




September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship COS 9am Worship Park 11am AA3pm 1	LABOR DAY SARM Bridge Walk 2	Pinecrest 2pm PPRC 6:30pm 3	Bible Jo urnalng 2pm 4			Men's Group 9am 7
Communion Sunday Sch 9:30am Service back to 10:30am AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 8	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 9		Bible Jo urnalng 2pm 11			Men's Group 9am 14
AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 15	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 16		Bible Jo urnalng 2pm 18	Men's Breakfast 8am Willing Workers 10am 19		Men's Group 9am 21
AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 22	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 23	BOG Mtg 7pm 24	Bible Jo urnalng 2pm 25			Men's Group 9am 28
AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 29	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 30	  SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES				

BIRTHDAYS:

Sept 3 Chad Robertson
Sept 4 Jim Churchill
Sept 5 Mary Lou Peters
Sept 6 Sue O'Dwyer
Sept 7 Matt Cooley
Sept 8 Emma Zabik
Sept 8 Ron Irwin
Sept 10 Pastor Ed Weiss
Sept 11 Walt Naumer
Sept 12 Madison Jutson
Sept 14 Don Hawver
Sept 15 Spencer Austin
Sept 18 Kim Jutson

Sept 21 Karin Thompson
Sept 21 Brenda Keller
Sept 22 Roger Moore
Sept 23 Larry O'Brien
Sept 27 Gene Kapp
Sept 27 Lorahdelle Darrow
Sept 28 Quincy Ranville
Sept 28 Peter Walugembe
Sept 29 Meaghan Kuehn
Sept 30 Greg Brown
Sept 30 Ross Bell
Sept 30 Courtney Jaggi

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept 1 John & Brenda Keller
Sept 10 Ken & Kristi Laninga
Sept 10 Matt & Shannon Cooley
Sept 12 Todd & Sue Kohs
Sept 14 Ross & Lynn Bell
Sept 18 Rob & Katie Strittmatter
Sept 23 Peter & Caitlyn Ryan
Sept 30 Jim & Judy Churchill

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Mike's Musings

I was talking with some Christian friends about what we are supposed to be doing to further the cause of Christ. One of them brought up a statistic that only 20% of Christian tells others about Jesus. I think it is even less than that. Most of us go about our

days never giving much thought of what we need to do for a Savior who rescued us from sin and the punishment for our sin (which is death). In my studies I found a scripture that tells us what we should be doing.

Philippians 2:13-16 says, "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless."

God is working in you: The idea is that since God has done and is doing a work in the Christian, the Christian therefore has a greater responsibility to work diligently with fear and trembling regarding his own salvation and walk with the Lord. God's work in us increases our responsibility; it doesn't lessen it in any way. I used to struggle with telling others about Jesus, because I was afraid of what they might think. What others think of us shouldn't affect what we say and do. Pleasing God should be our first goal.

Paul goes on to tell the Philippians' that they should Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Scripture is our guide to truth. We may struggle with what it tells us, but it is no less the truth. God has a plan that all of us should be doing work for the kingdom. We have been given a great gift of salvation; we must live accordingly.

It should bring us joy when we help others come to Christ. We really have no excuse for not telling others. Don't be in the majority of Christians and not share what Christ can do for everyone. Be the one who is pleasing God and sharing the good news. Remember what Jesus did for you and tell others.

Operation Christmas Child

We've been gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions – look for items on sale or clearance! **September is games, small puzzles, yo-yos, jacks, Etch-a-Sketch, marbles, jump ropes, etc... anything fun!!!. ☺**



Change to Make a Change

Kids helping Kids. We will be collecting your spare change as well as other donations to help support several causes this year including:

Coats for Kids

Operation Christmas Child "Shoeboxes" Purses with a Purpose

We will have collection boxes for any items that are donated. Thanks for your support helping us to make a "Change".



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Restore Women's Retreat Sept 27-29

At Cedar Bay Camp and Resort in Cedarville, MI. Guest speaker Lori Militello. Restore is a retreat opportunity for women to unplug, relax, connect, and dig deep in God's Word. It's a weekend filled with great conversations, laughter, and encouragement, all while worshiping God. For more info and to register see their website:

<https://cedarbay.us/events/restore-womens-retreat-2024>

Bell Choir is looking for new members!

We will be starting practice in mid-September on Wednesdays at 12:30pm. If you would be interested in joining, please talk with Laura Jackson (517-262-9151). This is a great opportunity to make a joyful noise for the Lord!



Carl Stieby's newly released "Judged by Jesus" is a profound and inspiring testimony of a man's spiritual discovery. "Judged by Jesus" from Christian Faith Publishing author Carl Stieby is a compelling narrative of faith, divine encounters, and the transformative power of experiencing heaven and returning with a mission.

You can purchase "Judged by Jesus" at traditional brick & mortar bookstores, or online at Amazon.com, Apple iTunes store, or Barnes and Noble.



Remembrance Sunday November 3rd

We will have a candle lighting ceremony to remember family and friends that we have lost this year. If you would like to have someone included in this service, please contact the Church Office.



Pinecrest Fellowship is the first Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. There will be a short devotional, prayer and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.



Want something mentioned in the newsletter?
Let the Church Office know! Thanks.
(231) 436-8682 or cotsoffice@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour and Liturgist Sign Ups
Please see the various sign-up sheets by the entrance to the church. We always need help with Coffee Hour and for readers on Sunday.



Service Time Change
We will be returning to regular 10:30am Worship the Sunday after Labor Day, Sept 8th

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



Sunday Sundae



Stellar VBS 2024

Upcoming Events

September 2nd Bridge Walk and Breakfast at Audie’s
September 30th Cheer for the Home Team MC Girl’s Volleyball
October 31st Trunk or Treat at Old School Park

Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wednesday through Friday 11 AM to 2 PM (231)436-8682

*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS Church of the Straits

*YMS Youth Ministry Sunday *MC Mackinaw City.

All changes to SARM schedule will be posted on SARM Youth Facebook page or you can always contact youth director Shannon Cooley at COS (231) 436-8682 for updates.

Straits Talk Newsletter

September 2024



The Mission of Church of the Straits:
To worship God faithfully
To grow together spiritually
To serve Jesus Christ and
our neighbor joyfully
...in the power of God's Spirit.

Minister	Pastor David Wallis
Youth Director	Shannon Cooley
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	Erin Masters
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Clerk	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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When you receive this newsletter, I will have had my knee replacement surgery and began my road to recovery. What is it going to take to recover the way I am supposed to?

I have had it drilled into me that exercise will be extremely important to get my knee to bend actually better than it used to. If I don't exercise and have the help of physical therapy, then I will diminish my ability to heal well. Is there not an analogy in Scripture about how that applies spiritually as well? 1 Timothy 4:8 says, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness (spiritual exercise) has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." Verse 10 of that same chapter says, "That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God."

I have also been told that I will receive help with pain early on but that my reliance on that will be detrimental down the road. I see a parallel in my spiritual life as well. We seek short term relief without seeing the long road sometimes. I don't want pain so I mask it, and I keep doing that without realizing that doing what is right in the long run will make that pain go away. 1 Peter 1:6-7 is responding to the great promise of salvation when it says in the present that, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Here is something else I have been instructed to do – behave myself! Are you very good at listening to what the doctor says? Whether it's exercising, the use of medications, or proper care during recovery, we start misbehaving sometimes when things seem to be going well. We think we are fully capable of doing something when the doctor says "not yet". Obedience is key! God saved us from our sin, he saved us from ourselves, and he calls us to obedience. When we disobey, the results won't be good. Psalm 1:1-2 says, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night."

One last thought about this is that we tend to not want help because we are "self-reliant!" Without help we slip and fall! We need each other and even more we need to rely on God. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Prov. 3:5

I hope this helps you! It helps me in more ways than one! I appreciate your prayers!

Love you,

Pastor Dave

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