

Phillipsburg First Christian Church

August 2017 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

8/6 Christian Mens' Fellowship

8/14 Material Girls Quilt Guild

8/21 Elders Meeting

8/28 Missions Meeting

From the Pastor's Pen

Summer is more than half-way through.

The birds will soon fly south for the winter.

The children will go "Back to School".

Families will take that last summer weekend getaway.

It is also the time to think about September at church: Ladies Bible Study, children's and youth meetings and just getting back to Church. In Revelation 2:1-5 Jesus declared that the Church at Ephesus had some really good things going on: good deeds, diligent labor, perseverance and more. There was one HUGE PROBLEM with the Church, the **MEMBERS HAD LEFT THEIR FIRST LOVE**. Jesus no longer took first place in the lives of many in the Church. Their love for their Lord had grown cold. Does that sound similar to today? We can all get so busy with so many things that it becomes all too easy to get sidetracked from the most important thing: Our love for Jesus!

To recapture that first love each one of us needs to make a decisive commitment to change -- to turn things around in our own lives. Our allegiance belongs first of all to Jesus, the one who died for us and then we need to renew our commitment to our spiritual family: the church. We are called to examine

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ourselves and see what it is we really love. We are called to walk with Jesus, to journey with him, to let his work fill us with all sorts of excitement and energy.

The instruction Jesus gives is to "Do the works you did at first." Your love for Jesus needs to overflow into a willingness to labor for him in his kingdom. That means you must each become involved in things where you see the need and you know you can help. It begins with a heart that renews its love for Jesus and demonstrates that love through service for Him.

We have some genuine needs right here in this body of Christ. Can I challenge you to renew your love for Jesus and to be willing to work right along side others in His Kingdom. With God beside us we can work through the challenges that come our way. We can work with a renewed love and power and strength and we can then sense the blessings which will come our way from the Lord.

Christ needs you! We need you! Let's do this out of love for Jesus!

Love ya, Pastor Herder

A CLEAR VIEW THROUGH THE WINDOWS:

The windows replacement committee recently has fielded a few questions about the Faith in Progress windows pledge drive and concerning window coverings and pledges. We have added the purchase of curtains to the project.

Concerning pledges, this project was outlined as a three-year giving program. We **are not** asking that we increase our pledges. We simply believe it is important that each of us have the opportunity and receive the blessing of fulfilling our pledges whether that be over one year, two years, three years, or however each family has determined -- with God's guidance -- to give.

These pledge drives never seem to come out even, so if any funds are left over after the windows are finished, they will be used on maintenance issues in the parsonage and church.

We thank everyone for putting faith into action on this project.

If you have questions you can talk to one of the committee members: Linda Imm, Sue Miller, John Jarvis, Beverly Jarvis, Steve Constable.



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS

New Church Directory photographs by Lifetouch have been scheduled for Thursday, September 21st through Saturday, September 23rd. Each family may bring a can of food, for the food bank, for a \$5.00 off coupon. Photography times available will be Thursday and Friday, September 21st & 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday September 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On August 27th there will be a sign-up sheet available in the foyer before and after church service, so be sure to schedule your photography session.

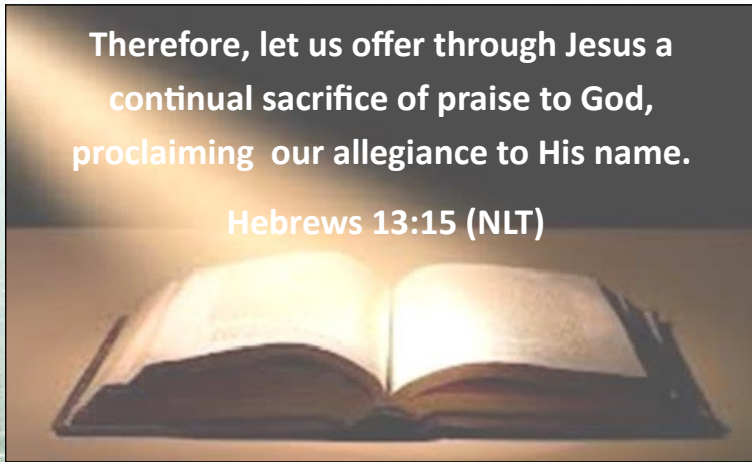
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AUGUST MEMORY SCRIPTURE

Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a
continual sacrifice of praise to God,
proclaiming our allegiance to His name.

Hebrews 13:15 (NLT)



August Birthdays

02 Terry Babcock	16 Nick Aiken
03 Emry Hindman	19 Lucas Crist
03 Tim Rowland	19 Konnie Jarvis
05 Maclin Hindman	21 Mina Wagner
05 Adam Kenney	22 Toby Griffith
05 Carolyn Rumbaugh	24 Vicki Constable
07 Ken Stormont	27 Rallen Minkler
07 Roger Weinman	27 Bert Follis
08 Nancy Johnson	27 Michele Boeve
09 Jennie Christensen	28 Duane Harris
09 Rick Coomes	28 Erick Babcock
11 Troy Blubaugh	29 Johnathan Boeve
11 Jemma Thomas	29 Keath Thomas
12 Kurt Thomas	31 Dakota Johnson
14 Nate Prewitt	31 Austin Kenney
15 Kelly Ford	31 Don Isernhagen
15 Amie Epley	

July Offering

02	\$4,422.25
09	\$2,246.00
16	\$2,285.00
23	\$1,834.00
30	Unavailable

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ELDERS

06 Stuart Jarvis

13 Marilyn Jansonius

20 Beverly Jarvis

27 Clark Hopson

DEACONS

Neil Hopson

Denis Miller

Shane Jarvis

Jayne Jarvis

GREETERS

06 This could be you

13 This could be you

20 This could be you

27 This could be you

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