and Hayride
Sunday, October 22\textsuperscript{nd}
6:00pm
Hot dogs and drinks provided.
You bring the side dishes.

**PORK CHOP DINNER**

and High Attendance Sunday
October 29\textsuperscript{th}
following the morning service.
Invite your unchurched friends and neighbors to join us for Sunday School and Worship Service.
Let’s pack the house!
Bring side dishes & desserts to share.

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Church-wide Breakfast
Sunday, Oct 1\textsuperscript{st}
9:00am

as we grow together in Christ while building relationships with one another.
There’s a place for everyone of all ages!
The harvest has begun! Farmers are in full swing as they bring in yet another bountiful crop of Illinois corn and soybeans. Each year Illinois produces billions of bushels of corn and soybeans. But it may surprise you that there is another big harvest in progress in Illinois right now— and that is pumpkins. Did you know that Illinois is the number one pumpkin producing state in the nation? That’s right! Illinois plants around 16,000 acres in pumpkins and produces around 280,000 tons of pumpkins. That’s a lot of Jack-o-lanterns and pumpkin pie! In fact 90% of canned pumpkin comes from good ol’ Illinois.

But Illinois is growing a lot more than corn, soybeans, and pumpkins to harvest. There are an abundant number of people here in Illinois and right here in Sangamon County and Auburn that needed to be harvested to eternal life and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I like pumpkin pie, but I like even more seeing people reached for Jesus Christ! Will you be part of bringing in a harvest of people for Jesus Christ? In Matthew chapter 9 Jesus looked at the crowds of hurting people around Him and said “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.” Will you help bring in the harvest this fall for Christ?

Please invite people this month to the Weiner Roast/Hayride on the 22nd and the Pork Chop Dinner & High Attendance Day on the 29th.

But most importantly, share with others in your family, school, neighborhood, etc about Jesus Christ!

I love you and I love being your Pastor.

Will you join me in the Harvest?

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### National Life Chain

**October 1st**

In Springfield on MacArthur, on Sangamon Avenue and in front of Planned Parenthood at 601 Bruns Lane from 2:00-3:30pm. Purpose of Life Chain is to: **stand in silence** and pray for an end to the abortion holocaust with resolute heart and humble supplication, while holding signs that testify to the truth that “Abortion Kills Children”, “Adoption the Loving Option”, “Jesus Forgives and Heals”, etc. Signs may be picked up at MacArthur & South Grand, on Sangamon Av. or across from Planned Parenthood. You may pray for 1 hour during this time frame or for the entire 1 ½ hours. You may choose the location where you with to stand.

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### Business Meeting

**Sunday, Oct 29th**

6:00pm

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### Al’s ½ Note

The Bible contains many, many commands that we are to adhere to in our daily lives. One of which we are told to worship God and meet on a regular basis. We are also told to praise, worship and sing to God. Our Lord God deserves this love, adoration and respect. He is more worthy than I can ever relate in an adequate and just way. The Lord is worthy to receive our love and respect, and He deserves it. We are to show this respect, love, worship and adoration on a daily basis, not just when we think about it.

The Bible also commands us to respect those in authority over us. This includes all of our elected and appointed officials. Included in this command of “those in authority” are our very own church leaders. The Good Lord has led one great individual and his family to our doorstep. We have accepted him with love and open arms. David and Patricia are tirelessly working on our behalf, not only in our Church but in the community also. Our love and respect should be demonstrated not once in a while, but all of the time. They go above and way beyond what many Pastors even attempt. We have an opportunity to go above and beyond to reciprocate our love and appreciation for all they do for us, our families and our community. October is Pastor Appreciation Month! How about each and every one of us on an individual basis show our individual appreciation? How about each Sunday School class do a little recognition? How about all of the different families show appreciation? What are some creative ways that can show how much we really care for our Van Bebbers? What are YOU going to do to show appreciation???

Luv Yall

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Join us weekly for:

**The Gathering**
Sundays 9:30am

**IGNITE**
Wednesdays- 7:00pm

**Youth Events Coming Up:**
- Oct 1  Breakfast- 9am
- Oct 22  Weiner Roast
- Oct 29  High Attendance Day
  Pork chop Dinner
- Oct 31  Trunk or Treat

**Sunday School for all ages every Sunday- 9:30am**

**Pre-k thru 6th gr**
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

If you are interested in volunteering with our Children’s Ministry please complete the Children’s Ministry Survey on the foyer table. Volunteers are always welcome & needed in Sunday School, Sunday Worship Extended Session, Wednesday TeamKID, & special events.

**Boiler update...**
We are currently collecting bids to replace the boiler and are very close to reaching our goal of $15,000. Please prayerfully consider giving to the boiler fund. We would like to have it installed long before winter arrives. Thanks to everyone who have been so faithful to give to this fund over the last two years!

Auburn Community Food Drive
Thank you to everyone who helped with the Food Drive last month. Our church collected 349 items.

**Congratulations**
Austin & Samantha Stuhmer!
Madeline Melissa
9/27/17
7lbs 2oz
Proud grandparents-
Pat & Judy Stuhmer

**Mowing & Building Cleaning Sign-up**
Volunteers are needed to clean the building once a month. If you have questions contact Pastor.
Sign-up sheets are on the foyer bulletin board.
Thank you for serving with a servant’s heart!

**Financial News Year-to-Date**
As of Sept 30th
**Needed to date**  $77,619.00
Receipts to date- $66,112.40
Checking Account: $1,781.88
Boiler Fund to date: $13,294.23

**To our Family and Friends**

**October**
1  Kim Brown
2  Nick Waterkotte
4  Jodi Rector
6  Jerry Atkinson
9  Amy Combs
11  Stephanie Beck
13  Eli Waterkotte
13  Nick Rector
14  Jessica Aldridge
15  Kellen Moore
17  Madison Wall
21  Sherri Dugger
22  Jake Driver
26  Kylie Tournear
28  Alex Moore
29  Morgan Stuhmer

We want to include all of our church family. Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday.

**Transformation**
**Kids into REAL FOLLOWERS of JESUS CHRIST**

**Speaker**- Brian Burgess
Vertical Church Band
321 Improv Comedy

**Happy Birthday**

**YE 10-8**
YOUTH ENCOUNTER
CHICAGO | DECATUR | MARION

Speaker- Oct 8th, 3-9pm

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Faithful Servants in October

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.