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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
• Birthday Sunday, Blessing of Backpacks, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM • Church Picnic at the Helton Home 3 PM – 6 PM		• NO BIBLE STUDY • Grace Place 9:30 AM (meal)	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM	•	
6	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**
• Communion, Rally Day, Coffee Talk 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM -3 PM		• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom • Official Board Meeting 7PM	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		• Emmanuel Baptist Outreach 10:30 AM -12 PM
13	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**
• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 6 PM		• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
20	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**
• Sunday Service, Coffee Talk, 10:30 AM • Deacons Meeting • Emmanuel Baptist 12:15 PM- 3 PM	• SCCW 11:30 AM at Webster Church	• Bible Study 11 AM on Zoom	• Think Group 5:30-6:30 PM • Emmanuel Baptist 7 PM	• Just Us Guys 5:30-6:30 PM		
27	**28**	**29**	**30**	**1**	**2**	**3**
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Bible Study notice:

Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 11 AM on Tuesdays. ***Each week in Bible Study, we investigate and study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Those who attend have commented that they gain greater insight into the sermon (which always focuses on the scripture reading) each week.*** **Email or call Pastor Jim if you are interested in joining us so you can get the contact information.**

MODERATOR

I am having a hard time realizing that I am writing this message for the September Webster Word. Where has the summer gone? I remember the oppressive heat and humidity, the explosive summer thunderstorms, the stressed garden for lack of water, and trying to keep the pool and garden in reasonable order. But on the other hand, I can't deny the positive things that have been a part of my summer life.

My mind is still blown by the response of the Webster Congregation to overhaul the Peach Festival when we found out the local peach crop had been decimated. It was like everybody pivoted to approaching the event in a new way and hoping for the best. Creative minds went to work and came up with a hopeful new way to raise money for the operation of the church and still preserve the welcoming approach for attracting the community. I can now say that we raised about the same amount of funds with renewed vigor. All of you are amazing, dedicated and hard-working believers! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As always I was happy to welcome Vacation Bible School to my home and pool even though the weather required us to have one session at the Church hall. We are good at pivoting! And the Church picnic will be here, too. I must mention that one of the summer bonuses are the guest musicians at our summer services. Angie always manages to pull off a roster of talented musicians for us. And as a member of the choir, I very much appreciate the break from our schedule.

So, summer winds down and we prepare for the school year. Doris and Gary are already calling for volunteers to start packing weekend food for 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School. The SCCW resumes and makes plans for the Fall Bazaar without apple pies. And I will be attending choir practice again with my fellow singers. Our blessings are great and our labors are long. Life is good!

Ann Helton, Moderator

NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

For the first time I found myself watching more closely my grandchildren prepare for school with their mother checking each list and checking it many times. As a retired teacher, I found the experience of watching fascinating. I do not remember ever sending parents a list of things needed for the year or asking parents for anything. The district provided everything except tissues. The year I taught 44 children the tissues came in handy, and I had to request parents for more tissues.

It is my hope that you are ready to start the fall in the following worship experiences at Webster Church:

- **9/6 Communion/Coffee Talk**
- **9/13 Worship/Coffee Talk**
- **9/20 Worship/Coffee Talk**
- **9/27 Worship/Coffee Talk/Birthday Sunday**

Please remember you may share any concerns or questions you can discuss them with any deacon and they will be presented at the next Deacons Meeting.

Tony Dooley, Deacon

Service Attendants:

DATE	READER	GREETER	USHER
September 6	Heidi Pensell Communion	Beth Jackson	Ann Helton
September 13	Gwen Stolzenbach	Hugh Nash	Carol Greimel
September 20	Pat Mengel	Gary Lyttle	Doris Lyttle
September 27	Christina Miller	Mark DeVoe	Victoria DeVoe

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

September 6 – Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40; Romans13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
September 13 – Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-25
September 20 – Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
September 27 – Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Society of Congregational Christian Women (SCCW)

The SCCW ladies were busy this summer. When we couldn't get peaches, we shifted gears and did a Pivot Peach Festival. On Monday, August 3rd a group of people came to church to set up the white elephant room. On Friday, August 6th at least fourteen ladies and men baked numerous items at home to bring to church for on the bake table. Heidi and Doris were in the church kitchen baking cherry pies and Bessie Bowman's famous coconut cream pies. Many hands helped at the breakfast and other activities on Saturday for the successful Pivot Peach Festival. Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, and cherry pie alamode were on the lunch menu. A special thank you to those who donated towards the festival. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.

The ladies made their delicious side dishes to serve with the sausage and hot dogs at the church picnic on Sunday, August 30th. A big thank you to Ann for opening up her home and overseeing this event of delicious food and fellowship.

The SCCW is inviting all the women from Webster Church to attend our meetings on the third Monday of the month. The September meeting is on Monday, Sept. 21st at 11:30 AM in the church social hall. Bring a bag lunch for yourself to enjoy before the meeting. We will begin preparing for our bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026. As you do your fall cleaning, collect good, clean, usable items for our white elephant room. Please, NO clothing. If you have any questions, see Doris Lyttle.

Doris Lyttle, President



Those celebrating September birthdays are:

Saddie Burkentine Sofia
Rebecca Zader
Angie Vie Brock
JJ DeVoe
Christina Miller
Terry Haverstick
Haveallen Doctor
Jessica Long
Seiken Taylor
Connor Jennings

CLERK'S REPORT

Things Happening at Webster Church

- Rally Day, which is the beginning of Sunday School for this year, is September 13th.
- The September Official Board meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 7 PM.
- Anyone from Webster Church may attend the Official Board meeting and copies of the minutes are available upon request. Contact Doris Lyttle.

Blessings in a Backpack – Support a Child

Webster Congregational Christian Church is preparing to continue to pack backpacks of nonperishable food to deliver to 75 students at Havre de Grace Elementary School each week for the 2026-2027 school year. The first packing event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th, at 10 AM.

Students who have the proper nourishment to fight those hunger pains are better behaved and progress better academically.

Approximately $175 will supply food for a year per child. If you would like to contribute to the Blessings in a Backpack Webster Church fund directly, send your contribution to

Blessings in a Backpack Bank Lockbox
P.O. Box 950291
Louisville, KY 40295

Remember to write Havre de Grace Elementary on the memo line.

Or donate at
https://giving.blessingsinabackpack.org/organizations/havre-de-grace-elementary-md



Special Notes

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