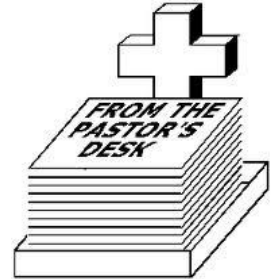


THE EVANGEL – SEPTEMBER 2014

FROM THE PASTOR

As summer begins to come to a close and as teachers and parents start to go back to work, I'm wondering what Scripture is fitting for this time of year. At this time of year, most families go through this change in a variety of ways. Some are happy to be back in school and with their friends. Others are sad to give up the precious time with their families as they each go their separate ways during the school season. As I pray about the difference between summer and the school year, I ask God to give me a verse to guide my thoughts.



Here it is, in a few short verses, the secrets to life for so many of us, especially those of us who work with people. Have you ever had a saying or a verse that seems to follow you around? What I mean to say is that it continues to come up in your mind time and time again and it won't go away. That's the way this verse has been for me. I've read countless other verses since and this one is still ringing in my ear.

Romans 12: 6-13 (The Message version)

⁶⁻⁸ If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face. ⁹⁻¹⁰ Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. ¹¹⁻¹³ Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Stop right there, and read that again, this time for your heart. Now which saying stuck out to you? Now I would like to invite you to stop for one more moment. Say a prayer and ask God to point out the thing that you need to improve on the most. Now read it a 3rd time and see if God can speak to you. What sticks out now, which part of this verse gives you pause or catches in your throat just a little bit? If you had something stick out write it down. Put it someplace you'll see it often. Let this be a Scripture that guides us on our journey together.

Your Pastor in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Jason Collier.

Pastor Jason Collier

PASTOR VISITS AND PRAYER LIST



For those who are church family or friends of the church, please let the church know if you would like Pastor Jason to call on you or if you need to be on our prayer list. Unless Pastor Jason hears from you, and you explain it is a special prayer request, he has no way of knowing of your needs. You may call Pastor Jason's cell 563.343.3390 at any time. You may also leave a message on the church answering machine: 319-657-3020 or call Jan's cell 319.330-6175.

WALES TRAVELOGUE – SEPTEMBER 5

According to Tana Jennings, Moderator, the women of the First Presbyterian Church, Winfield, invite Ainsworth Community Church to join them on Friday, September 5, 2014, at 2:00 PM to hear Ruth Van Auken, Ronda Redlinger, and Barb Dotson tell of their trip to Wales. Dessert will be served following the program. They look forward to seeing many from ACC there.



ACCW - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1:30 PM



The September meeting of ACCW will be held on Thursday the 11th in the South Church Fellowship Hall. Regular attendees are encouraged to bring a guest. Penny McCreedy will present the program; Ruth Miller will be the hostess.

KIDS' CLUB FALL SESSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17

Kid's Club will begin its Fall Session on Wednesday, September 17. A special 'Kick-Off' event is planned at Marr Park beginning at 6 PM. A light supper will be served followed by a hay ride around the park. Following the Kick-off, sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM beginning at the South Church – pick-up at the North Church. EXCEPTION: NO session Wednesday, Oct. 1 (Highland Homecoming Parade).

On Wednesday, November 12, the final Kids' Club session of Fall will feature the Harvest Meal from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at South Church. Participants and their family are welcome to attend. More details and registration materials will be sent home by mid-September with Ainsworth Elementary students. You will also find more information at the church web site: <http://AinsworthChurch.org>



ALICE'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



This is a gentle reminder to everyone. On the East side of the Opera House in downtown Ainsworth, Iowa, you will find the "Little Free Library". It is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. Do consider taking advantage of this reading opportunity!

THANK YOU FOR GREAT VBS!



The Christian Education Committee wishes to extend a big **“Thank You”** to all who helped with Vacation Bible School. It was a great week of Christian fellowship and fun. A special **“Thank YOU”** to our activity leaders: Brenda Bean and Tammy Kruse – Crafts; Stacy Klinzman and Kim Prier – Snacks; Trent Megchelson – Games; Pastor Jason – Lesson; Janet Rees and Laura Temple – Music. Plus all the group leaders: Rita

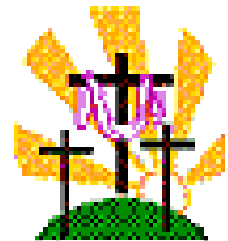
Anderson, Molly Klinzman, Sherrie Hazen-Hanson, and many parents. Special thanks to Janet Rees for all her work organizing and coordinating the event!

WALK TO EMMAUS

If you are interested in going to the Walk of Emmaus, please get in touch with Pastor Jason. Note that the church will pay for your registration fee for the weekend. All you need do is pack your bag and prepare to be pampered and eat very well for the entire weekend.

- **Men’s Walk: Thursday, October 16 thru Sunday, October 19**
- **Women’s Walk: Thursday, November 6 thru Sunday, November 9**

Both of these will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca which is near Solon, Iowa.



THE LONGEST DAY – THANK YOU!



The Longest Day at the U P Home raised **\$5054** for Alzheimer's research. They noted that they were most grateful for the good response from both the Crawfordsville and Ainsworth churches. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ACC

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the August 25 blood drive. I would like to give special thanks to Kathi Bean (and Brenda) who REALLY served as coordinators of the event. A big “THANK YOU” is also extended to our callers: Kathi, Betty Bean, Judy Skubal, Jim McCreedy and Linda McNeil. We were notified by the MVRBC that 33 units were collected that day. Those 33 units have the ability to improve the lives of up to 132 patients and their families in both Washington County and the surrounding region. We had 3 deferrals and several walk-in’s that they couldn’t accommodate so really 36+ individuals came out and tried to save some lives. Hurray!



YOUTH GROUP PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014



Youth Group meetings have been scheduled for September. Amber Davis is serving as the Youth Minister responsible for these meetings. You may reach her by calling: 319-601-6916.

Sunday September 7th
Time: 4:30-6 PM @ UCC
Lesson: Revelations part 3

Sunday September 14th
Time: 4:30-6 PM @ ACC
Lesson: Revelations part 4

Sunday, September 21st
Time: 4:30-6 PM @ UCC
Lesson: Testimonies Begin

Sunday, September 28th
Time: 4:30-6 PM @ ACC
Lesson: Testimonies Continue

MINUTES OF ACC/UCC YOUTH GROUP 8/24/14

We met at UCC starting the meeting at 4:30PM and only one student showed up. Sonya Love Smith was our adult helper. Jason came in and we cleaned the youth room at UCC. We decided to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM because no one was going to show up. *Carson Bean, Secretary*

PS – Pastor Jason shared that with school starting, many regular participants had conflicts.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Joys: New members, Birthdays, The new school year for students and teachers; New Neighbors, Community, Our country and our freedom; good health, family time.

Concerns: those suffering from weather related issues – drought, fire, flooding; those suffering with physical and mental health issues.

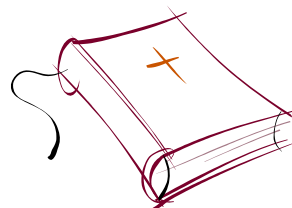
Thank You! to members and their families serving our country.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7

(13th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21

(15th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6. 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14

(14th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114 *or* Exodus
15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28

(16th Sunday after Pentecost)


Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

AUGUST 2014 PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



- Pastor Jason reported making 15 visits to homes and nursing centers; 5 hospital visits for ACC; 1 wedding for ACC.
- Approved accepting Wendell and Karen Arduser for membership at ACC during worship on September 7.
- Christian Education – VBS reached 25+ youth. Kids' Club is scheduled to begin Sept. 17. Harvest Meal will be November 12; Christmas program, December 14. Youth Minister has program set for Youth Group through September. Is starting a Praise Band that will play at UCC Sunday mornings at 8:30. They may need instruments and equipment. Christian Ed will meet to discuss employing Youth Minister beyond end of September.
- **Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 19.** All committees will need to be taking action in preparation for that event.
 - Membership will be meeting to verify records; Nominating will prepare a slate of committee members; Worship will meet to make plans for the year and determine budget needs; Finance needs to meet individually and with UCC. Property committee needs to meet and decide priorities. Several needed projects to consider: replacing carpet in sanctuary; adding more air condition to North Church; adding more dehumidifiers and lift station to North Church basement; adding shelving for better storage of janitorial supplies; improved storage for puppet equipment; staining sound booth; creating new message board near snack area; fate of old office/garage. SPRC needs to evaluate all paid staff prior to Charge Conference.
- Memorial Committee – PC recommended up to \$1000 be spent pending Memorial Committee approval for the purchase of a sound/visual system in the South Church. This system could be used during large services (funerals, wedding) for overflow into the basement. Youth group, kids' club and other groups could possibly use it also. This system would consist of a video camera upstairs to display on a large wall mounted TV (possibly 55") downstairs. Also needed would be some special wiring and a heavy duty wall bracket. The total for these 4 items (video camera, TV, bracket and wiring) could amount to an estimated \$1,000. Rev Jason has agreed to handle the selection, purchase and installation of this equipment.
- Mission Speakers – it was decided that the two times each year that Pastor Jason returns from 'Course of Study', we will have a Mission Speaker deliver the message/sermon. Pastor Jason will conduct the remainder of the service. The speaker will share information to help us understand what happens as a result of the monies our congregation contributes to Methodist Missions. Instead of taking up a special collection, the money given to the Missionary will come from the Mission Committee and our ACC budget.

BUDGET REPORT – 7-31-14

	Income	\$4,481.00	Expenses	\$5,035.50
	General Fund	\$15,793.43	Building Fund	\$4,292.94
	Memorial Fund	\$5,219.96	Need/month for budget	\$6,923.42

2014 Combined Presbytery and Methodist dues/apportionments: \$12,299.42

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Greeters	Candles	Liturgist	Refreshments	AV
Sept 7	Ben & Brian Bean	Wilma & Darrell Chalupa	Kate Hartzler	Wynne Steele	Karen Megchelsen, Sue Frame	Jan Temple
14	Steve Anderson, Bob Frame	Oscar & Wynne Steele	Carson Bean	Betty Bean	Wilma Chalupa, Penny McCreedy	Dan Klinzman
21	Johnathan & Kenny Kruse	Bob & Sue Frame	Ellie Anderson	Sherrie Hazen	Wynne Steele, Kathi Bean	Jan Temple
28	Nick Yoder & Neal Megchelsen	Rita & Steve Anderson	Kate Hartzler	Rosemary Harris	Deb Chalupa, Janene Kirk	Nick Yoder
Oct 5	Dale Holmes, Bill Wilson	Marcia Wilson, Janene Kirk	Shalyn Kirk	Jan Temple	Judy Skubal, Jenny Yoder	Jan Temple

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS/*ANNIVERSARIES



1) Marge Lasek; 4) Duane Chalupa, *George & Margaret Colthurst; 5) Kitch Shatzer; 9) Eric Stewart; 12) Ashley Stout; 14) *Bob & Dorothy Jacobs; 15) Joy Powers; 16) Owen White; Courtney Chalupa; 18) Jim Wenger; Bob Frame; 21) Joe Rees; 22) Dana Skubal; 25) , Mary Stephens, *Ted & Theresa Hahn; *Rio & Michelle Castillo; 26) Jason Longbine; 28) Deb Stewart; 30) Linda Lord.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday September 1: Labor Day,

Tuesday, September 2: “Son” Seekers, Gene and Pat Miller, 7 PM at UCC

Thursday September 4: TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 5: Wales Travelogue by Ruth Van Auken, Ronda Redlinger, and Barb Dotson at the First Presbyterian Church, Winfield, 2 PM

Sunday, September 7: Communion Sunday; Welcome New Members; Youth Group, 4:30-6 PM, UCC; Confirmation Class, 6 PM at UCC.

Monday, September 8: Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

Thursday, September 11: ACCW, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall, Program – Penny McCreedy; Hostess: Ruth Miller;



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR CONTINUED:



Thursday September 11: TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 14: Youth Group, 4:30-6 PM, ACC

Monday, September 15: Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

Tuesday, September 16: "Son" Seekers, Dorothy Koehler and Herb Yoder, 7 PM

Wednesday, September 17: Kids' Club Kick-Off at Marr Park, 6 to 7:30 PM

Thursday September 18: TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 18: Parish Council, 7 PM, North Church, Lower Level

Sunday, September 21: Youth Group, 4:30-6 PM at UCC; Confirmation Class, 6 PM at UCC

Monday, September 22: Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

Wednesday, September 24: Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, South Church, pick up at North Church 7:30 PM

Thursday September 25: TKD, 6-7 PM, ACC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 28: Youth Group, 4:30-6 PM at ACC

Monday, September 29: Young Adult Volleyball, 6:30-8 PM, Oak Park, Ainsworth

Wednesday, October 1: NO Kids' Club – attend Homecoming Parade in Riverside

Sunday, October 5: World Communion Sunday; Confirmation Class, 6 PM at UCC

Wednesday, October 8, 15, 22, and 29 : Kids' Club, 6:30 PM, South Church, pick up at North Church 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 16 thru Sunday, October 19: Men's Walk to Emmaus

Saturday, October 25: Harvest Sale and Supper, UCC

Saturday, November 8: Soup Supper, UCC

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WORSHIP: Sundays – 10:30 AM
KID'S CLUB: Resumes September 2014, Wednesday's 6:30-7:30 PM
PASTOR: Pastor Jason Collier is always available by phone:
Home: 319-658-3013; Cell: (563) 343-3390;
Or email: jwcyouth@gmail.com
YOUTH MINISTER: Amber Davis: 319-601-6916
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MISSION COMMITTEE: Kathi/Brenda: 319-657-2387;
Judy: 319-657-2157; Stacy: 319-930-0291

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We are the community church. We hope you will come and join us in one or more of these activities: Morning Worship Service, Youth Fellowship, Bible Studies, Women's Group, and much more.