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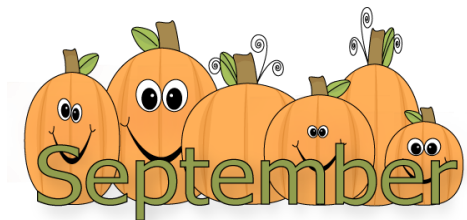
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As we enter the month of September we find the end of summer, but September has also been a season where we are reminded to enter into the rest of God. In the Old Testament, September was the time for the Feast of Trumpets where they people experienced a time of rest. In our modern day, September is where we find Labor Day which is also given for people to find a time of rest from their labor. **The Bible calls God's people to be mindful of how they find rest in their lives.** We can learn three things about rest from a quick survey of the Scriptures.

First, **rest in our lives is both a gift and a mandate from God.** In creation, God rested from His work on the seventh day. Later, God commanded His people to enter into rest on the seventh day. **Rest from God is intended for people to find a refuge from the physical, emotional, and mental toils of life.** God designed us and made us, so He knows what we need to flourish in His good creation. Taking a break from our work, from our problems, and from our

circumstances leads to a period of refreshing for our minds and our bodies. Rest is essential for a healthy life.

Second, **rest in our lives is an invitation from Jesus.** In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus issues an invitation to all when He says, "Come to Me...and you will find rest for your souls." This invitation from Jesus is a call to turn away from the futility of the ways of the world and turn to Him to follow His ways in the world. When we enter into the rest of Jesus we gain peace, contentment, and hope in life which produces a refreshing of our souls. The worries and the strife of the world can fall away from us when we find our rest in the ways of Jesus for our lives.

Third, **rest in our lives becomes an eternal reality.** When Israel was called out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, that land was to be for God's people a promise of rest in the world. The Promised Land for Israel was a picture of eternity for the Church. Though Israel never fully possessed the promise of God's rest in the land, the New Testament is clear that the followers of Jesus will enter into an eternal rest in the end. Both the

author of Hebrews and the Book of Revelation describe the fulfillment of a future promise from God, a new reality, where the followers of Christ will fully possess God's eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven. That means, in eternity there will be no more physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion for us to endure. This promise of eternal rest should bring a hope and excitement in our lives as we look forward to our eternity in the presence of God.

God's design for our lives is one that seeks out and enjoys rest. Rest can be a day or it can be a moment in our day. **Anytime we find ourselves overwhelmed physically, emotionally, or mentally, God is calling us to take a break and to enter into rest with Him.** His presence in that moment will become a refreshing for our souls. Let September be a month where we experience the rest of God in our lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Kurt

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Savannah Snyder	5th
James Snyder	9th
Peggy Grice	10th
Katie Dyer	12th
Annagrace Snyder	15th
Dennis Young	16th
Kevin Dyer	29th

**GEORGIA BARNETTE
STATE MISSIONS
WEEK OF PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 7-13**

**OUR CHURCH GOAL:
\$1,000**



**Welcome
New
Members**

Rodney Readhimer
Steven Sarvis
Halle Sarvis
Shiloh &



**A Special Business Meeting
will be held
September 14
After Worship
to vote on
Nomination of Deacons**

DEACON CANDIDATES
John Fox
Hank Rogers



CHARLIE’S CHATS
What a blessing it is to
sing for the glory of the
Lord each Sunday!

Please pray for those who
are unable to attend our
worship service at this
time. If you are unable to
attend remember that you
can watch live on our
Facebook or YouTube
page.





**Monday, September 8
Camp Bethany
Serving Time: 5:30
Cost: \$15.00**

**To Register Call:
938-1221**



**FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, September 13
From 12 to 2 p.m.**



sundayschool

**A GREAT PLACE
to BE
9:30 A.M.
EACH SUNDAY**

WEEKLY EVENTS	
Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Tuesday	
Women’s Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday	
Children’s Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir	6:30 p.m.

