

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Budget Gifts	8/29/21	1,135.00
	9/5/21	3,067.00
	9/12/21	0.00
	9/19/21	3,611.00
	9/26/21	3,038.00
Assoc. Missions		200.00
Vision Virginia		275.00
Samaritan's Purse		300.00
Homeless		100.00
Three Girls		255.00
Memorials-Frances Puglisi		210.00
Memorials-Louise Boyles		100.00
Use of Facilities		300.00
Food Committee		250.00
Local		300.00
Total		13,141.00

ATTENDANCE

	<u>S.Sch.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
August 29	41	52
September 5	40	42
September 12	—	—
September 19	33	31
September 26	37	50

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so very much for the flowers and fruit that were brought to me after my recent hospital stay. I am very grateful for my church and the family of God there. I had a couple nights of tears and God humbling me for which I am thankful. My recovery has gone well and I have another couple weeks of therapy. Thank you most of all for your prayers. God is always there when clouds come our way!

Love in Christ,
Della Nearhood

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We have entered a new church year and are faced with many uncertainties. We have established an interim search committee and a pastor search committee and they are starting their processes. But, there are still so many unknowns. Then there are the unknowns that every one faces, what will my finances look like, what will my health be, where will I be working and doing what, how many funerals will I attend this year, and, will the last one be mine. Uncertainties of what new laws and legal rulings will do to our religious freedoms, will we be engaged in a new conflict that will kill more of our young people, and on a global scale, how many Christians around the world will pay the price for their faith in Jesus with their livelihood, their homes and with their lives.

We have recently studied Ecclesiastes 1:2 which says “Everything is meaningless” says the Teacher, “completely meaningless”. And this was from a leader that God gave so much of the things of this world to. His final conclusion 12:13-14. “Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether bad or good”.

1 Corinthians 15: 57 says “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”. There is certainty for those who love Jesus and strive to serve Him. Romans 8:39 says “...nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”. That is a bed rock certainty that you can rest on tomorrow, next week, next year, up through the day you will see him face to face. Will it be easy and painless? Will things go the way I want them to? ABSOLUTELY NOT! Luke 9:23 warns us in Jesus's words “.....let them deny themselves and take up their cross DAILY and follow me”. Psalms 23:4 “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me....”

Romans 15:13 “I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him”. As we face this year, my prayer is that we can stand together and sing, “we are one in though spirit, we are one in the Lord” and sing together “ They will know we are Christians by our love, by love, yes they will know we are Christians by our love.

In His love,
Marvin