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The Lord's Day

November 12, 2017

Prelude Opening Hymn #106 Communion Missions Moment Offering Songs of Praise Bible Message Closing Hymn #297 Benediction

Life is broad and often burdensome. How exciting to know that we have a CREATOR who was there at the beginning and will be there at the ending! How wonderful to know that we have a SAVIOR whose love and power gives us strength for the storms! We GATHER today to WORSHIP this great God. Rejoice! Rejoice with all his people!

WORSHIP – 8:30 and 10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:50

- *6:30 p.m. Come and participate in our HARVEST HOME/HYMN SING.
 - Special moment of Christian baptism
 - Bring some nonperishable food items (for local families)
 - Fellowship with homemade pies following the service

WEDNESDAY – Our midweek meeting is a joyful time of talking, studying, and praying together. You are invited to join us even if you have never come before!

6:30 – children (basement) youth (basement) adults (overflow) *SNAK SHAK ... food available prior to activities (5:30) kitchen area.

ADULT CHOIR ... Yes! Please come and join our practice! (7:40)

Last Week			
Attendance	258		
General	\$ 5,142.00		
Missions	\$ 1,557.00		
Building Fund	\$ 1,131.00		
Sunday School	\$ 157.00		

Nov. - First Service Ushers Joel Leckron - Head Usher John Alleman Barry Elliott Larry Wingert Tom Keely

WELCOME TEAM

- Nov. 12 Widder Family
- Nov. 19 Scott Garling
- Nov. 26 Gary & Grant Murray
- Dec. 3 Tom & Christopher Keely
- Dec. 10 Ben Widder



The altar flowers are given by Kevin & Lorena Davis in honor of their daughter, Keisha Davis's birthday.

Pastor: David Rawley		This Week	Next Week
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Josh Lance 597-8525 ext. 12 504-5604 (cell) joshlance85@gmail.com	2 nd Nursery		Cindy Rawley & Connie Tracey
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Hours 9 to 4 Tues/Wed/Thurs. Building/Van Scheduling: Holly Ressler	Greeters	David & Linda Dombrowsky	Steve, Abby Oatman and Girls
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NEXT SUNDAY EVENING ... A G-A community THANKSGIVING service will be celebrated. Program = combination from various churches. Offering or nonperishable food is requested, to benefit our G-A Food Pantry. Time? 6:30 p.m. Place? First Assembly of God (across from Taymentasachta)

THANK you to each individual who blesses this church family with your service ... no matter what area or direction or group. Your ministry is vital. Your time and talent are noticed. And needed. And appreciated!

*A current need is someone to provide leadership to teenage boys in our Trail Life program ... including outdoor activities. See Tim Ressler for details.

The deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is TODAY. If you have any questions, contact Amy Gour (717-597-9202).



Administrative Board minutes are available on the desk in the lower lobby.

SENIOR OUTING – November 14



We are venturing to Antietam Battlefield Visitors Center and then to lunch at Bonnie's Red Byrd Café in Keedysville, MD. Cost is \$5 (unless you have a National Parks visitors pass) and your lunch. If you have a pass, please let us know since the pass could cover a total of 3 people.

Vans will leave church at 9:00 and will return around 2:00. RSVP to Bob & Fran Stoner by TODAY. (717-597-0189)

WMF is inviting all ladies of the church to be part of our Secret Sister 2018. Information and sign-up sheets are on the table downstairs. Sisters will be assigned in early December. For more information, contact Linda Dombrowsky (717-593-9784)





November 24, 25, 26 - RHODES GROVE DINNER THEATER presents "Bingo Spells Murder". This is an interactive dinner theater mystery. Full of great characters, humor and rapid fire dialog. Tickets are \$20. Performance begins at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at <u>www.rhodesgrove.com</u> or by calling 717-375-4162.

REMINDER - Children's Christmas program practice – at 1:00 on Saturday, Nov. 18 & 9:30 on Saturday, Dec. 2.





SMALL GROUPS – Our Spiritual Care commission would like to revitalize our small group ministry in the church. Josh Lance's sermon last week showed why small groups are important to your spiritual growth. Please fill out the bulletin insert and drop in the offering plate or in the church office.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for salvation to all who believe" (Romans 1:16). This verse contains the essence of our Christian testimony, our efforts to evangelize, our witness. There is the **seed** (gospel), **growth** (power), and **crop** (salvation). There are also variables, such as the **sower** (ashamed to plant) and the **germination** (all who believe). Our church is God's garden. But there are many empty rows where plants should be growing. These sermons will speak of evangelism, the planting of God's seed in the soil of human hearts. We are his gardeners. We should not be satisfied with the crops already growing. We must plant new ones.

November 12 – Why Plant? November 19 – Hard Soil November 26 – Holy Seed December 3 – Healthy Crop

WHY PLANT?

PLANTING is WORK. It requires knowledge, preparation, tools, energy, vision, and sweat. We do not plant for exercise or entertainment.

Why plant? One simple reason.

We want, need, and long for a HARVEST.

No harvest is ever possible apart from the sowing of the seed. Therefore, WE PLANT.

This reality is no different for the spiritual realm of life. The gospel is God's _____, we are God's _____ and human hearts are God's _____.



_ life (14, 36)

• There can be no greater _____ or _____. Period.

____ life **(13-14)**

• Apart from God's forgiveness and regeneration, people live wretched lives on earth. Some are murderous or lawless or suicidal. Some are simply restless or desperate. They are "thirsty" even if they never admit it. We want to see _____

_____ with freedom, gladness, hope, and power! So we must witness i.e. plant the seed.

_ life **(16-18)**

• Folks do not get several earthly life times to "figure it out." God does not send them back until they "get it right." Our witness is ______ because we do not want people to die in their sins (John 8:21-24)

____ life (19, 25, 28-30, 39)

I have a unique story and experience that can be expressed in a way quite unlike anyone else. I am able to ______ and _____ people that _____ can. It is God's seed, but my testimony is the tool which plants it in the soil.