

HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 11 AM

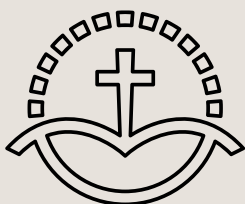
All are Welcome! 2026 Church Homecoming is here! Bring a covered dish and we will enjoy a luncheon after our morning worship service. As children and young families finish Homecoming lunch they are invited to enjoy some fall festival games with prizes/candy set up near the Great Room. Youth (6-12th) and a few volunteers will staff these festival games/booths. See Michaela if you'd like to help with this.

DEACON ORDINATION

Sunday, October 18th at 11 am, we will have deacon ordination. We have 3 gentlemen being ordained: Bennett Vest, Ray Worsham, and Vic Calhoun. Please pray for these men and their families as they begin their deacon ministry.

Also, we will highlight our church committees that day.

Deacons Meeting will be at 445 pm that afternoon and Business Meeting will be at 6 pm



LADIES TRIP

The ladies will be traveling the Blue Ridge to Mercier's Orchards and to eat lunch on Tuesday, October 6. This will be in lieu of Ladies' Night Out. Please see Brenda Lovell or Kim Casey if you plan to attend so that we can plan on how many cars to take.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet on Sunday, October 4th at 445 pm. If you are a committee chairperson, please make plans to attend.

H.O.P.E. IN GOLDEN AGE

H.O.P.E. in Golden age will meet on Thursday, October 22nd at 1030 am for a picnic in the park. Weather permitting, if not it will be moved to the church.

New Contact Information:
Linda Beatty - 770-684-7897
Clydie Jones - 770-598-2827
Vickie Worsham - 404-314-9362

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, October 25th during the morning worship time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm

BROTHERHOOD

Sunday, October 25th at 8 am. This is for gentlemen of all ages. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and a time of worship & fellowship.

MISSIONS FOR OCTOBER

The missions' project for October will be to collect items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will still encourage members to pack their own boxes. Hopefully, we can exceed last year's goal. There is a collection box in the welcome center.

SUGGESTED ITEMS ARE: small toys, dolls, stuffed animals, personal care items, school supplies, hair accessories, books, musical instruments, craft supplies, puzzles, coloring books, stickers, sunglasses, flashlights, playdough. DO NOT INCLUDE: soap, food, gum, used items, camouflage, seeds, liquid, medications, money, breakable items, matches, fire starters, toothpaste, knives.

October Newsletter 2026
Youth, Kids and Young Families

This month:

- Homecoming Sunday, October 11, as children and young families finish Homecoming lunch they are invited to enjoy some fall festival games with prizes/candy set up near the Great Room. Youth (6-12 th) and a few volunteers will staff these festival games/booths. See Michaela if you'd like to help with this. We are so grateful for the women's committee who hosts Homecoming lunch and many other meals for our church family to enjoy and fellowship with one another. (There will be no activities on campus this evening.)
- Wednesday, October 14 is FCA's Fields of Faith event, this year at the RHS football field. We will eat Second Wednesday dinner at 5:30PM before leaving. Gates open 6PM; event starts at 6:30PM. While this event targets middle and highschoolers, everyone is invited to be a part of this worship event.
- Sunday afternoon/evening of October 25 Young families, children and youth are invited to enjoy fall fun and fellowship together. More info is coming.
- We need transportation volunteers for youth group activities. If you are willing to transport students (6-12 th grade) in your personal vehicle for one or more Wednesday evenings this fall, please see Michaela.
 - We ask that young families, children and youth prayerfully consider joining us every Sunday for Sunday school and worship/children's church/worship care. With consistent attendance, children will see the major sections and theology of scripture, see how the stories connect to one another, to themselves, and to the overarching story of God redeeming the world in Christ.
 - The Young Families continue studying the book of Ecclesiastes during Sunday school. Brian and Rebecca Mize teach and provide a lesson guide for download each week to catch up and study at home. We encourage young couples and parents of young(ish) children to join us to build community, pray for each other and study the scriptures together.
 - Children's church: We look forward to renovating the current music suite this fall to prepare 3 new rooms for babies, toddlers/preschoolers, and early elementary ages. We are looking forward to dividing the elementary ages during the 11AM hour as soon as possible. If you'd like to volunteer with children's church and are not currently in the volunteer rotation, please see Michaela.
- Children continue to meet on Sunday evenings at 6PM while adults are in Bible study. Mission Friends for preK and under meets in the nursery. K-5 th meets upstairs.
 - LifeWise: Please pray for the growing number of 3 rd and 4 th graders who attend and hear the gospel at our church and across the county. We are so grateful for our wonderful teachers and volunteers who minister to Van Wert Elem students at our church on Wednesday mornings. Other churches and schools need more volunteers. If you're available and would like to help, see Michaela or apply at <https://lifewise.org/program/1304200-polk-county-schools/>.
 - Thank you to our nursery, children, youth and young family ministry volunteers!
Multi-generational ministry doesn't happen without you!

Looking ahead:

- Youth continue to meet for Bible Study and Fun (BSF) on Wednesdays, 6—7:30PM. We have several fun and challenging events coming up in October—December including Operation Christmas Child, raking leaves for church members, bonfire, etc.
- We are working on a way for children to be involved in Christmas music and drama on an Sunday morning in December.
- We look forward to young families gathering at a home on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy dinner & fellowship together. More info to come.

This month's LITTLE LIBRARY highlight:

- Let your kids choose some books that you know will be spiritually edifying, fun, and shape them in positive ways! Our little library is the bookshelf outside of the upstairs children's classroom. There is a resource check-out and return form on the bookshelf for you to sign.
- There you'll also find "Know Me Notes," prompts for parents to send encouraging messages to help communicate kids' feeling, their challenges, how you see them and Jesus in everyday moments, etc. Fill in a note, post it on a mirror or another place your kid will see, and your child can respond when they're ready.



Every Monday
6:00 -6:45 pm Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 pm Worship
8:00 - 9:00 pm Small Groups



THE GATHERING GROUNDS

SUNDAYS
9:30 - 9:45 AM
& 10:30 - 10:45 AM

Who's Your ONE?



THE CHOSEN SEASON 6

EARLY ACCESS EVENT | EPISODE 1

Sunday, October 4th
6 pm

PRESENTED BY COME AND SEE

October Meet & Greet
David & Judi Jackson
October 4th at 930 am

Church Greeters for September
Randy Turner
Danny Bell
Todd Mathis
Clydie Jones
Martha Bell

Church Security for October
Drew Williams is responsible for
locking and unlocking the
church during October.

Sound Techs for October
10/4 Robert Register
10/11 David Vest
10/18 Matthew Mize
10/25 Todd Mathis

Deacon of the Week for October
10/4 Todd Mathis
10/11 Randy Turner
10/18 David Vest
10/25 Matt Wallace

Nursery Volunteers for October
10/4 Charity Ratcliff
10/11 Anna Williams
10/18 Stephanie Mears
10/25 Susan Culver

Children's Church for October
10/4
Stephanie Mears, Vickie Worsham &
Brandon Terry
10/11
Kay Hughes, Kathy Dolbeer & Rhonda
McCormack
10/18
Michaela Odom, Melissa Mathis &
Brandon Terry
10/25
Lisa Greene, Susan Culver & Rhonda
McCormack



2026 FAMILY & FRIENDS PHOTO
DIRECTORY WILL BE READY IN JUST A
FEW WEEKS.

All new Robo Call and Text Messaging
In the coming weeks, we will begin to
utilize calls, texts and mass emails to
keep everyone up-to-date and
informed.



September was a month full of
learning for our preschool
students. We finished up the Days
of Creation and God Made Us All
Unique units. We started the
Armor of God unit. The belt of
truth and the shield of faith are
some of the favorite lessons for
our students. International Dot
Day was celebrated. There have
been a lot of last days of summer
fun on the playground. We ended
the month with a community
field trip to The Olive Press
bookstore and Hometown Pizza.
We are looking forward to a
month of pumpkins and more fall
fun.

Known October Birthdays
02 - Gail Helton
Alyssa Jackson
Barbie Kelly
03 - Vickie Worsham
09 - Lucille Harris
15 - Samantha Lindsey
Kim Wilson
18 - Judi Jackson
David Vest
21 - Jeffrey Kelly
29 - Matthew Mize
Noah Mize
31- Newt Hendrix
Sarah-Ann Ratcliff

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change information, send
messages and so much more!

