23
Sept. 23	\$ 1847.90

*Due to the colored ink running out in the old copier this will probably be the last caller in color. The colored ink in the new copier is \$.08 a page. It will still be in color on line.*



## Called to Serve Sept. – Oct.

### Sunday, September 30

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn  
 Home Communion: Mary Compton  
 Deacons: Ron Smith & Jess Reed  
 Deaconesses: Claudia Marr, Liz North, & Leanne Davis  
 Greeter: Carol Bernauer  
 Usher: Claudia Marr AV. Ron Smith  
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey  
 Lay leader: Nancy Rogers

### Sunday, October 07

Table Elders: DeAnna Vaughn & Mary Compton  
 Home Communion: Carol Bernauer  
 Deacons: Cary Hutton & Ron Black  
 Deaconesses: Twila Carr & Barb Vaughn  
 Greeter: Tina Thomas  
 Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Cary Hutton  
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey  
 Lay leader: Merlyn Ramsey

### Sunday, October 14

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers  
 Home Communion: Mike Jeffers  
 Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed  
 Deaconesses: Twila Carr & Barb Vaughn  
 Greeter: Doris Claiborne  
 Usher: Nadine Dishman AV. Nancy Burns  
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey  
 Lay leader: Stacy Siegele



Bulletin covers for next year are in the Narthex. I will need to have these ordered by the first of November so start sponsoring. Five have been purchased so far. There are 47 more to go by November 01.



## A Message from Pastor Shue

Well I hope each of you is enjoying this great fall weather. This past Saturday was the first official day of Autumn. The past four or five days have sure felt like a real change in the weather. I guess Mary and I are going to go to Nicaragua on the mission trip this year. I had hoped that someone from the church would be going but I guess that is not going to happen this time. However, my son Carl might be joining us on the mission trip so I am excited about that. It has been over 15 years since he and I have been on a mission trip together. Please remember to start collecting school supplies for Santa Emilia.

I will not be in the office this Thursday 9-27-18. I have a meeting at the First Christian Church in McPherson, Kansas on Saturday 9-29-18. The Committee on Commissioned Ministry which I am a part of will be meeting there then. If you need to speak to me I can be reached on my cell phone.

I ask for prayers for our church family right now. There is a lot of sickness and losses happening right now. I would also like to ask for prayers for me and my family as well. I am trying to work through some issues right now and they are very heavy on my heart. I know without a doubt that God will show me what he expects me to do. God is good all of the time.

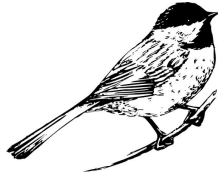
I hope you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude

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*The eagle on a dollar never soars so high as when it is on a mission for the Lord.*



## The Sparrow Song at Starbucks

It was a chilly night in Manhattan but warm inside the Starbucks on 51<sup>st</sup> and Broadway, just a skip up from Times Square. October weather holds only the slightest hint of the bitter chill of late December and January, but it's enough to send masses crowding indoors to vie for available space and warmth.

For a musician, it's the most lucrative Starbucks location in the world, I'm told, and consequently, the tips can be substantial if you play your tunes right. Apparently we were striking all the right cords that night, because our basket was almost overflowing. It was a fun low pressure gig- I was playing key board and singing back up for my friend who added rhythm with an arsenal of percussion instruments. We mostly did pop songs from the 40's thru the 90's with a few original tunes thrown in. During our emotional rendition of, "If You Don't Know Me by Now," I noticed a lady sitting in the corner singing along and swaying to the beat.

After the tune was over, she approached me. "I apologize for singing along on that song. Did it bother you?" she asked.  
'No," I replied. "We love it when the audience joins in. Would you like to sing one up front on the next selection?"

To my delight, she accepted my invitation..."You choose, " I said. "What are you in the mood to sing?"

"Well...do you know any hymns?"

Hymns? This woman didn't know who she was dealing with. I cut my teeth on hymns. Before I was even born, I was going to church. I gave our guest singer a knowing look. "Name one."

"Oh, I don't know. There are so many good ones. You pick one."

"Okay, "I replied. "How about His Eye is on the Sparrow?"

My new friend was silent, her eyes averted. Then she fixed her eyes on mine again and said, "Yeah, Let's do that one." She slowly nodded her head, put down her purse, straightened her jacket and faced the center of the shop. With my two-bar set up, she began to sing.

"Why should I be discouraged? Why should shadows come?"

The audience of coffee drinkers was transfixed. Even the gurgling noises of the cappuccino machine ceased as the employees stopped what they were doing to listen. The song rose to its conclusion.

"I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

When the last note was sung, the applause crescendoed to a deafening roar that would have rivaled a sold out crowd at Carnegie Hall. Embarrassed, the woman tried to shout over the din, "Oh, y'all go back to your coffee! I didn't come here to do a concert! I just came in here to get somethin' to drink, just like you! But the ovation continued.

I embraced my new friend. "You, my dear, have made my whole year! That was beautiful!"

"Well, it's funny that you picked that particular hymn," she said.

"Why is that?"

"Well... she hesitated again, that was my daughter's favorite song."

By this time, the applause had subsided and it was business as usual..."she was 16. She died of a brain tumor last week."

I said the first thing that found its way through my stunned silence. "Are you going to be okay?"

She smiled through her tear filled eyes and squeezed my hands... "I'm gonna be okay. I've just got to keep trusting the Lord and singing his songs, and everything is gonna be just fine." She picked up her bag, gave me her card, and then she was gone.

Was it just a coincidence that we happened to be singing in that particular coffee shop on that particular night? Coincidence that this wonderful lady just happened to be there? Coincidence that of all the hymns I could have chosen, I picked the favorite one of her daughter who had died the week before? I refuse to believe it.

God has been arranging encounters in human history since the beginning of time. The New Testament has the fulfillment of many things that God planned and promised many, many years before in the Old Testament days. So, it is no stretch for me to imagine that God could reach into that coffee shop in midtown Manhattan and turn an ordinary gig into a revival. It was a great reminder that God is in control and we just need to keep our trust in Him. ~Author Unknown



**Indoor Rummage sale starting Friday evening, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and continuing Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The sale will be held in Fellowship Hall. Come rain or shine or hot or cold it will be a comfortable place with ample parking to shop for bargains!**

**This is a fund raiser for the youth.**

## What Good Did It Do?

What good did it do to be grouchy today?  
Did your surliness drive any trouble away?  
Did you cover more ground than you usually do?  
Because of the grouch you carried in you?  
If not, what's the use of the grouch or a frown?  
It won't smooth a path, or grim troubles down.  
If it doesn't assist you, it isn't worthwhile.  
Your work may be hard, but just do it-with a smile!

*Where there is love, there must be faith; and  
where there is faith, there is peace, indeed.  
Where there is peace, there must be God; and  
where there is God there is no need. ~unknown*



## On Our Calendar

Sept. 26 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group  
10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group  
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. – Cadet Girl Scouts  
7:00p.m. Choir Practice  
Sept. 27 – 6:00 p.m. Leaders Class Party  
Sept. 28 - 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group  
Oct. 01 - 4:00 – 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group  
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups meet  
Oct. 02 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters  
Oct. 03 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group  
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group  
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts  
7:00p.m. Choir Practice  
Oct. 04 – CWF/church  
Oct. 05 - 10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Rummage Sale  
Fellowship Hall  
Oct. 06 – Rummage sale 8:00 – Noon.  
Oct. 08 -10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups meet  
Oct. 09 -2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters  
Oct. 10 - 10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group  
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts  
7:00 p.m. – Choir  
8:00 p.m. Church Board meeting  
New Caller

\*Articles for the Caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.







