

A Moment with the Pastor

(An article from "The Lantern" 1891)

In a recent conversation with a Union soldier, a correspondent heard a fresh story about the late President Lincoln. As near as possible our friend tells it in the soldiers' words.

He says: "I had been in the Finley Hospital several months," said the soldier. "One day, in May 1863, President Lincoln and Secretary Chase walked in to the ward where I was lying. You don't know how much good it did to see them, one gets so tired looking at the nurse and at all the long row of cots. It is hard to lie on a cot day after day, and hear the boys' moans, as their life ebbs away."

"Some morning you wake up and see an empty cot near you. 'No. 6 is gone?' You say to the nurse. 'Yes, he went at three this morning, poor fellow; but its' better for him,' she answers, in a sympathetic voice.

"We boys therefore took solid comfort in looking at Lincoln's face that afternoon, and in hearing him talk. He didn't say much to me that day, but it was good to hear him say anything, his words were so gentle and kind. And then he was as thoughtful as a mother; he knew just what to say.

"I had been very sick. Yes, that sleeve's empty. I left the arm at Chattanooga. As I was saying, he only spoke a few words to me, and passed on to No. 26. A Vermont boy, a mere lad, not over sixteen, was on it. He had been wounded mortally, and was near his end. Mr. Lincoln stopped at the cot, and taking the thin, white hand, said in a tone that was as tender as a mother's, 'My poor boy, what can I do for you?' With a beseeching look, the little fellow turned his eyes up at the homely, kindly face, and asked, 'Won't you write to my mother for me?' 'That I will', answered the President; and calling for a pen, ink, and paper, he seated himself by the side of the cot."

"It was a long letter he wrote at least three pages of commercial note, and when it was finished, the President rose, saying, 'I will mail this as soon as I get back to my office. Now is there anything else I can do for you?' In some way the boy had come to know that it was the President. And so, looking at him in the appealing sort of way, he asked, 'Won't you stay with me till it's all over? It won't be long, and I do want to hold on to your hand.'"

"That was too much for the great-hearted president to resist. The tears came to his eyes, and he sat down by him and took hold of his hand. The little fellow did not move nor speak a word. This was some time before four o'clock, and it was long after six that the end came."

"But the President sat there as if he had been the boy's father. When the end came, he bent over and folded the thin hands on his breast, and then looked so sorrowfully at the pail, thin face. The tears streamed down his cheeks unheeded. We all cried too."

"Do you wonder that the boys' in the blue loved Abe Lincoln?"

– Deference is the most complicate, the most indirect, and the most elegant of all compliments –

Galatians 6:2 "Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Stewardship Statistics	8/3/25	8/10/25	8/17/25	8/24/25			Total Money And Average Attendance
Attendance for in-person services.	35	61	51	52			49.75
General Fund	\$2660.00	\$2350.00	\$1346.00	\$1171.00			\$7527.00
Weekly Budget	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71	\$2464.71			\$9858.84
+ or— Budget	\$195.29	(\$114.71)	(1118.71)	(\$1293.71)			(\$2331.84)
Designated Giving							
Birthday Money							
Food Pantry			\$480.30	\$200.00			\$680.30
Mud Hens Tickets							
Lehman Memorial Camp Fund	\$50.00		\$50.00				\$100.00
Total Giving's	\$2710.00	\$2350.00	\$1876.30	\$1371.00			\$8307.30

Prayer list:

John and Sara Roberts
 Sue Snyder (brain cancer)
 John McKenzie (pray for good health)
 Gloria Snyder (cancer in vocal chords)
 Sheryl, friend of Mary Ann (She had pancreatic surgery & starts chemo again.)
 Family of Josh, Joanne McKenzie's grand nephew (passed away unexpectedly)
 Bev Murphy's father (surgery recovery)
 Molly (surgery recovery/praise to be up and walking, less pain)
 Lifewise Academy starting for Otsego School students this year. (Pray for success.)
 Jerry & Nancy Snyder (strength)
 Larry Frost (praise he's up and walking, cancer treatments continue)
 Jamie Thomas (health issues)
 Mike Murphy (hernia surgery)
 Family of Roger Meador
 Henry Steiner (Tim & Julia's grandson has health issues due to Adrenal Insufficiency)
 Nora (Jacob's 14 yr. old niece/scoliosis)
 Jeff Frost (difficult time w/chemo)
 Russ Harshberger (low hemoglobin and pain management)

Prayer list cont.

Family of Rich Clemenson
 Faith Lewis Clemenson (wife of Rich/ recovering from shoulder reconstructive surgery)
 Gloria Lehman (wasp sting/allergic)
 Lindsey Baker's Dad
 Gene Mazey (heart attack)
 Jacob's parents (health issues)
 Minnesota School shooting victims

Remember our Shut-ins

Peggy Carsey - Brookdale #105
 Phyllis Betz - with family in Tontogany
 Bud Brown - BG Manor

Those in Service:

Darryl & Carol Krause (missionaries)
 Lt. Col. Elijah Ward – Carlisle, PA
 Ron Burkhart - Stateside
 Jon Walker - 180th TFW Active duty
 Michelle Metzger - Army Nat'l Guard
 Luke Millican - USAF
 Walker Polsinelli - Pakistan
 McNiel Snyder - USAF/Georgia
 Wynter Anderson - Army Nat'l Guard
 Hunter Braun - USAF Basic Training
 MSgt Deidra (Anderson) Braun - USAF

BURNING BUSH — In Exodus 3, God speaks to Moses from a bush that is burning but not consumed. When Moses asks what he should say if the Egyptians questions who sent him to lead the Israelites out of slavery, God states, "I AM WHO I AM." Centuries later, when people wonder who Jesus is, his answers hint at his divinity: "I AM the light of the world; I AM the good shepherd; I AM the bread of life" and, perhaps most profoundly, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58). On Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles as fire. Thus the burning bush is a powerful symbol of God's presence echoed through time.





Fellowship Break

September 7th hosted
by Nancy and Leighan

Men's Mentoring
starts immediately after
Fellowship Break.



Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 2nd
at 7:30pm

Food Pantry is Open

September 6th and 20th
10:00am - Noon

Small Group Bible Studies with Ed Tolles

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm
Book of Acts

Ladies Christian Fellowship starts back up Monday, September 22, 7:00pm



*We'll meet in the Junior Classroom.
All ladies of the church are invited!*

Friday Game Nights

September 12th and
September 26
6:30 - 9:00pm
Bring food to share!
Fun for kids and adults alike!



Congratulations

Ed & Tanya Tolles are
proud grandparents.
Eddie and Emily brought
Eloise Mae, 7lb. 14oz., 18 1/2 inches into the
world on 8/20/25.
They are at home doing well.



Junior/Senior High Youth Group on 2nd and 4th Saturdays

September 13, 5:00 - 6:30pm at **Jacob & Carol's** (parsonage)

19737 Sand Ridge Rd., Weston

September 27, 5:00 - 6:30pm at the **church**

13355 Center St., Weston

Dinner - Games - Lesson





Annual Church Picnic August 17, 2025 A few people are missing from the picture. Gaylyn and Jan were taking the pictures.

Honoring the Gift of Work

The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden "to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work" (Exodus 20:9, ESV).



Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, "We are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

—Author unknown

The Power of Prayer Warriors

Prayer warriors are spiritual soldiers—men and women who faithfully lift others in prayer, often behind the scenes. Though their work may go unnoticed by the world, it is deeply valued by God. Their intercession can strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and open doors for God's will to be done.

In Scripture, we are urged to "pray one for another" (James 5:16, KJV), reminding us that healing and restoration often come through the prayers of the faithful. A prayer warrior stands in the gap, bringing needs before the Lord with boldness and persistence.

The Apostle Paul recognized the power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities.

Their prayers may be silent, but their impact is mighty. Never underestimate the difference a praying heart can make.

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Take Courage: Trusting the One Who Overcomes

A young woman was deeply troubled by the suffering she saw in the world, as well as by struggles within her own family and friendships. Unsure of how to help or where to begin, she turned to her pastor for guidance. He responded with a heartfelt letter. A portion of it read:

"Life is difficult. It is sometimes like a mindless boot camp. We seem to be rehearsing for something that is beyond our present knowing. We come from a beginning that we cannot remember, and we move toward a destiny that we cannot see. Only imagination, faith and a friend here or there give us the strength to go on.

When Jesus said that we would always have trouble in this world, he added an encouraging word that we should never forget: *'Take courage; I have overcome the world.'*

I cannot fix you. You cannot fix you. Do not put your ultimate faith in me, or in yourself, or in any human being. Trust the Lord of the Harvest. He will fix you when he comes."

— Excerpted from a letter by Dr. Thomas Lane Butts

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The Gift of Music



I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

—Martin Luther

More than Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic

You may recall that many followers of Jesus called him "Rabbi." In essence, the word means teacher. Clearly the word describes the brilliant Nazarene who was constantly teaching his listeners about God and God's expectations of humans.

In a secular society, it is of paramount importance that the teachings of Christ be proclaimed and affirmed wherever possible. In the early days of our country, it was customary for public schools to teach reading, writing and arithmetic as well as Christian principles. Subjects being taught were presented in a setting of morality, religion and character development.

The reading book compiled by William H. McGuffey in 1836 focused on such themes as self-denial, temperance, obedience, and warned against laziness, profanity, stealing and vanity.

In our time, however, when it is difficult to focus on God and spiritual matters in public schools, our churches and families have a great responsibility. Sunday school attendance, not only for children but for adults as well, must be of primary importance. Prayer, as well as discussion of social issues from a Christian point of view, must be practiced in the home and church. We must learn and teach about Christ.

"Learn from me," Jesus said. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29 NRSV). Where shall we learn of him or from him if not in our churches and homes?

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

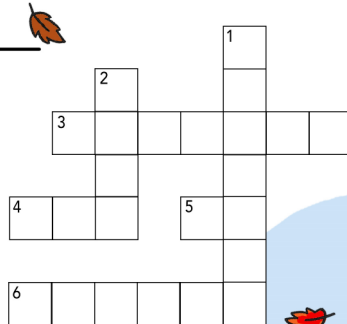
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____ 2 _____ 6
its _____ 3 ; _____ 4
our God, _____ 1 _____ 5 .

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



*Birthdays
and
Anniversaries*

Taylor Anderson
Dan Murphy
Garland "Joey" Brown III
Jerry Snyder
Carl Murphy
Tom Zulch
Larry Frost
Mike Murphy

18 Derrick & Amber Saylor

A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

Lord of all seasons,
As the leaves change and the days grow
cooler,
help me embrace the rhythm of your
creation.
Teach me to let go of what I no longer
need
and to trust your timing in every part of
life.

Thank you for the beauty of autumn—
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the
promise of harvest.
May this season deepen my gratitude,
renew my spirit,
and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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Create adorable sheep using graham crackers, marshmallows, and a little imagination!

What you need:

- Graham cracker squares
- White frosting or marshmallow fluff
- Mini marshmallows
- Large marshmallows
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Black gel icing or mini Oreo cookie

What you do:

1. Spread white frosting or marshmallow fluff on each graham cracker square.
2. Stick mini marshmallows all over to make the sheep's wool.
3. Cut a large marshmallow in half and stick it near the top for the head.
4. Add candy eyes and a dot of black gel for the nose. Or use a mini Oreo cookie half for a more defined face.
5. Let kids decorate their sheep however they'd like!

Lesson tie-in

Use this treat to remind kids that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

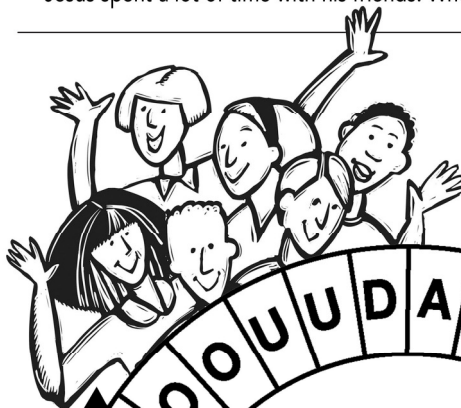
John 10:11, KJV

Note: The puzzle above to the right has the spaces wrong on the fourth line. There should be four blank lines (for a 4 letter word) and then one blank line.

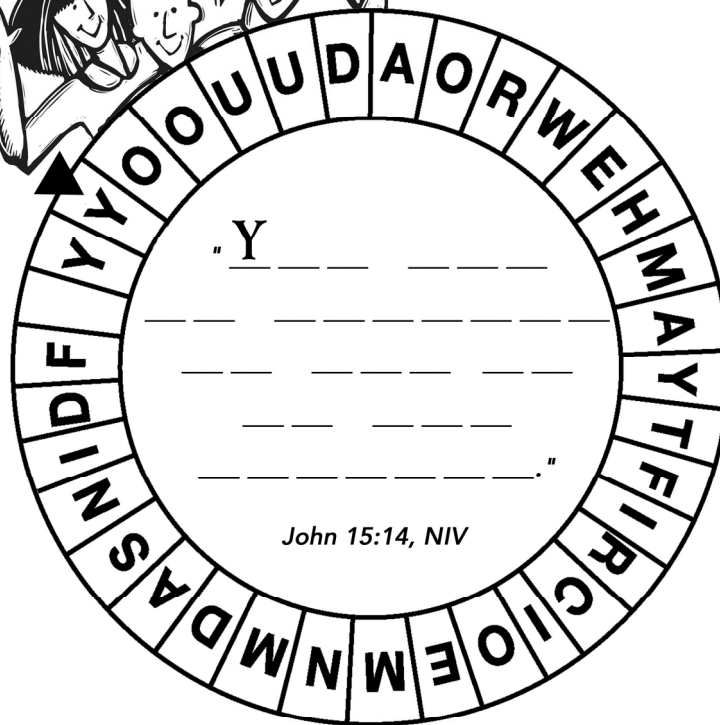


WHO WERE JESUS' FRIENDS?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends. Whom did Jesus consider his friends?



Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below.



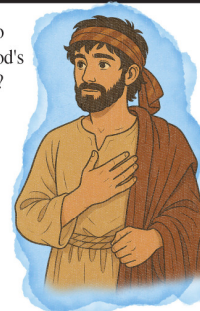
John 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV

Bible Quiz

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.



Answer: A (See Jonah 1:9-15).

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:30pm Board Meeting	7:00pm Small Group Bible Study <i>Book of Acts</i>	7:00pm Band Practice		10am - noon Food Pantry
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Worship Birthdays/Anniversaries Fellowship Break hosted by Nancy & Leighan Men's Mentoring follows break.			7:00pm Small Group Bible Study <i>Book of Acts</i>	 7:00pm Band Practice	6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night	5-6:30pm Youth Group at Parsonage Dinner Games Lesson
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S.			7:00pm Small Group Bible Study <i>Book of Acts</i>	7:00pm Band Practice		10am - noon Food Pantry
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S.	Fall Begins 7:00pm Ladies Christian Fellowship		7:00pm Small Group Bible Study <i>Book of Acts</i>	7:00pm Band Practice	6:30 - 9:00pm Game Night	5-6:30pm Youth Group at Church Dinner Games Lesson
Fifth Sunday 28	29	30				
9:30am Worship 11:00am Jr./Sr. High S.S. and Adult S.S.						

'Looking ahead to October'

The Fall Festival sponsored by Weston Church of Christ is scheduled for
Saturday, October 4th, 3:00 - 8:00pm.

It's always free and open to the public!

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October news articles are due September 23

Sunday Worship Times

9:30am Worship Service

11:00am Sunday School



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