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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

Happening this Week...

Sunday, August 17th, Worship Service 9 a.m.

Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, August 21st, NARFE 12:30 p.m.

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.

Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144

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Birthdays: 17-Doris Foley; 21-Jerry Martin

No Wedding Anniversaries. If anyone has been missed let the office know.

In our prayers: Marlys & Gale Blalock (sister & brother-in-law of Doris Foley); Missouri District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan; Susan (sister of Dave Beck); Dave Beck; Wayne Rundle, cancer has returned (brother of Linda King); Steve Oetting; Cindy Oelklaus; Horst Jeske; Rhonda (daughter of Lillian & Larry Weinreich's daughter); Linda King; Bev Garr; Larry Weinreich; Merle Kirchhoff (Dad of Aaron Kirchhoff).

Missionary: Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

Those in Uniform: Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

Those that who have cancer. Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290.

Our Shut-ins: Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

Dale & Vanita Heil; Linda Loges; Norman & Leone Morton.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Herb and Doris Foley for Doris' birthday and their upcoming 63rd wedding anniversary. Happy birthday Doris and happy anniversary to the both of you!

Friday Bible study with Pastor Stolle will resume in September. This study is on Max Lucado's book: What Happens Next: A Travelers Guide Through the End of This Age

Mustard Seed Daily Devotions The Race of Faith: Stretch It Out Continuing to Train — Stretch It Out

In the Word- All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

Of the Word- Unfortunately, one of the most neglected parts of running is stretching. While there is some debate about whether stretching should be done before, during, or after running, one thing is clear: stretching your muscles is important. It can and does prevent many running-related injuries.

While running the race of faith, it is important to stretch spiritual muscles. In day-to-day life, it is easy to become complacent about what to do and how to do it. God's Word is good for convicting believers in their sin, assuring them of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus, and inspiring them to strive to live fuller lives of service.

So take time to stretch. Open the Bible and read God's life-giving words. Then continue on your run with faith in Him, equipped with everything you need to finish the race.

Walking with my Lord- Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of the Scriptures. With Your Word, equip me with everything I need to run the race of faith to its completion. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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Ans-a-gram The initial letters of the answers (in order) will provide an anagram of the final solution, which is an Old Testament book.

- ☐ 1. His offering was not favourably viewed (4) [Genesis 4:5]
- ☐ 2. God first said, 'Let there be ...' (5) [Genesis 1:3]
- ☐ 3. Where Abram's brother, Haran, died (2) [Genesis 11:28]
- ☐ 4. Called while ploughing a field (6) [1 Kings 19:19]
- ☐ 5. Garment to conceal the face (4) [Exodus 34:33]
- ☐ 6. God with us! (O.T. spelling) (8) [Isaiah 7:14]
- ☐ 7. First Christian martyr (7) [Acts 7:59]
- ☐ 8. What God renamed Jacob (6) [Genesis 35:10]
- ☐ 9. Disciple of Jewish mother and Greek father that Paul met at Lystra (7) [Acts 16:1]

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(All Bible references from NIV)