

Dear Friends,

I hesitated to talk about my health in this newsletter, but I decided to do it to clear up any questions. I have a recurrent case of prostate cancer. I was originally diagnosed in 2011 and had surgery and follow-up treatment in 2012. Now that my mortality is being thought of a little more often, I may be a little more serious about end-of-life issues. I will be starting radiation treatment very soon, and am asking for your prayers. It is my intent and that of my doctors to get through these 39 treatments and be cancer-free again afterward, so I may live to be 105 ☺.

Only God knows how much time any of us have. It has been a tough year emotionally for some of us. We lost Rick Bruielly and Tom Hillier here at the church. Kim Huffman recently died, a well-beloved former minister here at Weston. I am not God, but I firmly believe these men are all in Jesus' care as I write this article. I wonder how many people are very apprehensive about their own demise. For me I settled this issue long ago when I died with Christ and was made alive in Him. **Romans 6:3-5 ESV** ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

My mother-in-law also recently passed away. Much like my mother, they had forms of dementia in their last days. They were not thinking clearly at the end. I pray that you are right with God and Christ and His church NOW. We take the Lord's Supper every Sunday so as not to develop amnesia about our relationship with God. Even though we are all imperfect, I hope and pray we are giving God our best and showing the world what love looks like in all our relationships.

To end on a very positive note, two of our youth were baptized into Christ last week at camp. This Sunday I am looking forward to baptizing another person. All of them are going to make or have made that transition from death to life in Christ Jesus in their baptism. **Mark 16:16 ESV** ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. How about you? Are you saved and safe from Final Judgment? I can help if you wish and have you be sure.

If you have been away from church, I am praying you will break that deadly spiritual pattern and return to where you can both be encouraged as well as be an encourager. Your attendance and participation in the Body of Christ is a witness to the love of Christ in your life. Sadly, only 31% of Americans attend church regularly. Do not be that 56% who seldom or NEVER attend.

©Statista 2022. Be a **31er** for your own well-being and as a witness to your faith. Let's be like the early church. **Acts 2:42 ESV** ⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Blessings,

Gary

Stewardship Statistics						Total Money And Average Attendance
	7/03/22	7/10/22	7/17/22	7/24/22		
Attendance for in-person services.	43	37	49	48		44
General Fund	\$1479.00	\$1110.00	\$1497.00	\$2997.00		\$7083.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71		\$9858.84
+ or— Budget						
Designated Giving						
Birthday Money	\$9.00					\$9.00
Food Bank				\$75.00		\$75.00
Total Giving's	\$1488.00	\$1110.00	\$1497.00	\$3072.00		\$7167.00

Prayer List

U.S. government decision makers
 Krause's-Pacific Rim Ministries
 Ukrainians in harms way
 Duane Rupe (stroke/prostate)
 Doris Rothenbuhler (cancer treatments)
 Shelly Sharp (friend of Peggy's/cancer)
 Norm Murphy (home with health issues)
 Jim Fouts (lung cancer)
 Kevin Roe (prayers to return to health)
 John McKenzie (facial neuralgia)
 Nicholas Nicely (cancer treatments)
 David Wackler (needs work)
 Sandra Metzger (chemo)
 Lori Bolton (throat cancer treatments)
 Jessica English (brain cancer surgery)
 Jeremy Forrester (renal failure/dialysis)
 Marcia Mitchell Olivarez
 Derrick Saylor (sarcoidosis treatments)
 Juanita Spaulding (health issues)
 Ron Frazier (healing)
 Jeremy Prowant
 Shelly Sherman (cancer)
 Paula (Paula Thomas's friend/tinnitus))
 Mary Ann Watkins (stroke)
 Jerry Saunders (hospital/friend of Bob Walker)

Prayer list continued:

Brad (surgery done/recovery at home)
 Jennifer Martini Wackler (health issues)
 Chuck Sackett (needs bone marrow transplant)
 Dr. Jack Cottrell (inoperable terminal cancer)
 Vicki Kempf (colon cancer)
 Gary L. Wackler (prostate cancer)
 Bev Murphy (upcoming surgery)
 David Reynal (prostate cancer)
 Glen Agner (possible cancer treatments)
 Pat Sonoras (stage 4 pancreatic cancer)
 Kenny McIntosh's sister, Beth (health)
 Marv Nichols (upcoming heart surgery)
 Norm Tolles, Jr. (gall bladder removed/healing at home)
 Erin Cooper (declared cancer free)
 John Ward (COVID)
 John Roberts of Potsdam, N.Y. (stable condition presently)
 Family of Janet Riesenbeck
 Family of Kim Huffman
 Russ Harshberger (fall, being released from W.C. Hospital to BG Manor 7/27)
 Dawson Lehman (Children's Hospital in Columbus - as of 7/26)

Remember our Shut-ins

Mary Ann Hillier - B. G. Manor #7
 Rose Mary Gensen - Arbors of Oregon
 Peggy Carsey - Brookdale #105

Those in Service

Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Korea
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 Daryl Trail - U.S. Navy
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan



Issue an Invitation!

When I enter that beautiful city
 And the saints all around me appear,
 I hope that someone will tell me;
 It was you who invited me here.

—Carrie K. Butcher

**SMALL
GROUP
STUDIES**

**SMALL GROUP
BIBLE STUDY**
WEDNESDAYS (August 3, 10, 17)
at the PARSONAGE

We'll be finishing up the current study,
"Lasting Legacy: Making a Difference with My Life",
Lessons 11, 12 and 13. (A new lesson starts in September.)

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 2, 7:30pm



ELDERS MEETING
Tuesday, August 9, 6:00pm

GAME NIGHTS - 2 Fridays
August 12th and 26st
6:30-9:00pm

Bring food to share.
Games are provided.



Food Pantry Open
August 6th and 20th
10:00am - Noon



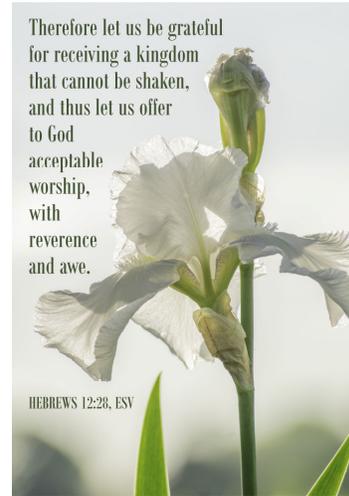
Congratulations to
Sharimar and Sean
on their baptism at
Lake James.

May they continue their relationship with
Jesus Christ our LORD.

Amen

Therefore let us be grateful
for receiving a kingdom
that cannot be shaken,
and thus let us offer
to God
acceptable
worship,
with
reverence
and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28, ESV



August Sermons

August 7	"How We Can Recognize God's Spirit"	I John 4:1-6
August 14	"Demonstrations of God's Love"	I John 4:7-21
August 21	"Are You a Winner?"	I John 5:1-5
August 28	"What to Believe about Jesus and Our Salvation"	I John 5:13-21

Are you ready for great fellowship and good food?

Come join us for our

**Annual Church Picnic at the
Bowling Green City Park**

Kiwanis Shelter House.

Sunday, August 21st

12:00 Noon Arrival time

12:30pm Eat



Table service, hotdogs and condiments furnished.

Bring a dish to share and your favorite drink.

Bring games if desired!



FOOD

FUN

FELLOWSHIP

A Living Mystery

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!

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God Among the Rubble

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, World Central Kitchen fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

New Seat, New Perspective

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its "owner" wasn't present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshippers is familiar and comfortable.



Recently, our family was "bumped" back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I'm glad church seats don't have nameplates. And I'm thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.

—Janna Firestone

The Water of Life



Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.

—Jonathan Edwards

3 Judy Stewart
4 Bob Tolles, Sr.
5 Gloria Lehman
18 Phyllis Betz
20 Robert Walker IV
27 Jan Finn
31 John McKenzie

1 Paul & Becky Chamberlin
24 Doug & Jane Spoerl



Thank
you 

Thank You Note from Tom Zulch:

“Thank you all for the cards, thoughts & prayers and the very nice prayer quilt. They all were very much appreciated. I am on the mend & expect to be back to normal soon.”

Tom

Information/Questions/Submissions

Please help me out with current information. If you see I have an error or omission of someone’s birthday or a couple’s anniversary, or someone on the prayer list, tell me so that I can correct my files.

If you don’t have access to a computer or don’t get email, printed copies are available at the church or I can send you a copy in the mail.

If you need information published in the newsletter, submit the info to me by telephone, in person, leaving a printed copy in my mailbox at church or sending it to the church email

church@westonchurchofchrist.org

Thanks, Pat



Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!

Nuptial LOLs

When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Have a laugh at these “I do” don’ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, “I do.”
- I asked the groom, “Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?”
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, “...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband.”

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Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoll	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j___, pea_e,
 pa_ie_ce, __ind_ess, go_dne_s,
 fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control

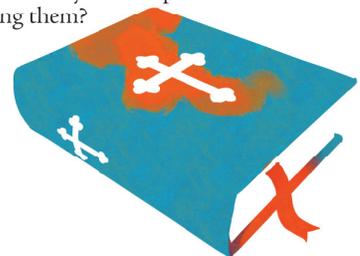


Bible Quiz



A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C

AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Services for Kim Huffman in Westport, IN 9am Visitation 11am Service Also, Livestream bassgasper.com	7:30pm Board Meeting	7:00pm Small Group Lesson 11	7:00pm Band Practice		FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Worship Mission Moment B.G. Christian Food Pantry Fellowship Break 11:00am Adult S.S.		6:00pm Elders Meeting	7:00pm Small Group Lesson 12	Services for Janet Riesenbeck 12:30pm Grave-side Service at Forest Hill Cemetery, Piqua, OH 7:00pm Band Practice	 6:30-9:00PM GAME NIGHT	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.			7:00pm Small Group Lesson 13 <i>Last one</i>	7:00pm Band Practice		FOOD PANTRY 10AM - NOON
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am Worship 12:00pm Arrival 12:30pm Eat 		Deadline for September Newsletter Articles		7:00pm Band Practice	 6:30-9:00PM GAME NIGHT	
28	29	30	31			
9:30am Worship 11:00am Adult S.S.						

“Trust in God. He will see you through; glorify His Name in 2022!”

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September newsletter articles due August 23

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service
10:45am Sunday School



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strengthening the saved and serving as one body for Jesus Christ our Lord.**