

Pastor's Notes

I don't know about you, but it feels like we have just sailed through the month of September. It seemed like the days and weeks dragged on at one point during all the COVID -19 lockdowns and now everything seems to be moving at a faster rate - especially time and seasons. Let me highlight several things that took place in the month of September. We kicked-off a new Sunday Night Series entitled "*Sacred Selfies*" where we are learning from the book of Ephesians chapter 1 about our true identity in Christ. **September 13th**, we had a special service in the life of our church as we ordained Bill Sensing as our newest deacon. I am so delighted to have Bill as a deacon and look forward to serving with him. **September 14th**, we held our very first Virtual Discipleship Class "*Jesus among the gods*" by Ravi Zacharias. This has been a very enlightening study and the group discussion has been wonderful. We plan to offer another virtual discipleship class in the near future. **September 20th**, the Deacon body met for their monthly meeting and it was decided Sunday Night Services would stay online through the end of 2020. The deacons are asking for members to use this time to pray about, think about, and give feedback to them about the possibility of our Sunday Night Services being online only (No more In-person meetings permanently). The Deacons and Church Leadership recognize this is a major decision in the life of our church and therefore we desire to hear your thoughts on this very important decision. The Deacon body also decided not to have a Harvest Day Service or offering this year. **September 23rd**, the church voted to purchase the adjoining property (which use to be Big Al's restaurant) behind the church. The church also had new sidewalks installed on the front walkway of the church property by Garrett Wilson and his crew. The old sidewalks had become a safety hazard, and this is a great addition to our church property.

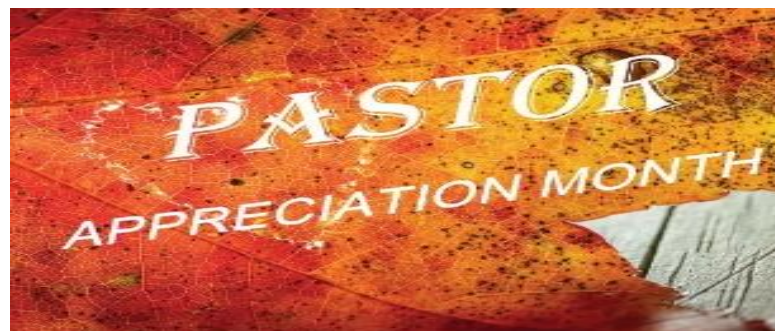
October 4th, we will have a WOW (Wide Open Worship) morning worship service at the Grand Junction Park at 11 a.m. We are encouraging our members to invite their friends to this exciting event. We look forward to a great service of Uplifting Worship and Impactful preaching. So, grab a lawn chair and join us for this terrific event. We will have Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. at the church and then proceed to the park at 10:45 a.m. If it is raining on this date, then we will hold the services inside the sanctuary (no lawn chairs allowed- jk). **October 18th**, Bobby Hanna will be preaching in our morning service in my absence - there will be no online service that evening. **October 24th**, we will be participating in a County Wide Prayer Walk (more details to come later). On Sunday Mornings in October we will continue our

study through the Book of Acts as we turn our attention to the transformation of Saul to Paul and how that impacts the rest of the book of Acts and Christianity as a whole. The end of October will bring our series "*Sacred Selfies*" on Sunday night to a close. **October 31st**, we will have a treat station set up on the front porch of the church where we will give out gospel goodies to those who come by.

Keep the faith,
Bro. Troy

September Report

Average Attendance in Sunday School:	44
Average Offering:	\$10,616.50
Golden Offering/State Missions to Date:	\$ 4,657.00



A Lesson in Appreciation

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. His ears perked up when an older member said, "Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, 'The one we have at any given time is my favorite.'"

What a relief for the pastor to hear – and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

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