

First Press

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*What If

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

IN WORD You've prayed and tried to muster up faith. You've been through difficulties and tried to cultivate hope. You've read headlines and tried to maintain confidence. All the while, you've struggled with doubts. You've wondered if God will really come through, if trials will really be resolved, if circumstances really will work together for good. You've questioned God.

The human mind is filled with "what ifs" "what if I'm interpreting God's promises wrong?" "What if the Bible is mistaken?" "What if my prayers aren't answered?" "What if I'm not really saved?" Honest doubt nag at us and they are relentless. Many of our "what ifs" are strategically suggested by the enemy of God; many of them are the natural thinking of a fallen flesh. Either way, we are relentless within until we are able to rest in God.

That's part of the reason for prayer-extended, persistent, worshipful prayer. It brings us to a place of doubt to a place of faith. Once we're

there, God can answer according to His Word. The time we spend crying out to God is not so much to convince Him as to convince us that He can and He will meet us in our needs. Our worship reminds us of who He is. And knowing who He is will nurture faith like nothing else.

IN DEED When you are faced with "what ifs" how do you respond? Do you cultivate them, thinking of variable upon variable until everything that could possibly go wrong fills your mind? That is not the way of faith. God calls us into the kind of worship that will soak our minds in His unfailing power and love. Wisdom begins with the knowledge of who God is, and wisdom is often a pre requisite to faith. We cannot approach God in belief unless we have first determined that His will toward us is good. Only then can we be certain of what we do not see. Only then can we take hold of His promises. Only then will He reward those who earnestly seek Him.

*The One Year Walk with God Devotional by Chris Tiegreen



Not much activity this summer with PW. We are still serving at funerals and want to thank all those that help serve and furnish for them. We especially want to thank the chairmen of the funeral groups—they put in a lot of work not only serving the lunches but also getting people to furnish the food and work at them. They also spend quite a bit of time getting the tables and chairs set up and taking them down afterwards. Thank you, ladies!

Bible Study did not meet this summer, but it will be gearing up again this fall. Remember it is the third Wednesday of each month and meets down in the Church basement. Please consider attending these sessions to learn more about the Bible and enjoy the fellowship of other ladies.

Thank you to the people who have been watering the flowers and pulling the weeds in the Church and Manse lawns. It is greatly appreciated!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Charlene Beckett
Chairman

~~~~ Mailing Addresses ~~~~

When my office computer crashed a while back, I lost everything that was stored on it. Luckily Dee Sivertsen was able to help me with some of the files, but the mailing addresses of many were not found. If you could get your email me your address at secretarypresby@gmail.com. Even though we email most important things to you, a mailing address is still important to have for some information—like pledges. You can also leave your address down in my office or give it to me personally. Thank you!

Thank you, Church Secretary, Patty



We are missing the music of our full choir, but we've had the fortune to hear some wonderful voices in our smaller groups. We are grateful for the beautiful music of Jennifer Runge, Brian Winter, and Carole Skinner, and we encourage any of our songbirds to bring us the promise of more beautiful music. We are hopeful that others who sing will sing together in small groups or someone will boldly sing a solo. If you play instrumental, we'd be glad to hear that, too. Let me know if you would boldly share any of your gifts of music.

Joyfully,
Janice Palmer

SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on
June 8, 2022 and July 20, 2022
in the Campbell Library

Communion

June 5th served 37
our next communion will be
August 7, 2022

Guest Speakers

July 24-Robert Brooks, Huron
July 31- Robert Brooks, Huron
Aug 7- Eleanor Harle, Redfield
Aug 14- Eleanor Harle, Redfield
Aug 21-Travis Heasley, Miller
Aug 28-Eleanor Harle, Redfield



The bell choir will be starting practices soon for our fall and winter performances. We are looking for new members! Please consider being part of this important (and fun) music ministry. We will plan to perform in church and for the music department's annual Christmas concert. Practices are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 beginning on September 14th. Hope to see all new and returning bell ringers then!

NOTE—During the interim search for our new pastor we will have guest pastors or speakers:

If you are interested in leading a worship service, contact an elder and we will set you up

Don't forget to mark your calendars

September 11
will be our
Annual Pie Auction



Christian Education

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1st Corinthians 16: 13-14

**You are invited to join us at the
First Presbyterian Church for**

Rally Day

AUGUST 28th

Come join us at church for some excitement!

Students will go to the opening, find their classrooms and meet their teachers.
There will be a **POTLUCK!**

August/September Schedule

Aug. 28th - Rally Day & Potluck

Sept. 4th - No Sunday School

Sept. 11th - 1st Day of Sunday

Sept. 14th - 1st Wednesday night of 6th-8th Sunday School (7pm)

This is a breakdown of teachers so far this year. We are still in need of help, if this is something that you're called to do please don't hesitate to let us know.

Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Need teachers

2nd - 3rd Grades - Need teachers

4th - 5th Grades - Need teachers

6th - 8th Grades - Need teachers

JH Youth - Need teachers

Senior Youth - Need teachers

****Substitute teachers are also needed****

If there are any questions regarding Sunday School,
please let a CE member know.

Thank you,
CE Committee
Kevin Hofer
Gayle Vrooman
Stephanie Edwards

August Birthdays

2 – Kylie Johnson
4 - Jaden Anderberg
6- Mike Edwards
8 – Docson Jones
9- Laura Duxbury
13 - Riley Pugh
15- Heather Resel
 June VanZee
17 - Sandra Selting
20 - Greg Rediger
 Dayken Nelson
 Bailey Strasburg
 Davon Rombough
23 - David Johnson
22- Stephanie Bonebright
 Stephan Resel
25 - Sarah Resel
26 – Kristy Strasburg
 Tammie Gross
31- Kohen Resel

Anniversaries in August

8- Dylan & Jennifer
 Templeton
10 - Travis & Angie
 Anderberg
20- Mike & Jennifer Runge
21 - Whitey & Joyce
 Wieland
22 - Rich & Pat Waldrop
26 – Robin & Gayle
 Vrooman

September Birthdays

6 -Ava Johnson
 Vaelynn Welk
 Mike Edwards
7 - Rich Waldrop
9 - Corbin Kruml
11 -Luis Koeck
12 - Dale Dyer
14 - John Rombough
 Dee Sivertsen
16 - Roberta Harvey
17 - Carolyn Rediger
 - Colton VanDerWerff
 - Carol Swaney
19 - Tyson VanDerWeff
20 - Taylor Droz
 Daniel Palmer
 Kirby VanDerWerff
 Ruby Carder
21 - Leonard Fischer
22 - Carter Kruml
23 - Vance Caffee
 Wayne Ruhnke
 Ryland Nelson
24 – Tanner DeHaa
25 - Patricia Waldrop
 Jennifer Thyen
27 - Tammy Caffee
 Jason Mentzer
 Chip Rombough
 Teague Resel
28 - Joan Sivertsen
29- Hadlee Duxbury
30 - Lee Skinner
 Roxanne Stevens

Anniversaries in September

18 - Donnie & Bonnie Ehlers
19 – Tony & Kristen Moss
26- Dick & Janice Palmer
29 – Travis & Kassandra
 Foreman

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



Greeters for August

7 – Ray & Tammy Caffee
14– Marilyn & Jim Dyer
21– Jim Jones
28– Patty Crackel

Greeters for September

5 – Angie Rosemore
12 – Larry & Janice Arbogast
19 - Wayne & Shar Ruhnke
26 - Sarah Resel

Ushers for August

Ray & Tammy Caffee
Jim & Marilyn Dyer

Ushers for September

Rich Waldrop, Nancy Williams
Wayne & Shar Ruhnke

Deacons for August

Jan Winter
Padyn Resel

Deacons for September

Marilyn Dyer
Angie Rosemore