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Charles Stanley, in *The Reason for My Hope*, says: "If I were to look to the headlines of the newspaper to hear the opening lines of virtually any newscast...If I were to look only at the scores of people that I know who struggle daily with severe problems – diseases diagnosed as terminal, marriages that are crumbling, children who are rebellious, communities that are being shattered by racism or eaten away by poverty, homes that are being destroyed by alcohol or chemical additions...If I were to focus only on the many civil wars, intertribal, and religious conflicts that are raging around the world today...If I were to listen only to people who are seeking to escape the horrors of present-day abuse or coping with the fear-evoking memories of past abuse...If I were to keep my mind attuned only to the steady stream of programs on television that are filled with lewdness and violence...It would be easy to lose hope. But that is not where I look or focus my attention. I have hope today. It is unshakable hope. It is a hope based on something eternal and all-powerful. It is a hope founded on good evidence."



We all need hope to keep moving ahead in the race of life. The key issue is our source of hope. The foundation for our greatest hope is in the love that God has for us.

We have hope for the future because the love of God is so great. The apostle John says that the supreme attribute of God is love. He clearly stated the depth of God's love in his first epistle: "God is love" (1 John 4:16). Since God is love, we can be sure that His love for us is genuine and unchanging. This gives us a measure of hope.

It's not enough, though, to understand that God is a God of love. We must individually respond to His personal love for us. His personal love gives us hope.

We have hope for the future because God loves us personally. The love of God is unconditional. Because the love of God originates in His character, it is motivated internally, not externally. That is, the love of God is an expression of His nature. He loves because He is a God of love. He does not love based on the 'lovability' of the objects of that love. The love He practices come because of who He is.

We have hope for the future because the love of God is so great. We have hope for the future because God loves us personally. We find our hope in God, as we trust Him with our very lives.

We have hope that lasts. We have hope that counts. Our hope is not something like a wish, but it is assured by the personal love of our heavenly Father, built on nothing less than "Jesus' blood and righteousness."

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Library News

September Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

You have probably heard the slogan, "Loose lips sink ships." It was a slogan during World War II and was used to remind the public not to give away information that the enemy could use against us.

In our Sunday School class we also have a slogan, "what is said here, stays here." We feel safe when we talk to each other because what we say is not going to be heard by everyone. It's important we think twice before we pass information to each other. Rash words can damage and hurt so before you open your mouth, THINK! Remember this short little prayer: *Lord, help me to guard my lips. I don't want to hurt anyone with my words. Amen*"

Proverbs 13:3: *He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.*

Here are a few books from our Library...

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? by Philip Yancy. "If prayer stands as the place where God and human begins meet, then I must learn about prayer," writes this author. "I have written twenty books and in some way most of them circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want Him to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those two themes converge."

The Prayer That Changes Everything by Stormie Omartian. Every time you praise God, something changes within you, in your circumstances, or in the people or situations around you. You can't see all that is being affected, but you can trust that it is. It is impossible to come into contact with all God is without change taking place.

FICTION:

The Road Home by Beverly Lewis. Lena Rose consoles herself that her new life in Lancaster County won't be forever. Surely someday soon she will return to her beloved Michigan settlement, including her beau. But even as she holds onto hope for a reunion with those she loves most, she discovers that Lancaster holds charms of its own. Will she find the courage to open her heart to other possibilities?

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

**CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY!!
THERE ARE BOOKS FOR ALL AGES!**

1	Tally Peters
3	Kathy Miller
4	Joe Bailey
	Ella Steele
5	Tyler Robinson
6	Linda Hagerty
9	Jana Weaver
11	Zoey Fischer
15	Paul Smith
17	Amy Easton
18	Sarah Long
20	Harlan Groves
21	Chuck Peters
22	Willie Mangrum
24	Jerry White
	Vivian Bowen
	Adam Vaughn
25	David Warren
28	Edna Durham
	Ann Smith
29	Jan LaRose

*Happy Birthday
to You!*

From the Church Office

Reminders...

Pray Maury sponsors **Prayer on the Square** in front of the courthouse in Columbia the 2nd Thursday of each month at Noon. All in the community are invited to come to this time of prayer.

Lost & Found...

There is a basket at the Welcome Desk with items that have been found in the church – clothes, umbrella, Bible, etc. There are also sweaters, etc. in the copy room that have been here almost a year. Please check to see if any of these belong to you. If they are not claimed by September 30th, they will be disposed of. Thank you for your attention to these items.

Paula , Ministry Assistant

Men's Ministry



Saturday, September 14th, 10 am

Cost: \$10 for Breakfast, \$8 for Bowling

Where: Tenn Pin Alley, Columbia

****We must have at least 20 for this event. We are almost there! Sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Desk. Dads – This is a great father & son event!**

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Our Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, September 11,
10:15 am

Everyone is Welcome!
 (The Crossings, Spring Hill)

KidCentral News...



Schedule

Sept. 1: Brent & Christie Johnson
Sept. 8: Andrew & Kristen Rinehart
Sept. 15: Barry & Cynthia Huntzinger
Sept. 22: Brooks & Mary Hester

Sept. 29: NO Children's Church

GREETERS SCHEDULE

September 1: Jane Love & Paul Smith

September 8: Dan & Jan LaRose

September 15: Willie & Shirleen Mangrum

September 22: Tammy & Caroline Lovely

September 29: Melanie Brandon & Sharon Grace



Childcare Available

Nursery Desk Schedule

Sept. 1: Marvin Bailey
Sept. 8: Brent Johnson
Sept. 15: Barry Huntzinger
Sept. 22: Bruce Hull
Sept. 29: Chuck Peters

Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well. 110 lbs. of food was delivered this past month!



Current High Needs Grocery List: Canned vegetables & fruit, tomato sauce, Boxed goods (brown or white rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, Ramen Noodles), dried beans (all varieties), pasta sauce, applesauce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, syrup, PEANUT BUTTER (most needed item!)

(Boxes are located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library)

Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!



AWANA starts back up in September! Registration for ages 2 years old (Potty trained) through 6th grade is Sunday, September 8th at 6 pm, Parent Meeting is September 15th at 6 pm, and the first night of AWANA is September 22 at 6 pm. Cost is \$35 per child; \$100 maximum per family.



Offering Goal: \$2,000.00



Future Growth Funding

\$18,893.50 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$334,896.05 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



We are preparing all year to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child 2019**. Each month will have specific items needed and everyone can participate! The month of **September** we are asking for **Games** – such as Etch-a-sketch, puzzles, marbles, dominos, mazes, etc. Just a couple more months before we begin packing the shoeboxes! Collection container is in the Sr. Ladies SS Classroom. Thank you!

Background Checks



Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old must have a completed background check. Please contact the church office so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. Thank you.