

The Builder

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Dear friends in Christ

When we read the gospels we see Jesus had quite a bit to say about the kingdom of God. He is not speaking about a geographical kingdom, in the way we usually think about what a kingdom is. When He stood before Pilate Jesus declared that His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). Instead, the kingdom of God refers to God's rule over His people, wherever they may be located. It is a spiritual kingdom

In this sense, the whole world is divided into just two kingdoms, the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of Christ. Jesus warned His listeners that not everyone who claims to be a disciple will enter the kingdom. It's easy to say the right words. What counts is actually doing God's will, not as a way of earning our way in but as a way of demonstrating that we really are in God's kingdom:

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

Jesus told Nicodemus that no one can see God's kingdom unless he is born again, that is, born of water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5). This is the work of God, giving life to those who are His people. God is the one who brings people from the darkness into the light.

Colossians 1:13 "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves."

The beginning of God's kingdom came with Jesus Himself. In Matthew 4:17 we are told that Jesus preached that kingdom of God was near. He described the kingdom of God as a seed, something small at the beginning but would grow to be large (Matt. 13:31-32). Our present time has been described as in-between time, as already but not yet. The kingdom is here now in those who are disciples, but we await the fullness of the kingdom which will come at Christ's return as King of kings and Lord of lords.

In the meantime, followers of Jesus will seek to live by the values and priorities of God's kingdom - righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17). We remember that we may be in the world but we are not of the world. Our citizenship, our loyalty and allegiance, is in heaven (Phil. 3:7).

Since we do still live in the world, we will face trials and temptations, worrying about having enough food or money, etc. We are not to let these concerns become our main focus, but rather to trust that God will provide as we seek to live as members of God's kingdom.

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Love in Christ

Pastor Leigh

The Board of Deacons will meet in the church parlor on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 7th

Take time to relax, rejuvenate, unwind and just breathe.



On Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. we'll kick off the Sunday School year with a **free** "Breakfast and . . ." Invite your family & friends!!

On Sunday, September 20 we return to our regular Sunday schedule which is:

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Book Study with Janice Cook ~ church parlor
	Bible Study with Pastor Leigh ~ downstairs classroom
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Time with quiet preparation for worship
11:00 a.m.	Worship begins

Birthday's being celebrated in September ~

7 ~ Rocky Marioenzi
19 ~ Martha Buxton
20 ~ Steve Ozel
24 ~ Steve Sacchetine
25 ~ Katarina Brown



Happy Anniversary ~ September 2

Nate & Hannah Nightingale-Pouliot

Do you or someone you know have a special day coming up in October? Please let me know.

THANK YOU! We collected 6 pints of blood at the Blood Drive held on Monday, August 24. Potentially saving 18 lives! Next Blood Drive – Monday, October 19 from 4 - 7 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for anyone who would like to offer praise to God through special music during the worship service. **All praise and honor belong to Him!**



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SEPTEMBER 20th



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Horgan Elementary School will be the recipient of our White Cross gifts again this year. A li
The Builder. Please look for it next month. Thank you for anything you can do.

We're still looking for the owners of two pairs of glasses. They've been hanging
around the narthex too long. If one of them might be yours please claim them.
If they're not claimed they'll find a new home with someone in need.



Save the Date!! October 3 will be American Baptist Women's Ministry Day!
More details coming soon!!

Bible Word Search: Song of Solomon 5

contributed by Olivia

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Circle each word. After you have
found all the words, arrange the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.



Banners, Beautiful, Beryl, Blessed,
Daughters, Dropping, Excellent,
Fairest, Fingers, Flowers, Friends,
Garden, Gathered, Gilead, Gold
rings, Handles, Honeycomb,
Jerusalem, Keepers, Lebanon,
Milk, Morning, My beloved, Myrrh,
Overcome, Queens, Sapphires,
Smelling, Thousand, Waketh,
Watchman, Withdrawn, Women

Answer: _ _ _ _ _

Last month's answer: Holy Scriptures

If you want to play online click on [Colossians 1](#)

BIBLE TRIVIA – Beasts

- 1.) **On what day did God create the beasts of the earth?**
 - a. the 2nd day
 - b. the 3rd day
 - c. the 5th day
 - d. the 6th day
- 2.) **Which beast was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made**
 - a. the serpent
 - b. the fox
 - c. the wolf
 - d. the donkey
- 3.) **How many of each clean beast did Noah take into the ark?**
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 5
 - d. 7
- 4.) **Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him, and tell their father that an evil beast hath devoured him, but which brother interceded to save his life?**
 - a. Dan
 - b. Benjamin
 - c. Reuben
 - d. Gad
- 5.) **Under Mosaic law, what was to happen to any flesh that was torn of beasts in the field?**
 - a. It was sacrificed
 - b. It was to be eaten immediately.
 - c. The skin was to be kept but the flesh burned.
 - d. It was to be cast to the dogs.
- 6.) **Who said to David, "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field?"**
 - a. Saul
 - b. Absalom.
 - c. Jonathan
 - d. Goliath
- 7.) **Who said that men and women were of the same nature as beasts?**
 - a. God
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Solomon
 - d. Jesus
- 8.) **What did Solomon say was the strongest among beasts?**
 - a. Elephant
 - b. Lion
 - c. Bear
 - d. Ox
- 9.) **Whose heart was changed from man's, and a beast's heart given to him, and his dwelling was with the beasts of the field?**
 - a. Satan
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar
 - c. Belshazzar
 - d. Judas
- 10.) **In Revelation, there were four beasts around the throne. How many wings did each have?**
 - a. 2
 - b. 4
 - c. 6
 - d. 8

The answers from last month were 1) d. The serpent beguiled me, and I ate. 2) c. Dan 3) b. Fish 4) a. Brass 5) d. horses 6) c. Red wine 7) b. Isaiah 8) a. the Devil, and Satan 9) a. Peter 10) c. Moses

Special thanks to Laurie Johnson for contributing the Word Search and Bible Trivia each month!!

YOUR ARTICLE HERE

Do you have an article, upcoming event, recipe, etc. you would like to share? Please email to the church office phenixbc@verizon.net.



Due to road construction and a detour, even more speeding traffic is traveling down Fairview Avenue making it very dangerous to pull into and out of the church parking lot. Please be careful when doing so.

Also, it's back to school time!
Please watch for children & youth crossing the street
and also follow all traffic laws. Thanks!



Have I forgotten anything? Please let me know.

Statement of Purpose

*We are called by God to tell everyone about Jesus.
We invite you into a personal relationship with Him,
and into our community of changed lives where we
support each other, praise God together,
and share our gifts in love.*

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Prayer Time
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Prayer Time
11:00 a.m. Worship Begins

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the church parlor	2 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship	7 LABOR DAY	8 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the church parlor	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. Rally Day! <u>11 a.m.</u> <u>Worship Begins</u>	14	15 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the church parlor	16	17	18	19
20 October Builder Deadline	21	22 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the church parlor	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the church parlor	30			

Have a blessed rest of your month!