

I had a plan for this. I was going to tie in my recent Girls Trip to our Sunday School class study. It was going to be deep. It would make you ponder and reflect. But then JD. He went and used AI to make a

point and daggone it! I like it! It's pertinent. It's thought provoking. What do you think?

It's August. The month of transition (ask any teacher or student-they can tell you)! Not quite back-to-school time, yet not fully summer. Vacations are winding down, or being crammed in at the last minute. Soon schedules will shift from carefree, to carefully planned. Yes, August is a month of transition but in our church it is a month of invitation.

First, it is an *Invitation to Pause*. Before the chaos that is full-fledged Fall takes root, let's catch our breath and reflect on our blessings to this point. Where has God been at work in your life? What prayers have been answered? What burdens do you continue to carry that desperately need to be laid down before the Lord? Even Jesus paused. He withdrew to quiet places, not to escape, but to deepen His connection with the Father. We need to slow down and re-connect too. Enjoy a cook-out or picnic with family and friends. Sit a spell on your porch. Breathe deeply and hear the birds chirping. Watch the hummingbirds and butterflies. Take a walk around your yard, or at a park, or in the woods. Draw close to the Creator who makes all things beautiful in their time (Ecc. 3:11).

August also offers an *Invitation to Recommit*. As Fall quickly approaches, so does our new church calendar. This is the season for planning. Bible studies, Sunday School, youth programs, service opportunities, outreaches. Ask yourself: Where is God calling me to serve this year? What gifts do I have that can be used to build up the Body of Christ? What is my relationship like with my church? Have I allowed myself to grow distant? Is it time for me to change that, to enter back into full fellowship with my family of believers? The writer of Hebrews urges us to "...consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another" (Heb. 10:24-25). If you feel a bit adrift, know that there is always a place for you here. You are welcomed, needed and most of all, loved.

Lastly, August gives us an *Invitation to Prepare*. Spring and Summer have all but gone and now is the time for us to look ahead. While August brings new opportunities for ministry and discipleship, it also brings challenges—busier schedules, changes in family routines, the emotional weight of transition itself. How can we enter this next season not with stress, but with spiritual readiness? Begin by preparing your heart. Set aside intentional time to read the Bible, to pray with purpose, and to ask the Lord for guidance. Is there a new spiritual practice you'd like to start? A new devotional habit to start or strengthen? A burden you've been called to release? Let August be the soil in which your faith deepens—so that when fall arrives you are not scrambling to catch up, rather, you are stepping forward with confidence in Christ. In this in-between month, find your moments of stillness that refresh your soul. Take opportunities to reconnect with God...and with each other. Feel the excitement of a brand new season to come. Let us walk together into the future that God has prepared for us...and for which He has prepared us! Walk now with Faith, Hope and Love.



Sunday Services 8:00 & 10:45
Sunday School 9:30
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00
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Answers

1. Samuel
2. A priest
3. It budded,
bloomed and
produced almonds
4. Jerusalem
5. Forty years old
6. Priests & Judges



Have you noticed this QR code? Our church now has a working webpage! On it you can access the Church Calendar for upcoming activities, an archive of sermons, monthly newsletters and general information about our Vision and Core Values. Thanks to our Tech Team you can also find us on YouTube in addition to Facebook. Check us out!

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Angel	Graduates, Teachers, Students	Pam Shram
Angie Sayre	Grieving	Pregnant Friend to Ruby
Ark Trip	Hannah Mozingo	Roma Dailey
Arnold Morris	Harold & Liz Hunt	Sam Lantz
Aubrey	Helen Loew	Sally Bowie
Audrey M.	James Krillie	Sayre Family
Baby James & Mom	Jennie	Sharon Bartoe
Barbara Fairbanks	Jimmy Jones	Sharon Wilson
Bea Armentrout	Jimmy Rinehart	Steve Bliss
Betty Buchannon	Joan Hunter	Stewart Family
Bill Brewer	John Vensel & Family	Tim Heildabrant
Bus Driver Volunteers	Joint Service	Todd Hood
C.C. Roxby	Kaleb	Travelers
Carol Baniak	Kim McConnaughey	Unsaved
Chip Bond	Krina	Unspoken
Chris	Logan Stewart	U.S. Country/Gov't
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Dorothy Hatfield	Maverick	Wellsburg Christian Church— Pastor Search
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1. Who said to the Lord “Speak, for your servant is listening”?
2. In the parable of the good Samaritan, who was the first person to see the injured man on the road to Jericho?
3. What strange thing happened to Aaron’s rod?
4. Under Solomon’s reign, where was the Ark of the Covenant located?
5. How old was Moses when he first left Egypt?
6. Before the kings, who governed Israel?



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Building & Grounds 12:30	4 Evangelism 6:30 @ Lantz Home	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Choir Resumes 6:30	6 Bible Study 7:00	7	8	9  Kirke's Ice Cream 7:00
10  Tom Shelton	11	12 Choir 6:30	13 Bible Study 7:00	14	15	16
 PICNIC 11:00 Bald Eagle Sheter Brooke Hills Park	18	19 Choir 6:30	20 Bible Study 7:00	21	22	23
24  PETERSON REHABILITATION & HEALTHCARE CENTER 3:00	25	26 Choir 6:30	27 Bible Study 7:00	28	29	30  Faith & Family Nite 5:30
 REMINDER Reports Due!		9/2 Finance Committee 6:00	9/3 Missions Committee 6:00	9/4 Directory Committee 6:00	 West Liberty Christian Church	