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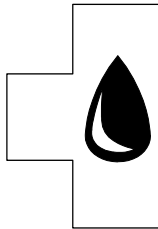
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Special Double Issue!

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August & September 2017

Issues 08 & 09



Give The Gift Of Life!

This is Our
Volunteer Blood Donor Month!!

Thursday, August 10
2-7pm

212th Homecoming Celebration

Sunday, September 24
10:55am

Servants, in His Service

Louis H. Humes
Sr. Pastor

Mary Rumsey	Music Minister
Alan Kern	Youth Minister
Kay Edwards	Pianist
Angela Humes	Secretary

Worship and Study Times

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:55am

Wednesday

Church Supper	6:15pm
Prayer Meeting	7:00pm
Children & Youth	7:00pm
Adult Choir	6:45pm



News and Announcements



We welcome with Great Rejoicing the following who have decided to join our Church Family:



Lourdes Santiago
299 Brentford Dr
Louisville KY 40245
(502) 386-9740

Birthdays: Lourdes: February 2
Romina Roman: Dec. 12, 2006
Sofia Roman: Sept 9, 2011

PGBC Box # 68
Deacon Family List: Robin Goins



Marilyn Whited

Louisville KY 402
(502) 386-9740

Birthday: February 2

PGBC Box # 11
Deacon Family List: Kay Edwards

Silver Servants Announcement

It was decided at our last meeting that we would start doing Pot Luck for the meal. There maybe meals that we specify certain types of food but otherwise just bring your favorite. Everyone please bring a dish of food any kind.

If you have movies that you feel are appropriate to show the group let me know. Some days we will have movies to show for anyone that wants to stay and watch after lunch and the meeting. Maybe some popcorn too!

We are always looking for some type of entertainment for the monthly program such as Instrument players, singers, skits etc. Please, please let me know if you are willing or if you know someone else for us to contact!

Blessings, Loraine



Olivia Kirchem

(*Add to Keith & Pam Kirchem!!)
3500 N. Capital of Texas Hwy Apt 2038
Austin, TX 78746

Birthday: February 9, 2003

PGBC Box # 02
Deacon Family List: Carol Jean Epley

August 2017 Calendar of Events & Birthdays

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Regular Schedule Sundays 945 Sunday School 1055 Worship	Wednesdays 615 Dinner 6:45 Adult Choir 1st & 3rd 700 Prayer Mtg. Children & Youth	1 <i>Jonathan Powell</i>	2 8 Deacons' Mtg.	3	4	5 10 Bowling <i>David Stillwell</i>
6 SS Promotion	7 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Beef O'Brady's 7 Recreation <i>Jim Saunders</i>	8	9 7 Business Mtg.	10 2-7 Blood Drive	11 <i>Alexander Powell</i> <i>Jenny Williams</i>	12 <i>Selena Colorado</i> <i>June Gadd</i>
13 2:30 Masonic Home	14 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Chick fil a 7 Recreation <i>Matt Goins</i>	15 <i>Larry Powell</i>	16 <i>Art Cash</i> <i>Ashley Griffin</i> <i>Pat Sandefur</i>	17	18 11:30 Silver Servants	19 <i>Noah Goeku</i>
20 2 Church Council	21 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Arby's 7 Recreation	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Panera 7 Recreation	29 <i>Kevin Brooking</i>	30 <i>Scarlett Mullaney</i>	31 <i>Scott Sandefur</i> <i>Dani Ernspiker</i>		

Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

I wonder if you'd take a few moments to read the following Scripture passage and think about both what it is teaching in general and also about what it means to you personally. It is a passage familiar to me but I came across it again this past month just after helping a young person talk about an upcoming surgery they were facing.

It was the fourth surgery this year and would almost certainly be followed by at least two more surgeries over the next six months. She was feeling discouraged about all the constant pain and struggling to keep her job in the midst of missing work to recuperate . . . And she asked as many of you have "*Why does life seem so difficult for me while I am trying to be faithful while I have some friends and family who could care less about God and they are not struggling at all?*" I invited her to consider this passage and I invite you to do so right now.

1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Okay, you've read it quickly. Now read it again more slowly and think about what it is teaching. Here's a story told by Pastor Tom Packard in the 1950's that I was given in the 1980's while living in Florida. Although it makes me uncomfortable in one way, it helps in another.

There is a story told of an old Christian slave in the South whose master was an infidel. One day the master went duck-hunting with his slave, and turning on him suddenly said: "*How is it, Tom, that the devil never tempts me, and always worries you? Why should he tempt a Christian more than an infidel?*"

Before the slave could find an answer, a flock of ducks flew over and the master fired into them. He then directed the slave to make haste to secure the wounded birds first, and let those that were dead wait until last. When the slave returned to his master he answered as follows.

"You see, master, I reckon it is this way about the devil. He thinks I am only a poor wounded soul that he wants to make sure of first, but you are surely his, and so you can wait!"

The slave was right. Until a man is truly born again through faith in Christ, the devil can wait to expend any special attention on him. It is the men and women made alive by the Spirit of God whom the Devil has to hound and harass in order to try and draw them away from Christ.

I like that story. It makes me uncomfortable because it reminds me of a time when people owned other people as slaves right here in America and the owners actually thought the slaves were "less than" human and incapable of being a real Christian. What a tragic reality! And the truth is that some people still feel the same way today. However, I guess that is an article for another day. Just notice that in this case, the slave was more wise and much more of a Christian man than his owner!

The application of his words to his Master were certainly accurate and they tell part of the story. A part we all need to be reminded of from time to time. Pastor Adrian Rogers once said "*If you ain't running into the Devil then it's probably because you are both going in the same direction!*" which is another way of saying the same thing as the slave said. If you are already 'spiritually dead' then the Devil does have you fairly where he wants you and he may, in fact, leave you somewhat alone while trying to bother someone else.

After all, your own sin nature will lead you astray even if you are a Christian, won't it? I have NEVER gotten over my first reading of Romans 7 while in my first year of college and serving a Church for the first time as an Interim Pastor. Do you remember what it says? Here's part of it as a reminder:

Romans 7:21-25

I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. ²²For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, ²³but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

If it is a struggle for a Christian to be faithful and do the right thing while avoiding the wrong thing, just think about how hard it is for a non-Christian . . . Impossible!!

So the next time you make a mess of things and say or do things you wish you hadn't, don't be too hard on yourself. When you realize you have failed to say or do something that you should have, don't be too hard on yourself. Scripture says only the power of God in and through Jesus Christ can deliver you so admit that you must have been living in your own strength instead of His and then ask for His help to start over again!!

Then, too, then next time somebody else around you messes up, perhaps you will be a little more patient and forgiving as you ponder these truths. Next month I'll add some more thoughts about WHY we sometimes have to suffer while unbelievers seem to have it easy. Until then, know that I love you!

Love, In Christ Jesus, Bro. Louis

Take a look at your bank accounts. Are you spending what God wants, where and when it will build the Kingdom of God? Or are you buying and building an earthly Kingdom that will stay here when you are gone? Consider the following:

Hanging On For Dear Life!

A Billionaire bought a limited edition Ferrari, the most expensive and fastest car in the world. She took it out for a spin and stopped at a red light. An old man on a Moped pulled up next to her on the passenger side, looked over and asked, "What kind of car ya got there?" "A Ferrari GTO. It cost over a million dollars!" "That's a lot of money. Why does it cost so much?" "Because this car can do up to 250 miles an hour!" she said proudly. The old man asked, "Mind if I take a look inside?" "No problem." So he poked his head in the window and looked around and said, "That's a nice car but I'll stick with my Moped!"

Just then the light changed, so to show the old man just what her car could do, she floored it and within 4 seconds, the speedometer read 70mph. She pushed it to 100mph. She noticed a dot in her rear. Then, WHHOOOSSSHHH! Something whiped by her! "What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari?"

She floored the accelerator and went up to 175 mph. Then, up ahead of her, she saw that it was the old man on the Moped! Amazed that the Moped could pass her Ferrari, she gave it more gas and passed the Moped at 210 mph. She felt pretty good until she looked in the mirror and saw the old man gaining AGAIN!

She floored pedal and took the Ferrari all the way up to 250 mph. A few seconds later, she saw the Moped bearing down again! Suddenly, the Moped plowed into the back of the Ferrari. Since they were going almost the same speed the old man simply flipped up on the trunk where he held on for dear life. The driver slowed, stopped, jumped out and saw the old man was still alive. "Oh my gosh! Is there anything I can do for you?" The old man whispered, "Yeah ... unhook my suspenders from your side mirror."

Are you merely hanging on for dear life while materialistic jerks pull you where they are going or are you intentionally going where you know God wants you and at the speed God desires? Take a moment for reflection and then act accordingly!!

Mary's Notes . . .

Hang in there, we are nearly through the "dog days of summer"! I don't know about you, but I just melt when the temperatures get so high. Everything seems to be less enjoyable, but I am so thankful to Mr. Willis Carrier for inventing air conditioning. I am also thankful that our church has wonderful air conditioning that makes it so enjoyable to come to choir practice.

I'm sure you've noticed a few new faces this year, Lil Bassett, Tracy Waters, Bonnie Plaskett and Bud Golt. They are all welcome additions to our choir. If you asked any of these newer choir members, they will tell you that the "auditioning process" is not too terrible.

We would love to have you come and join us in the choir. We rehearse each Wednesday at 6:45 until 8:00. The second Wednesday of the month is business meeting, so we stay downstairs after dinner for

the business meeting and then come straight upstairs for choir practice when the business meeting is over.

If you don't see yourself as a choir person, but still have musical talent to share in our services, I would love to talk to you about that. I'm sure you noticed our fabulous Jerry Sims sharing from time to time in our services with his beautiful synthesizer. It is such a blessing each and every time he shares. If you would like to play an instrument, sing a solo, or maybe even share a dramatic reading, I would love to talk to you about that and get you plugged in so that you can use your God given talents in our service. Please call or come and see me: 502-298-9374

Don't forget, we are doing Southern Gospel Music in September, so write your requests down and give them to Kay or me soon!

Singing God's Praises!

Mary Rumsey

The Children's Corner . . .

Steps to a Bountiful Harvest

- Plant at the right time of year
- Prepare the soil properly before planting
- Plant properly
- Water consistently
- Fertilize regularly

It won't be long until it's Promotion Sunday! This coincides with the beginning of a new school year, and thus is the best time for children to transition to a new Sunday School class or from Wiggle Worship to Children's Church.

Each of the teachers involved in the Children's Ministry at Pleasant Grove has worked week in and week out preparing for this transition. They are ready to welcome their new class members with open arms, making certain they find a comfortable place alongside the children who are remaining in the classes.

Every teacher is prepared to present weekly lessons from which the children can learn something they can readily apply to their daily life. Along with the lessons, they will offer opportunities for the children to dig deeper into God's Word, grow in their prayer life and learn how to be a disciple and make disciples.

They are ready and eager to answer questions children have when they are learning something new and are here to help prepare them for the time when they are ready to surrender their life to Jesus.

Please pray for the children who will be promoting this year and also for the Loraine, Pam and Robin as they begin the journey with their new "seedlings". May God bless our Children's Ministry with a bountiful harvest.

Loving & Leading Our Children,

Linda Beville



August

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| 1. Isaiah | 9-13 |
| 2. Isaiah | 14-18 |
| 3. Isaiah | 19-23 |
| 4. Isaiah | 24-28 |
| 5. Isaiah | 29-32 |
| 6. Isaiah | 33-36 |
| 7. Isaiah | 37-40 |
| 8. Isaiah | 41-43 |
| 9. Isaiah | 44-47 |
| 10. Isaiah | 48-52 |
| 11. Isaiah | 53-57 |
| 12. Isaiah | 58-62 |
| 13. Isaiah | 63-66 |
| 14. Jeremiah | 1-3 |
| 15. Jeremiah | 4-6 |
| 16. Jeremiah | 7-9 |
| 17. Jeremiah | 10-13 |
| 18. Jeremiah | 14-17 |
| 19. Jeremiah | 18-22 |
| 20. Jeremiah | 23-25 |
| 21. Jeremiah | 26-29 |
| 22. Jeremiah | 30-32 |
| 23. Jeremiah | 33-36 |
| 24. Jeremiah | 37-40 |
| 25. Jeremiah | 41-45 |
| 26. Jeremiah | 46-48 |
| 27. Jeremiah | 49-50 |
| 28. Jeremiah | 51-52 |
| 29. Lamentations | 1-3 |
| 30. Lamentations | 4-5 |
| 31. Ezekiel | 1-4 |

September

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| 1. Ezekiel | 5-9 |
| 2. Ezekiel | 10-13 |
| 3. Ezekiel | 14-16 |
| 4. Ezekiel | 17-19 |
| 5. Ezekiel | 20-21 |
| 6. Ezekiel | 22-23 |
| 7. Ezekiel | 24-27 |

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Psalm 119: 105

Stewardship Report

We want to express sincere appreciation for your faithfulness through Tithes and Offerings.

Here is our report through July 30. Please continue to be faithful so that we may bring glory to God and may He bless you richly as a result!!

2016 BUDGET SUMMARY

\$ 217,670.00 \$ 4,092.00 per week

Through week 31

General Fund Needs	\$ 126,852.00
General Fund Receipts	\$ 142,959.15
Designated Receipts	\$ 32,020.58
Total General & Designated	\$ 174,979.73
Total Receipts to Date	\$ 187,885.23
CTL Fund	\$ 18,964.87

Sunday School, a Place for YOU . . .



*See You Sunday at 9:45,
Angela*

Red Cross Blood Drive Update . . .

Our next blood drive is August 10 at 2pm-7pm.

I want to address this article to all eligible donors. Only 3 % of the people in the United States are blood donors. That is a horrible statistic, but it is true. .

I want to encourage all of you to come out to our blood drive and give this life-saving gift. If we do not help to get out of this crisis, we would be poor citizens and even worse Christians.

We will have door prizes again. We will also have home-made goodies thanks to June.

Please, all you eligible donors, respond to this plea. And, please keep our blood drives in your daily prayers.

In Christ's service, Russell G. Gadd



This page begins our second half of this special “Double Issue” edition of the LifeVine!

Pastor's Paragraphs . . .

I'm not going to share the second half of the article that you just read a few pages ago as I originally intended. I will attempt to remember to share that with you in next LifeVine which will be October's issue. One of our support staff articles for July did not arrive until after the middle of August and I was reluctant to publish our church-wide newsletter without that input because it seemed disrespectful. So I just changed this into a double issue with August late and September early.

However, even though I intended to follow up what I wrote last month with more insight about why Christians sometimes go through suffering, life happened last week as it often does and I feel the need to respond. Had I known the full story of events in Charlottesville VA last week I would have responded while standing in the pulpit. But I had not been near the tv or radio to hear the news and just did not have much or accurate information.

What I thought I heard on Sunday morning was that at a White Supremacist Rally in that city someone drove a car into it and hurt somebody. Later that evening I heard the more complete story. There was a rally; there was also a group of protestors against that rally; and it was a white supremacist who drove the car into the group of protestors causing several injuries and one fatality.

So that there can be NO DOUBT about my own view and position on this, let me be clear at the outset: I abhor the kind of mentality that denigrates another human being because of their skin color, ethnic group, sexual orientation, religion, gender, age, etc. and views them as less valuable or less important. **Period!!**

I am also very saddened by pulpits and politicians who have a lot of energy to denounce those who are 'politically incorrect' but do not have the courage to call their own party, constituents, denomination and/or parishioners wrong when it might be either inconvenient or costly to themselves. Period. There are times when we need to use discretion in our words but it is not discretion when we are silent or make excuses for ugly words and/or behavior!

How did we get to the point where our nation is so divided, fractured, angry, ugly and violent? Perhaps the following illustration will help remind us what has happened and is still happening.

A big city lawyer was called in on a case between a farmer and a large railroad company. The farmer had noticed that his prize cow was missing from the field through which the railroad passed and he had filed suit against the railroad company for the value of the cow.

The farmer walked up to the lawyer before court started on the day of the trial but never got to speak. Trying to get him to settle out of court, the lawyer never let the farmer get in a word edgewise. Every time the farmer opened his mouth the lawyer spoke over him and, finally, the farmer finally nodded and agreed to take half of what he was claiming.

After the farmer signed the release and took the check, the young lawyer couldn't help but gloat a little over his success. He said to the farmer, "*You know, I hate to tell you this but I put one over on you in there. I couldn't have won the case. The engineer was asleep and the fireman was in the caboose when the train went through your farm that morning. I didn't have a single witness to put on the stand.*"

The old farmer replied, "*Well, that's ok sonny. I'll tell you, I was worried about winning that case myself and that's what I was trying to tell you today. The durned cow came home this morning!*"

When you finish smiling at that story, look back and notice how the lawyer was trying to talk louder and over the farmer to get his way. Doesn't that describe much of our nation now? Many people protest and counter protest with signs, bullhorns, microphones and shouting to force others to hear our opinion with ZERO effort to actually listen to the other side and work together for any kind of real solution. The farmer was more than willing to remain silent . . . But only because it was to his own benefit!!

We are, as Christians, called upon to speak the truth in love. We are never to compromise the truth. But we are also never to declare it in an unloving or unkind manner. **(Eph. 4:15)** This is true of ALL of us and that includes YOU! Before you tune me out, consider the following:

*Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else**. Someone's passing creates a void that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, did far more than a normal person's share of the work.*

*Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let **Someone Else** do it!" Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "**Someone Else** can do it!"*

*It is common knowledge that **Someone Else** was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed **Someone Else** would make up the difference.*

***Someone Else** was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Truth be told, everybody expected too much of **Someone Else** and now that **Someone Else** is gone, we are left to wonder, what we are going to do??!!*

***Someone Else** left a wonderful example but who will follow it? Who will do the things **Someone Else** did?*

Hear me as a gently but firmly say that there is not a **Someone Else** who can learn and declare the truth here; who can be an agent of reconciliation and healing here; who can prayerfully stand in the gap between lost people in our families/community and the Lord Jesus. Either you and I do it or it will go undone!! **Regardless of the price, I call upon each of you to join me in this effort!**

Love ,In Christ Jesus, Bro. Louis

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3	4 Labor Day	5	6 8 Deacons' Mtg.	7	8	9 10-2 Church Council
10 2:30 Masonic Home <i>Natalie Mullaney</i>	11 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Homerun 7 Recreation <i>Jan Loafman</i>	12 <i>Ed Edmonds</i> <i>Josh Mattingly</i>	13 7 Business Mtg.	14	15 11:30 Silver Servants	16
17	18 5:30 Recreation Meal @ Capt. Ds 7 Recreation <i>Carolyn Bogan</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:55 Homecoming	25 5:30 Recreation Meal @ McAllister's 7 Recreation <i>Patti Highley</i>	26 <i>Ella Goeku</i>	27 <i>Mike Rust</i>	28 <i>Nancy Rust</i>	29	30

Fruit from "The Grove" . . .

Go to Jerusalem.

This was the message the Holy Spirit gave the Apostle Paul in the book of Acts.

He had been warned—by the same Spirit!—that hardships and imprisonment awaited him there. Yet, he still pressed on, counting his life worth nothing.

Doesn't this sound familiar? In the two-volume set (Luke-Acts), St. Luke unmistakably paints a picture of Paul imitating his Lord going to Jerusalem for his crucifixion. Jesus went deliberately into the city of Jerusalem to be handed over on a cross to the hands of evil men. Paul is following directly in the shadow of Jesus in these chapters of Acts.

We all today are being urged by the same Spirit, *go to Jerusalem*. Don't fall prey to wealth and earthly comforts, but willingly sacrifice yourself for others and the gospel.

Are you having marital troubles? *Go to Jerusalem*. Give up your pride and apologize to your spouse. Seek reconciliation and love them as Christ does (Eph. 5).

Is there difficulty in the workplace or family? *Go to Jerusalem*. Absorb the difficulties. Be a peacemaker (Mt 5). Do the hard thing of settling disputes.

Wherever you find yourself in life, be willing to go to Jerusalem in whatever way that looks for you, even if it means packing up your bags and heading for a difficult and unreachable area.

In light of all this, then, I go to Chicago to lay my life down for Jesus Christ, just as he laid his down for me.

Greater love has no one than

*To God be the Glory,
Bro. Alan*

Mary's Notes . . .

Homecoming is September 24th

Homecoming is around the corner! We will celebrate our heritage with a musical Worship Service along with a few "sharing's" from some of our members.

If you are interested in singing, playing or sharing something about what brought you to Pleasant Grove, or why you stay at PG, or what is special about PG, please let me know asap. I am already putting together a wonderful service and would love your input.

After our morning Worship Service, we will continue our fellowship and celebration in our Fellowship Hall with a delicious pot luck dinner. Drinks and paper products will be provided. We would love for you to make two of your favorite, crowd pleaser dishes and bring them to share.

Bro. Louis would really enjoy it if you brought two desserts. Yummy! So would I!!

Now we have a plan, but it won't be a good homecoming unless you do two other things:

Show UP!

Invite former members or friends that would enjoy the fun, love and fellowship that Pleasant Grove is blessed with.

Singing God's Praises!

Mary Rumsey

The Children's Corner . . .

Do You REALLY Mean ANYTHING?

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Parent and grandparents are often heard to say, "I love my child so much, there's not anything I wouldn't do for them!" or "I love my grandchildren so much, I'm willing to do anything for them!"

But what if that "anything" is something you personally dislike or something that takes you out of your comfort zone? If the sound of a child's attempts to play a violin is like fingernails on a chalk board to you, would you miss your grandchild's concert? Perhaps being out in the summer heat leaves you with a splitting headache and watering eyes. Would you never go to your child's outdoor games?

If asked, most parents and grandparents would say they feel it's vital for their child to know the Lord. They would also likely say they want very much for their child to have a personal relationship with Jesus. But again the question arises; what if helping that happen takes you out of your comfort zone or requires you to do something you don't particularly like?

Are you willing to get out of bed on the only day you can sleep in and bring your child to Sunday School and church? Are you willing to put aside any personal dislikes to give your child the opportunity to hear about God's love and the plan of salvation? If not, then precious friends you don't **really** mean it when you say you're willing to do **ANYTHING** for the ones you love the most!

I am praying for God to open the hearts of every parent, grandparent and Guardian to give them the love and grace they need to guide their most precious gifts, small children, on the journey before them.

*Loving & Leading Our Children,
Linda Beville*



Daily Bible Reading Plan...

“September

- 1. Ezekiel 5-9
- 2. Ezekiel 10-13
- 3. Ezekiel 14-16
- 4. Ezekiel 17-19
- 5. Ezekiel 20-21
- 6. Ezekiel 22-23
- 7. Ezekiel 24-27
- 8. Ezekiel 28-31
- 9. Ezekiel 32-34
- 10. Ezekiel 35-37
- 11. Ezekiel 38-40
- 12. Ezekiel 41-43
- 13. Ezekiel 44-46
- 14. Ezekiel 47-48
- 15. Daniel 1-3
- 16. Daniel 4-6
- 17. Daniel 7-9
- 18. Daniel 10-12
- 19. Hosea 1-7
- 20. Hosea 8-14
- 21. Joel 1-3
- 22. Amos 1-5
- 23. Amos 6-9
- Obadiah 1
- 24. Jonah 1-4
- 25. Micah 1-4
- 26. Micah 5-7
- 27. Nahum 1-3
- 28. Habakkuk 1-3
- 29. Zephaniah 1-3
- 30. Haggai 1-2

October

- 1. Zechariah 1-5
- 2. Zechariah 6-9
- 3. Zechariah 10-14
- 4. Malachi 1-4
- 5. Matthew 1-4
- 6. Matthew 5-6
- 7. Matthew 7-9

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Through week 33

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General Fund Receipts:	\$ 153,568.71
Designated Receipts:	\$ 32,226.58
Total General & Designated:	\$ 185,795.29
Total Receipts to Date:	\$ 198,700.79
CTL Fund	\$ 18,964.87

Sunday School, a Place for YOU . . .

September begins a new quarter in Sunday School...which means we get a new book...which means NOW is a good time to join a class!!

Our studies for September 3 - October 8 are entitled *The Dark Side*. The weekly titles include, *Satan*, *Demons*, *The Paranormal* and three more lessons that apparently show us how to deal with all that scary stuff!

On October 15 we begin a 7 week study entitled *Second Nature*. These are studies of individuals such as Caleb, Solomon, Ruth, Barnabus, John, Hannah and Andrew; which should be very encouraging lessons about normal

people just like us and how they became overcomers. What a great way to enter into the Holiday Season!!

We have several adult Sunday School classes and all of them have great times of Bible Study. If you are looking for a place to be fed we do have a place for you and everyone in your family. Please see me if you have any questions or need direction on where to go to a class that is age appropriate for you.

See You Sunday at 9:45,
Angela Humes

Red Cross Blood Drive Report . . .

This is a report on The quarterly blood drive on August 10, 2017. We had a successful blood drive! We had 25 persons register, but 2 were deferred. So, we actually collected 23 units of blood. The Red Cross was very happy with our collection. Each unit of blood can help as many as 3 patients who need blood. Thus, we have the potential to help as many as 69 people.

I want to thank all those who come out to give blood so faithfully. You are heroes, indeed. I also want to thank all those who support our blood drives many other ways.

We had home-baked goodies again, thanks to June. We had door prizes again, The prize, the donor, and the winner are listed below:

DOOR PRIZE

- \$30 McAlister's
- \$25 Cracker Barrell
- \$24 Gift Card
- 2 Entrées

DONOR

- Daugherty Insurance
- Harold & Helen Rigdon
- Fire House Subs
- Yankee Noodle

WINNER

- Candace Woods
- Will Branham
- Tom Dupin
- Angela Humes

Congratulations to the lucky winners! Our next blood drive will be Thursday, November 2, 2017. Please keep our blood drives in your daily prayers.

In Christ's service, Russell G. Gadd