

After watching <u>a video</u> of Israeli families welcoming home released hostages, my daughter-in-law Kellie texted, "I could watch these all day... Makes me long for heaven."

I agree. That unrestrained joy—the tears, embraces, and laughter of loved ones reunited—is a small glimpse of the grand reunion awaiting believers in the New Jerusalem.

The Bible says we will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the coming kingdom (see <u>Matthew 8:11</u>). If we'll recognize the patriarchs we've never met, we will certainly recognize and rejoice with those we've loved on earth.

An old hymn declares, "Friends will be there I have loved long ago; joy like a river around me will flow. Yet just a smile from my Savior I know will through the ages be glory for me." To see Jesus face to face and thank Him for bearing our sin will be glory enough. But it thrills me to imagine re-

uniting with my parents, my sister, faithful friends, and church members who've gone on ahead. "That will be glory for me!"

Voddie Baucham once reminded preachers that our main task is simple: "To prepare people to meet God and live forever." The hope of heaven empowers us to live victoriously now. Moses regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. (Hebrews 11:26)

So, "Set your minds on things above, not — kept in heaven on earthly things." (Colossians 3:2)

God promises, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5)

He will reward the righteous, bring justice to the wronged, and "wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:4

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October 5

Attendance 39/83
Offering \$4,220.74

October 12

Attendance 56/94 Offering \$3,724.30

October 19

Attendance 46/86
Offering \$5,002.74

October 26

Attendance 52/90 Offering \$3,822.14

Needed for Budget: \$5,099.21



"Dear Church Family, We would like to express our thanks to all of you for your prayers for my hernia surgery. God bless, Mark, Nikki & Nathan Fisher"

November Servers

Deaconesses:

Cindy Horton & Jane Runyan

Elder Schedule:

2—Seth Ramey

9—Mark Rhodes

16—Larry Snavely

23—Dave Beerbower

30—Doug Haase



Nursery:

2—1st—; SS—Shaun & Jessica Arend; 2nd—Jessica Arend

9—1st—; SS—Kim Snavely; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler 16—1st—; SS—**NEED VOLUNTEER!**; 2nd—Janet

McCarthy & Deb Rhodes

23—1st—; SS—Kim Snavely; 2nd—Kim Snavely

30-1st-; SS-Breakfast; 2nd-NEED VOLUNTEER!

Greeters

1st—Gene & Ruth Ordway; 2nd—Jeff & Lisa McCoy



ICOM (International Conference on Missions) is coming up November 20-22 in Atlanta, GA. The church pays a fee that enables anyone interested to attend the conference for free. If Atlanta is too far away, you can attend many of the classes and worship services online. You will be blessed either way. See Melissa or Wanda for registration information.



- 2 Sandy Gordon
 - 3 Greg Hartman
- 6 Ashley Grimm, Traci Hartman, Jane Runyan, Marilyn Sanders
 - 7 Karen Roose
 - 8 Audrey Miller
 - 9 Bryce Gambler, Lydia Liebenthal
- 11 Chuck Salsbury
- 12 Shawn Ramey, Mitch Stanley
- 16 Ron Carter, Mark Rhodes
- 17 Molly Gordon, Eric Murphy, Denver Thornburg
- 18 Charlene Gambler
- 19 Dan Olds
- 25 Angie Murphy
- 29 Terry Hallett
- 30 Sophie Hull





7 Derek & Makayla Murphy (5)

15 Chuck & Madelon Salsbury (71)

16 Mark & Deb Rhodes (41)

18 Scott & Pam Hartman (25)



The church family rejoices with Kenny & Alexa Ganter on the safe arrival of Layla Jo on October 10th. Layla weighed in at 6# 9 oz. and was 20". Elated grandparents are Gary & Teresa Brown. Great-Grandma is Joan Brown.



Love All

Our Service Personnel: Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Rexann McCrary, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavely, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman; Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Garry Oberlin, Henry Kidd, Maverick Fields, Chuck Salsbury, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Sharon Brewer, Shawn Gambler, Terry Hallett, Joanne Allison, Robert Buskirk, Terry Carter, Dick Newcomb, Tristan Ray, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Scott Hartman; Shut Ins: Hillside: Charlene Gambler;

Fountain Park: Chuck & Madelon Salsbury; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Leona Puff, Vince & Nola Girardot.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trunk or Treat 11/1/2025 5:00-7:00 PM

Fall Back! 11/2/2025

20°-11/2/2025 9:15 AM

Craft Group 11/4, 10:00 AM

Momco-11/5 & 19 6:15-7:15

Ladies Bible-11/12 6:15-7:15

Lunch Bunch 11/25/2025 11:45 @ Casa Del Rey, Montpelier

Community Thanksgiving Dinner 11/27, 11 AM-1 PM

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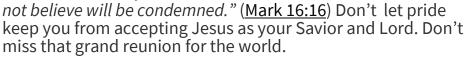
We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 11/25 at 11:45 PM at Casa Del Rey, Montpelier (311 W. Main St.). Please meet there.

"...Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the

glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

I like to imagine an arrival board at heaven's gate. Our loved ones already know the moment of our arrival and are planning a grand welcome-home celebration. Jesus promised, "Whoever believes and is bap-

tized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned " (Mark



Destined to Win, Larry





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Preparations will soon be underway for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Food donations and volunteer service make this yearly event a success. Sign up sheets are ready for turkeys, pies, cranberry salad, kitchen help, servers, delivery teams, and clean up crew. Each job is important. Please sign up to help in any way you are able.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
8:00 Worship	9:30 Senior		5:45 Supper				
9:15 Sunday	Seekers		6:15 Club 225				
School			6:15 Momco				
10:15 Worship			6:15 Adult Bible Study				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
8:00 Worship	9:30 Senior		5:45 Supper				
9:15 Sunday School	Seekers		6:15 Club 225 6:15 Ladies Bible Study				
10:15 Worship			6:15 Adult Bible Study				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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School			6:15 Momco				
10:15 Worship			6:15 Adult Bible Study				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
8:00 Worship	9:30 Senior	11:45 Lunch	No Wednes-	11:00 Com-			
9:15 Sunday School	Seekers	Bunck	day Night Activities	munity Thanksgiving Dinner			
10:15 Worship							
30							
8:00 Worship							
9:15 Breakfast		Ø	G ive thanks to the L	ord, for he is good.			
10:15 Worship	HIS COME ELIONISES (1)						