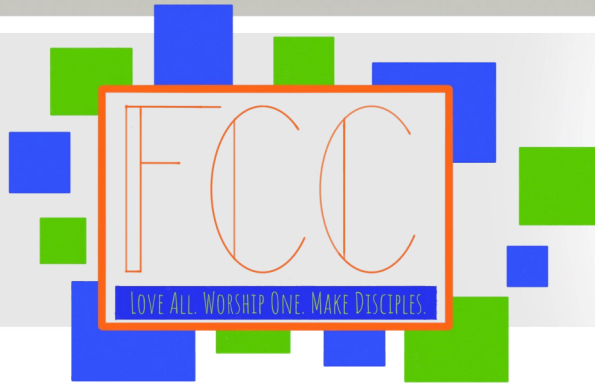




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“For thirty years, my research has shown that the view you adopt for yourself profoundly affects the way you lead your life.”

“The passion for stretching yourself and sticking to it, even (or especially) when it’s not going well, is the hallmark of the growth mindset.”

“If you had to choose, which would it be? Loads of success and validation or lots of challenge?”

“If you’re somebody when you’re successful, what are you when you’re unsuccessful?”

“As a New York Times article points out, failure has been transformed from an action (I failed) to an identity (I am a failure). This is especially true in the fixed mindset.”

“Jim Marshall, former defensive player for the Minnesota Vikings, relates what could easily have made him into a failure. In a game against the San Francisco 49ers, Marshall spotted the football on the ground. He scooped it up and ran for a touchdown as the crowd cheered. But he ran the wrong way. He scored for the wrong team and on national television.



It was the most devastating moment of his life. The shame was overpowering. But during halftime, he thought, “If you make a mistake, you got to make it right. I realized I had a choice. I could sit in my misery or I could do something about it.” Pulling himself together for the second half, he played some of his best football ever and contributed to his team’s victory.

Nor did he stop there. He spoke to groups. He answered letters that poured in from people who finally had the courage to admit their own shameful experiences. He heightened his concentration during games. Instead of letting the experience define him, he took control of it. He used it to become a better player and, he believes, a better person.”

“It takes real character to keep working as hard or even harder once you’re there. When you read about an athlete or team that wins over and over and over, remind yourself, ‘More than ability, they have character.’ ”

Excerpt From: Carol S. Dweck. “Mindset.” Apple Books. <https://books.apple.com/us/book/mindset/id422549774>

Destined to Win, Larry

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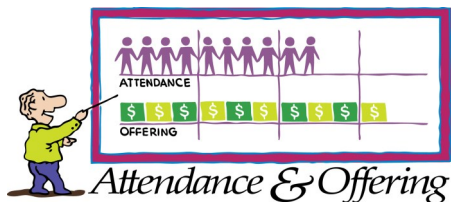
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July 5

Attendance 38/73
Offering \$4,632.38

July 12

Attendance 49/91
Offering \$5,062.24

July 19

Attendance 42/91
Offering \$4,331.44

July 26

Attendance 50/73
Offering \$2,415.45

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



August Servers

Deaconesses:

Ashley Grimm & Kim Snavelly

Elder Schedule:

2—Doug Haase
9—Seth Ramey
16—Mark Rhodes
23—Larry Snavelly
30—Dave Beerbower

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery:

5—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
12—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
19—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER
26—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER

Greeters

1st—Jasmine Harrison; 2nd—Wanda Hug



The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd at noon. We will meet at the Jaycee Pavilion near the Imagination Station. Bring a dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided.



- 1 Connie Tressler
- 2 Andrea Gienger
- 3 Sharon Blinzler
- 5 Barbara Thomas
- 6 Blake Kuszmaul
- 7 Larry Snavely
- 10 Seth Ramey, Aiden Wonderly
- 12 Dave Beerbower, Doug Haase
- 14 Luba Boselli
- 15 Toby Runyan
- 16 Case Hartman, Sue McElfresh
- 17 Jack Arend, Nola Girardot
- 18 Tim Ryan
- 19 Julianna Arend, John Hill
- 20 Lyle Myers
- 21 Jonathan McCoy
- 24 Nancy Myers

26 Dawn Sheline

29 Terry Oxender

31 Jennaya Boselli, Charlene Dean,
Shawn Gambler, Judy Yahraus



15 Larry & Marilyn Sanders (34)

17 Justin & Erica McNamara (13)

19 Larry & Kim Snavely (37)

26 Shawn & Stephanie Ramey (31)

*The church family rejoices with
Haley & Tyler Armstrong on the
safe arrival of Caden Long Arm-
strong who was born June 25,
2026. He weighed in at 7# 6 oz.
and was 21". Delighted grand-
mother is Kim Smethurst Baerlin.
Great-Grandmother is Sue Smethurst.*

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavely, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Deb Taylor, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Amy Williams; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, 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, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Shawn Gambler, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Maverick Fields, Greg Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Mary Pinckley, Merrick House, Beth Alexander, Bob Lloyd, Trisha Hug, Jose Rios, Linda Grine; **Shut Ins:** **Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salsbury; **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Garry Oberlin, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot.

PRAYER
list

Upcoming EVENTS

**Annual Church
Picnic
8/23/2026
12:00 PM @ the
Jaycee Pavilion**

**Lunch Bunch
8/25/2026
11:45 AM @ Mom's
Diner, Archbold**

**Unity Sunday
8/30/2026
Fellowship break-
fast @ 9:00 AM**

**Welcome!
Erik & Christina
Rios were bap-
tized Sunday, July
26.**



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 8/25 at 11:45 AM at Mom's Diner, Archbold. Please meet there.

Little Pieces of Light

Sometimes life feels quiet,
Like the world forgot your name,
Like every day is different,
But somehow feels the same.

The sky may look a little gray,
The road may feel too long,
And you may wonder where you fit
When everything feels wrong.

But hope is not always loud.
It does not always shine.
Sometimes it is a tiny spark
That says, "Just give it time."

It lives inside the morning,
Inside a song you play,
Inside the way someone smiles
And changes your whole day.

It hides in little moments,
In laughter you did not expect,
In people who still love you
When you feel like a wreck.

So when the world feels heavy,
And your heart feels hard to carry,
Remember flowers still can bloom
In places dark and scary.

You are not behind in life.
You are not too far gone.
Even the longest, coldest night
Eventually meets dawn.

So keep your little pieces
Of light close to your chest.
You do not have to be perfect
To still deserve the best.

—Jasmine Harrison





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 Free Sale Set Up
2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor- ship 2:00 Free Sale Set Up	3 9:00 Free Sale Set Up	4 9:00 Free Sale Set Up	5 9:00 Free Sale Set Up 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	6 9:00 Free Sale	7 9:00 Free Sale	8 9:00 Free Sale
9 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor- ship	10	11	12 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	13	14	15
16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor- ship	17	18	19 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	20	21	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor- ship 12:00 Annual Church Picnic	24	25 11:45 Lunch Bunch	26 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	27	28	29
30 8:00 Worship 9:00 Break- fast 10:15 Wor- ship	31					

