



Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, August 15th at 1:00pm

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday's Fellowship	1 st and 3 rd Fridays	1:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	1:00 p.m.
Emergency Food Bank	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91:1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kenny Fox – Health Issues

Evelyn Hurlbut – Recovery from a Fall

David & Cheryl Leib – Recovery from Surgery

Torrie Slaybaugh – Digestive Issues

COVID – Among Us



TODAY IS YOUR BEST DAY **BECAUSE CHRIST IS IN YOU**

For it has pleased God to tell His people that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. For this is the secret: Christ lives in you, and this is your assurance that you will share in His glory. Colossians 1:27 NLT

One of the glorious things about the Christian life is that God not only places you in Christ, but Christ also comes to live in you. It is one thing to be standing in a river and enjoy its benefits as it washes and refreshes you; it is another thing to have the river in you as a result of drinking from its waters. When the river is in you, you receive benefits that differ from the benefits you receive when you are standing in the river. The water now becomes a part of your being as it nourishes your body and supplies it with the minerals it needs to survive.

Being in Christ means that you receive the benefits of all that He has done for you through His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension; Christ being in you means that you receive the benefits of His presence, His character, and His nature within you.

- *Being in Christ changes your position before God; Christ being in you changes the inward condition of your heart.*
- *Being in Christ brings you into heavenly realities; Christ being in you brings heavenly realities into your earthly walk.*

- *Being in Christ opens your eyes to the beauty of God's love; Christ being in you floods your heart with that same love.*
- *Being in Christ allows you to see what God wants you to become; Christ being in you means that you can become what God wants you to be.*

Christ in you means that He has begun a good work in you, that He will sustain the work He has begun, and that He will complete the work He has begun. Christ in you means that He does the work of conforming you to His image, that He is the Master Craftsman who is shaping your life, and that He is the True Vine who is producing the good fruit of eternal life within you. Christ in you means that His strength is your strength, His peace is your peace, His power is your power, and His victory is your victory.

God is not asking you to act like Jesus today. He is asking you to surrender to Jesus and trust Him completely to be your life today. Letting Jesus be Jesus in you and through you makes this your best day. Trying to act like Jesus will only wear you down and tire you out. Expecting your efforts to be fruitful would be like cutting a branch off an apple tree and expecting it to grow apples. The reason an apple tree grows apples is because everything in an apple tree is designed for apples – within the sap is the life of every apple.

Think of this one truth as you go through this day: “Everything that is good, wise, loving, righteous, true, wonderful, kind, and caring is in Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ is living His life in me.”

♥ ♥ ♥ THANK YOU ♥ ♥ ♥

I wish to give many thanks for the prayers being said for my heart. It is doing well.

Thank you, Evelyn Hurlbut



PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer of Jubilation and Simplicity

Recently I heard Max Lucado on the radio describe how we should pray. I loved it so much that I want to share it with you. This is what I recollect from what I heard, plus a bit of my own added to it.

First of all, we have to set the scene. The scene is that school has just been let out for the day and parents are picking up their children. A father comes to the front of the school and his son sees him and starts running to him. His dad picks him up, swings him around, and asks, “How was your day?” His son says, “Dad! My day was great! You should have seen how I spelled today! My teacher was so excited that I remembered how to spell using the correct vowel teams. I had worked so hard on it!” Another father gets out of his car and his daughter spots him from a distance. She instantly beams and when their eyes connect there is such love and affection. When the father gets to his daughter he kneels down and the two embrace in a bear hug with exuberant smiles on their faces. The father instantly knew that no matter what her day had

entailed that their connection was all that mattered at that moment. His daughter then began to talk, “Dad, my day started out just as any other day. Then I made a mistake on my morning work. Then, during math, I could not understand how to multiply my fractions. I worked hard and made progress, but I was wondering if you could help me some more this afternoon. The rest of the day went pretty good, but I just kept wishing I could get those fractions. I knew when I saw you that things were going to be ok! Thanks Dad!”

As we pray, we need to pray like these children who saw their fathers and just started telling them how their day went. They shared their joys and trials of the day. They did not use fancy words or take time to word their thoughts perfectly. They just spoke what was on their hearts. They were so excited to see their fathers that the words just started pouring out of their mouths. This month as we pray, let us be like those kids. Let us pray with such jubilation to our Heavenly Father; our Papa, our safe landing place when all else seems to be spinning out of control, our source of joy and love, our protector. Let us come to Him with such joy, and simply spill whatever is on our hearts to Him, so He can gather us up in His arms and let us know that everything will be ok. Because God’s Got It!

WORDS TO LIVE BY

(Positive Thoughts for positive living . . . wit and wisdom from rural America)

There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks them all.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Here is a song written by Betty Jean Snow entitled “Welcome To This Day”

WELCOME TO THIS DAY

Chorus:

Welcome to this day
Be thankful as you pray
Count your blessings one by one
Remember who they’re from.
(Remember who your blessings are from.)

#1

This day is truly a blessing
More so by being with our friends,
For they are one of God’s sweetest
And faithful ‘til the end.

#2

Look who’s setting beside you
Say a special prayer for them
For they make life so much happier
And we know we can always count on them.

#3

We know not what we’ll face tomorrow
Make the most of each day as it comes,
Don’t waste not one single moment
For tomorrow may never ever come!



FAMILY VACATIONS: PART TWO

by Reader's Digest Editors



EYES ON THE ROAD

Driving across California, we stopped at a red light in a beautiful old western town. As I admired the elegant storefronts and beautiful scenery, I didn't notice that the light had turned green and back to red again. It was then that a police officer tapped on my window and said, "That's all the colors we got here." *Submitted by Yefim Brodd, Tacoma, Washington*

NOT THE RIGHT MOUSE

"AAAAHHHH!!!" That was my sister's way of letting the world know she'd just seen a mouse inside her Adirondack Mountains cabin. Her husband set a trap, and a while later they heard it snap shut. As he carried the trap to the garbage, my sister scrutinized the little beast, then shook her head. "No," she said, "that's not him." *Submitted by Patricia Chester, Suffern, New York*

TOOTH FAIRY

Heading toward a family reunion, some of us met up at a Denny's, where we found my uncle digging through the dumpster out back. He finally got out and showed us a wad of napkins: "Granny wrapped her teeth up, and I threw them away." For the rest of the trip, he was referred to as the tooth fairy. *Submitted by Ann Swann, Odessa, Texas*

WRONG RENTAL

Upon arriving at our beach-house rental, I noticed that it was filthy. So I grabbed the cleaning supplies and proceeded to scrub the toilets, floors, bathtubs, and kitchen cabinets. I was so upset that the house was not ready for guests. Later, my family and I discovered that we were supposed to be staying at the house next door. I had "white-gloved" the wrong place. *Submitted by Tanya Leland, Greenville, South Carolina*

DANCES WITH BEES

On a trip with my Florida-based church to support a Blackfeet Nation mission in Montana, I accidentally disturbed a hornets' nest. My zigging and zagging to evade the angry swarm prompted a nickname for me, Dances with Bees.

Cut to two years later, and I'm working on another project, this time alongside a missionary from Washington State. As I told the story, he suddenly stopped and said, "You're Dances with Bees! I heard about you on a fishing trip in Idaho!" *Submitted by Christopher Parmley, Murfreesboro, Tennessee*

OUT FOR THE FRIES

We were at a poolside table on Grand Cayman eating lunch when a huge bird swooped down and whacked my son in the back of his head. My son was so startled, he dropped his French fry. Before it could hit the ground, that same bird snatched it out of the air and flew off to a nearby branch. It swallowed the fry whole, then sat there daring my son to pick up another fry so it could whack him in the head again. *Submitted by Deborah Sayre, North Haven, Connecticut*

JUNE 2023 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 19

Giving:

Local:	\$4,156.00
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	50.00
Total:	\$4,206.00



DATES TO REMEMBER AUGUST



ANNIVERSARIES

11th –David & Evelyn Hurlbut
28th –Victor & Geri Masellis

20th –Elaine Azevedo
24th –Mari Arellano
Joel Price

BIRTHDAYS

04th –Mike Radcliffe
07th –Nathan Price
08th –Terri Johnson
10th –Hannah Price
Kay Qualls

25th –Lois Frantz
27th –Grayson Harding
30th –Candice Sheldon

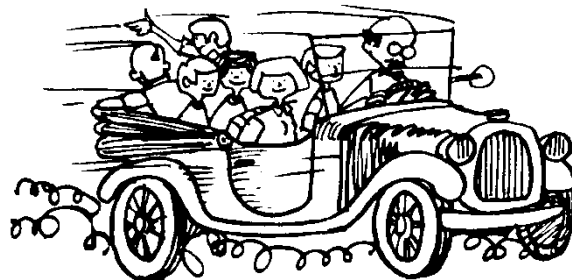
*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.
Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.
You are important to us!*

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AUGUST 2023 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano	2 Luke 10:38-42 Candice Arellano Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo	3 Psalm 29:7-11 Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger	4 John 21:15-17 Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam. Ron Cadruvi & Fam.	5 1 Samuel 16:6-13 Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam.
6 1 Kings 17:7-16 Pastor & Teachers Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family	7 Ephesians 3:14-19 Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin	8 Psalm 62:5-8 Kenny Fox Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer	9 Judges 1:1-10 Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield	10 Luke 2:1-7 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	11 Psalm 46:1-11 Jay Irizarry Randy & Teri Johnson & Family Sheryle Knott & Fam.	12 Acts 16:25-32 Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib Norma Lutes
13 1 Kings 11:1-13 Pastor & Teachers Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune	14 Psalm 118:8-16 Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Family	15 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	16 Psalm 119:12-18 Dennis Peterson Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	17 John 1:35-42 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam.	18 Acts 2:32-35 Joel & Susan Price & Family John Price	19 Luke 12:22-34 Jonah & Morgan Price Nathan & Kim Price & Family Kay Qualls
20 Isaiah 41:8-10 Pastor & Teachers Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam.	21 Romans 16:1-15 Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer Vern & Patty Shafer	22 Matthew 11:25-30 Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider Tony & Laura Snyder & Family	23 Acts 2:42-47 Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family	24 Romans 12:1-8 Veronica Suderman & Family Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family	25 Lamentations 3:19-23 Mike Syverson Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	26 Isaiah 40:25-31 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam.
27 Psalm 18:6-19 Pastor & Teachers Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	28 1 Corinthians 12:14-26 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny & Errica Wyatt	29 2 Corinthians 1:3-7	30 Mark 14:27-31, 66-72	31 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8		















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AUGUST 2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1  National Night Out Event	2  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	3  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	4 ALL CHURCH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP 11:30am-2:30pm at the Church	5 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
6	7	8  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	9	10  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	11	12
13	14	15  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 1:00pm Women's Fellowship Mtg.	16	17  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	18 Friday's Fellowship 5:00pm Su Casita Waterford	19
20	21	22  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	23	24  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	25  Shed Work Day 9:00am-12:00pm	26
27	28	29  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	30	31  4:15pm Fellowship Singers		

EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Informal Worship
- 11:00am Worship Hour