

September

Happy Birthday

September 2 ~ Janice Costa
 September 3 ~ Brandon Hays
 September 5 ~ Natalie Fisher
 September 8 ~ Leah Trew
 September 8 ~ Shirena Jackson
 September 9 ~ Alexandra Little
 September 10 ~ Nancy Fields
 September 12 ~ John Costa
 September 14 ~ Mikayla Biwer
 September 17 ~ Hunter Keenan
 September 17 ~ JT Sullivan
 September 20 ~ Amber Hughes
 September 22 ~ Josh Hughes
 September 23 ~ Jean Dorno
 September 23 ~ Jenna Patress
 September 25 ~ James Russell
 September 26 ~ Mallory Bozovich
 September 28 ~ Bella Simmons
 September 28 ~ Scotty Chappell
 September 29 ~ Wayne DeBee
 September 29 ~ Betty Bellicini
 September 30 ~ John McCann
 September 30 ~ Shirley Newbrough

Happy Anniversary

September 9 ~ Barrett and Misty Bozovich
 September 16 ~ Dennis and Nancy Fields
 September 17 ~ George and Patricia Burcin
 September 27 ~ Larry and Jodi Kubitza
 September 28 ~ James and Susan Russell



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.



Sunday, September 3	10:00AM	Worship
Monday, September 4		Labor Day
	7:00PM	Women's Connection
Wednesday, September 6	7:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday, September 7	6:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 10		Grandparents Day
	11:00AM	Worship at Richardson Park
Wednesday, September 13	7:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday, September 14	6:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 17	9:30AM	Stewardship Committee Meeting
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
Wednesday, September 20	7:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday, September 21	6:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 23		First Day of Autumn
Sunday, September 24	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	12:15AM	Deacons and E & W Meeting
Tuesday, September 26	7:00PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday, September 27	7:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday, September 28	6:30PM	Choir Rehearsal

VOLUNTEERS

Date	Greeters	Scripture Readers	Offering Counters	Children in Worship
September 3	Lorraine Shrader	Michelle Douglas	Joyce Myers	
September 10	Matt and Loni King	Michell Little	Loni King	
September 17	Kim Neff	Bud Allen	Curt Sprowls	Linda Sprowls
September 24	Lisa Vipperman	Joyce Myers	Linda Sprowls	Dan Biwer

Christian symbol STONE



TABLETS

The tablets of stone symbolize God's giving of the Law to Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai (Horeb). They're often shown with Roman numerals I through III on the left tablet and IV through X on the right. This represents the Ten Commandments — with the first three focusing on God and the final seven focusing on other people. The image of the stone tablets also may represent the entire Old Testament.



Pray for members of our persecuted family:

September 3

Pray they will see God open doors for evangelism (Colossians 4:3)

September 10

Pray they will boldly share the gospel (Acts 4:29)

September 17

Pray they will mature in their faith (Colossians 1:28-29)

September 24

Pray they will be granted wisdom in covert ministry work (Acts 9:23-25)



Going to school with Jesus

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain “learners under the instruction of Christ.” He notes, “Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus’] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him.”

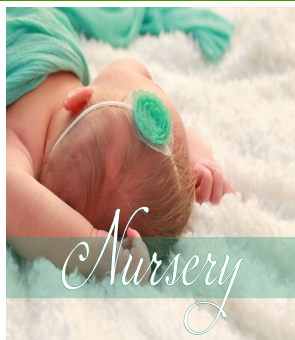
Communion Sunday

Sunday, September 17

Set Up: Lorraine Shrader

Bread: Linda Sprowls. Captain: Loni King

Team: Linda Sprowls, Dan Biber, Eric Dreyer and Misty Kevech



A nursery attendant will be available starting Sunday, September 17 during the 10AM Sunday School Classes and 11AM Worship Service

The church picnic

will be held on Sunday, September 10th at 11:00AM.

Please invited your family and friends and bring a covered dish to share. If you have any questions please contact Curt or Linda Sprowls

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NEWSLETTER 2023

Blessed with work

In the movie *Return to Me*, Grace works for her grandfather, Marty, in his restaurant, and the two live upstairs. After closing time one night, Grace looks through the apartment window and sees Marty cleaning tables. She yells down to ask if he wants help, and he replies, “No, dear, that’s okay. I’m blessed with work.”

Here’s a man well past retirement age laboring extra hours after his staff has clocked out. Marty simply continues to delight in his work, despite the late hour.

Although this snippet had little to do with the movie’s plot, I’ve always remembered Marty’s words. But I don’t think I’ve ever claimed to be “blessed with work.” By contrast, I often sigh as I’m dealing with messes or long to-do lists. I can get so caught up in tasks that I overlook the incredible people around me. I miss out on the blessing — the joy — of work.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT) says, “To enjoy your work ... is indeed a gift from God.” In what ways are you “blessed with work”? ~ Janna Firestone

Being NICER as Christians at work

“As working Christians, we are deeply aware of the gap that exists between Sunday and Monday,” writes Roland Heersink, founder of the God & Work Initiative. “Although the two days are next to each other on the calendar, they seem miles apart. On Sunday we hear that we are children of God, saved by grace in Jesus Christ. On Monday, there are endless emails to be answered, spreadsheets to be completed, people to be hired and fired, meetings to attend, and important decisions to be made.”

For a stronger relationship between our roles as faith-filled Christians and employees, Heersink uses the acronym NICER. How well do you live out these five essentials in your work life?

No Compromise (See Daniel 1:8-14.)

Integrity (See Daniel 6:1-5.)

Compassionate in Relationships (Follow Jesus’ example.)

Excellence (“Do your best, and let Jesus do the rest.”)

Responsible to Others (Be a good Samaritan.)