October 2026

COMMUNITY-CHURCHES

Held Through Every Season

There is something about October in our West Virginia hills that makes you want to slow down. The trees put on their colors, the mornings turn cool, and a familiar country road suddenly looks beautiful all over again.

Sometimes we need that reminder: there is still beauty to be seen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Prayer / Bible Study Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	**1**	**2**	**3**
4 **Valley Chapel** Preaching Service 10:00 am.	**5** CHURCH PICNIC <<< 4th After the Service	**6**	**7** **Prayer / Bible Study** Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 **Waldeck** Preaching Service 10:00 am.	**12**	**13**	**14** **Prayer / Bible Study** Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	**15** **Serenity Care Service** 6:00 pm	**16**	**17**
18 **Valley Chapel** Preaching Service 10:00 am.	**19**	**20**	**21** **Prayer / Bible Study** Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	**22**	**23**	**24**
25 **Waldeck** Preaching Service 10:00 am.	**26**	**27**	**28** **Prayer / Bible Study** Valley Chapel 6:00 pm.	**29**	**30**	**31**

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
Hebrews 13:8, KJV

"Pastoral Perspectives"

Life can wear us down. We carry concerns for our families, miss people who once sat beside us, and wonder what the days ahead will bring. We can become so occupied with what hurts that we overlook the quiet mercies God has placed along the way.

Then comes a kind word. A friend calls. Someone remembers to ask how we are doing and waits to hear the answer. We sing an old hymn, and a truth we have known for years reaches our hearts as though we are hearing it for the first time. **God has not forgotten us.**

The verse in our newsletter comes near the end of Hebrews, where believers are encouraged to keep loving one another, welcome strangers, and remember those who are suffering. Right there, among those reminders about living faithfully, stands this steady truth: Jesus Christ does not change.

The Savior who carried us through yesterday is with us today. Whatever tomorrow brings, we will meet it with Him.
I see reasons for encouragement in our Valley Chapel and Waldeck church families. People still pray for one another. The Bible is still opened. Songs of faith still rise. Beyond the church doors, a visit, a shared meal, or a helping hand can remind someone that they are loved. We may never know how much those simple things mean. A few minutes beside a hospital bed may ease a lonely afternoon. An invitation to church may reach someone who has been waiting to feel welcome. A prayer offered with a trembling voice may encourage someone else to keep trusting God.

You still have love to give, and God can use it.

Perhaps you cannot do everything you once did. You can still speak someone's name in prayer. You can offer encouragement. You can tell a younger person how the Lord has helped you. Years of walking with Jesus have given you something precious to share.

This October, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes to His goodness and to the person who needs a little of that goodness through us. Make the call. Send the card. Pull up a chair. Tell someone, "I'm glad you're here."
And if your own heart feels weary, bring that weariness to Jesus. The One who loved you enough to die for you has risen, and He holds your future.

The hills will change their colors. The days will grow shorter. But the love of our Savior will remain.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for holding us through every season. Refresh our weary hearts, help us notice Your daily mercies, and fill our churches with love that reaches beyond our doors. Let someone find encouragement through us this month. Amen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well". - **Psalm 139:13-14 (KJV)**

Agnes Starcher	**10/4**
Pete Beall	**10/4**
Mary Stapleton	**10/16**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
Dennis and Joyce Marple
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