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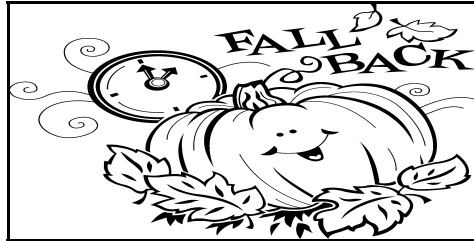
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Don't forget to set your clocks  
 back one hour Saturday October  
 28th before you go to bed!

**WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
9:30 am Sunday School	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:00 pm KISS
11:00 am Morning Worship	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	(Keep It Simple Supper)
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)		6:30 pm. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team Youth Discipleship Training		7:30 p.m. Hand Bells
7:00 pm College Music & Message		

*The Reminder*



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**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

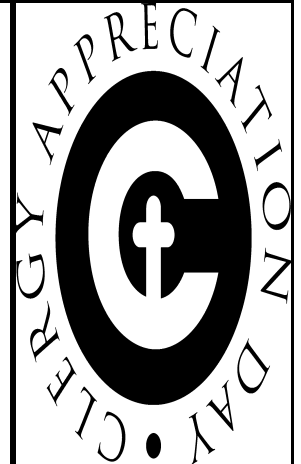
**Building God's Kingdom**

On Reformation Sunday, as we think about Martin Luther, the 16th-century reformer of the church, we rejoice that God raises men and women in every era to lead movements which serve the kingdom of God. According to Luther, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times." It was faith that helped Luther become such a daring and courageous leader. Columnist Walter Lippmann once wrote: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him, in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on." Of course, that applies to both men and women — and it certainly applied to Luther.

God calls men and women out of the world to learn the meaning of commitment, love and service. God then sends those men and women back into the world to put their commitment, love and service to work. That's how the kingdom of God is spread and how God's church remains alive and healthy.

**Pastor Appreciation**

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated. Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me." St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV). Encourage your pastor by assuring him or her of your prayers and love.





**Pastor's Paragraphs**

The following is from an article entitled "Always Put Your Best foot Forward" by Pat Williams.

"Still in the top ten baby," Eric bragged as he showed off the third place trophy he's won in a high school basketball tournament.

"Wasn't a good day for you, was it?" his older brother George commented during the drive home. "What? I did okay," said Eric. "I may not have won, but --"

"You think I'm talking about the tournament, but I'm not," said George. "You missed a bunch of shots during practice."

"Oh, those don't count," Eric assured him.

"Trust me, they count," said George. "Twelve. In a row. Missed. That's just unacceptable."

"But me and the guys were just goofing off," said Eric. "What's the big deal? You know I'm better than that."

"Sure, I know you're better than that. But some of the best coaches from the NCAA were there today. And you know what they said to me when they saw you goofing around? They said, 'Your little brother isn't bad, but he's not much of a shooter is he?'"

"What? Oh man, who was there? Please don't tell me Coach Stevens was there!"

"It's not just about who might be watching," said George. "It's about having respect for the game you play and taking pride in your talent. Good coaches look for those qualities in players."

"Aw, man, I feel so stupid," Eric said.

"Just let this be a lesson to you," said George. "If it's worth the effort, it's worth your best effort." (*Bits & Pieces*, September 2006, pp. 12-13).

In reality, George's last statement to Eric is a good lesson for all of us. If anything is worth the effort, it is worth our best effort. After all, the Bible tells us that whatever we do, we ought to do for the glory of God. In addition, our lives are to be lights that shine forth and bring glory to our Father in Heaven. God continues to do so much for us. He gave the best He had when He gave us his only begotten Son to die on the cross for us. What do we give him in return and is it our best effort?

God bless you and enable you to be your best, do your best, and give your best for the Lord. Have a blessed week. I will see you Sunday.

**Michael**

**Cherub Choir Needs Your Help!**

The Cherub Choir (ages 3-5 years) needs your help! We want to make instruments but we don't have the specialty items it takes to make them. Would you please keep your empty coffee cans (metal or plastic) 3 liter drink bottles and pie pans. We need 12 cans and bottles as well as 24 pie pans. There is a box in the 1st children's room (107) near the back door for these items.

Thanks for helping us to make music! Please call if you'd like more info.

-Gina

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your cards, calls and prayers over the last few weeks, it really meant a lot to me. May God continue to bless you all as your thoughts and prayers were a blessing to me.

-Ann Davis

**ANNIVERSARIES  
IN  
OCTOBER**



6 Jim & Nancy Bales



**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Rosalie Ferrell
- Don Penny
- 2 Eddie Humphrey
- Eric Matthews
- Patricia Greene
- 5 Lucy Baker
- Jason Lemons
- 7 Frances Jones
- 8 Jane Tart
- 9 David Newton
- 10 Kyle Bain
- 14 Laura Matthews
- 15 Marissa Snow
- 22 Karen Annis
- 27 Sandra Simmons
- Kate Upshaw
- 30 Leon Jernigan
- Diamond Matthews
- Laura McLeod
- Sharon Stewart

**WMU NEWS!!**

The WMU's Associational project for the Fall is collecting toothpaste for the Women's Prison. Tubes must be 8 or 9 oz. - no smaller, no larger. Please drop your donated toothpaste in the "brightly colored" collection box coming soon outside of the Fellowship Hall. Also WMU's "Project Poverty" is focusing from October through December on collecting cans of soup. We will have a box in the fellowship hall by October 1st marked "soup". Please pick up a couple of cans each time you grocery shop to help nourish a family in need. Creek Ladies Night Out is scheduled for November 9th. Mark your calendars & watch for more exciting news about this event in the weeks ahead. WMU's women's prayer retreat is scheduled for November 3-5. Our retreat leader is Dana Patrick. She has been a member of our "Coffee Break" group for 2 years and will be finishing up her Masters of Divinity at CU in December. She has a powerful testimony to share & is loads of fun. Watch for more information about the retreat in the weeks ahead, but mark your calendars now!

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Tommy Lechinger, P.J. Melvin (Iraq), Lyn Sander, Ann Brown (Willis Brown's Wife), Donna Turlington, Elwood Newton (Iva Newton's son), Louise Adams, Peggy Stewart, Ann Davis, Sylvia McQuaig (China Missions trip), Pat Harmon, Kelly Thompson (Julia Stewart's granddaughter), Elton & Faye Perry (Gina Smith's aunt & uncle), Adam Patterson (Roger Tankersley's cousin's son), Clara Brown Monroe (Willis and Ann Brown's daughter), and Mary (Tootsie) Ennis (Millie Wiggins' sister); our shut-ins and homebound.

**KidShine**

"Let your light shine before men...and praise your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16

Greetings from KidShine! As I am writing to you all today I am enjoying the sunlight streaming through my window and a gentle breeze blowing reminding me of God's light and grace. This week my child prayed for sunshine. This simple request brought these familiar words to me:

*"There is sunshine in my soul today—  
More glorious and bright  
Than glows in any earthly sky,  
For Jesus is my light."*

During the rainy times in our lives we do need to remember the "blessed sunshine" that gives us hope, love and peace. I am grateful for the many blessings that God is sending our way. In the past few months we have had the joy of welcoming into our fold several new families. With the start of school our college students are back and already serving in many areas of our church. At our Back to School Lock-in we had *seventeen* children attend. Thank you to our chaperones: Doug Jones, Annette Hood, and Alicia Turner. The children had a blast as they bowled, snacked, watched a movie, stayed up late, and played water games outside. Also, the children had the opportunity to serve their church by cleaning and polishing the brass railing and cross in the sanctuary. They were excited to help and work for their Lord.

Our children know and appreciate the power of prayer, and so that you can more effectively pray for them let me share with you their names and where they are this year:

- ✓ **Kristian Woods, Brandon Martin, and Bridgett Smith** have entered Kindergarten.
- ✓ **Caroline Upshaw, Logan Stewart, Lillie Hood** are now in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and have moved up to the Children's Department.
- ✓ **Lea Stewart, Hunter Hood, and Christopher Zhang** are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- ✓ **Nathanael Rhodes and Caroline Turner** are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- ✓ **Anna Bain, Nicole David, Rebekah Jones, and Kate Upshaw** are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ✓ **Lily Zhang** is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Our Wednesday night *Bible Fun* and Sunday night *M & M* (Music and Missions) are in full swing and I invite all of our children to come and participate. Let me introduce our teachers:

Wednesday Night – Crystal Johnson (3's – Kindergarten)  
Alicia Turner (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Sunday Night – Gina Smith (Cherub Choir)  
Dorothy Mullins (Kidz Choir)  
Annette Hood (Mission Friends)  
Lauren Penny (Children in Action)

Again I say, thank you for your prayers, support and love for our children and their families.

In the Light of His Love,  
Debbie