

from front cover

Also born in September was Pastor Jim and Fran's daughter (April Marie), born on September 2, Labor Day.

(Labor Day; get it?)

"I am ready for anything through the strength of the One who lives within me," is the way J.B. Phillips translates Philippians 4:13. No matter which translation you prefer, they all say the same thing: the Christian has all the power *within* that he or she needs to be adequate for the demands of life. **Note:** We need only release this power by faith.

Jesus teaches this lesson in the sermon on the vine and branches in John 15. He is the **Vine**; we are the branches. The branch does not bear fruit through its own self-effort, but by drawing on the life of the **Vine**. "*Apart from Me you can do nothing*" (John 15:5). As the believer maintains his or hers communion with Christ, the power of God is there to see you through.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" The overruling providence of God and the unfailing power of God are two spiritual resources on which we can draw on; that we might be adequate for the tasks of life.

This is the **providence of God**, a wonderful source of contentment.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim & Fran



September 2024

The Herald

SOURCE OF CONTENTMENT

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength"
(Philippians 4:13).

Let's take a moment to learn some fun things about the month of September, then we will get back to the Word of God. September is known as Harvest month. It signals the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Also, it is the start of a new school year. I really miss those days; don't you?



A little-known, but highly significant holiday falls in September. September 17 is "Constitution Day," which marks the day that the **United States Constitution** was adopted.

Out of the 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.

Some famous people were born in September: Bill Murray, Bruce Springsteen, Confucius, Queen Elizabeth, Stephen King, and Sophia Loren.

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A SPECIAL INVITATION TO YOU . . .

Back-to-Church Sunday is set for September 22, inviting all present and past congregation members to come together for worship and fellowship. Whether you've been away from church for a while or you attend most every week, YOU and your family are invited to this memorable worship service at **10:30 A.M. on Sunday, September 22.**



After the worship service, a catered dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. For planning purposes, we ask that you RSVP by **September 15.** Use one of the three ways listed below to provide your name and the number of people attending with you:

Phone: 618-438-7661

Email: bentonfbc@gmail.com

Print: sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| 3 Melissa Casey | 9 Jerry Vaughn |
| Ken & Barbara Whittington | 15 Chris Johnson |
| 7 Kathee Frailey | |



SAVE *The* DATE

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is set for **October 13.** Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

AFTER YEARS OF USE . . .

The Communion Set here at First Baptist has had many years of use and wear—so much that a replacement is in order. Cost for a new set which includes two trays and a cover is \$164.87. If you or your family would like to purchase this for the church, simply note on your check or envelope “*Communion.*” If you are interested in purchasing a single tray or the cover, contact the church office for details.



Kathee Frailey will share her testimony at Sing 'n Share on Wednesday, **September 18, at 5 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!.

BRIEF NOTES

- ❖ Ladies are invited to First Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on September 4 at 9:30 A.M.
- ❖ During September, we take up the World Mission Offering to support the work of American Baptist missionaries who are serving all over the world.
- ❖ Our Brown Bag ministry, which provides extra food for children in need, is now underway. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

THIS MONTH

Sept. 4	9:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M.	Ladies' Coffee Bible Study
Sept. 5	9:00 A.M.	Pack Brown Bags
Sept. 6	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Heritage Woods
Sept. 10	9:00 A.M.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept. 11	4:00 P.M.	Bible Study
Sept. 18	5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sing 'n Share Board of Deacons Meeting
Sept. 20	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Helia Healthcare
Sept. 22	10:30 A.M.	Back-to-Church Sunday
Sept. 25	4:00 P.M.	Bible Study

WEEKLY

Sun.	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Sunday School Worship Service
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**Sept. Offering
Mac & Cheese**

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