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ministry, placing the "stars" where He pleased. How easy it is for a church to become proud and forget the pastors and teachers are God's gifts (Eph. 4:11) who may be taken away at any time. Some churches need to be cautioned to worship the Lord and not their pastor!

The Lord commended them for their good works: *servicing, sacrificing, steadfast, patience,* and carefully *separating* themselves from false teachers.

But this busy, separated, sacrificing church suffered from "heart trouble"...they had abandoned their first love! What we do for the Lord is important, *but so is why we do it!* What is "first love"? It is the devotion to **Christ!**

"First love" can be restored if we follow the three instructions Christ gave: We must remember; we must repent; and we must repeat the first works, which suggests restoring the original fellowship that was broken by our **sin and neglect**. **Revelation 2:7** makes it clear that **individual believers within the church may be true to the Lord, no matter what others may do**. It is faith that gives true believers the victory (1 John 5:4-5).

Overcomers are victorious in the battle against evil; and one day we will be in **Perfect Fellowship** with our Lord. We don't want to be guilty of forgetting our "**First Love.**"

Amen.

**Pray with Fran and me:** Lord, help each of us too remember, repent, and repeat; restoring the original fellowship with You. Amen.

Peace and blessings,

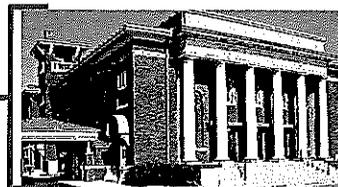
*Pastor Jim & Fran*

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday

On October 5th, we will celebrate our pastor during Pastor Appreciation Sunday. There will be a luncheon following the service. We will serve sliders from Save-A-Lot with chips. Dessert will be provided.

All members are welcome to bring a side dish. Please sign up on the sheet provided. It is located on the back pew. There will be a basket at the altar for cards.

We hope you all will join us in celebrating Pastor Jim and his wife, Fran.



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# September 2025 The Herald

## The Perfect Fellowship

*"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the "tree of life," which is in the paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7).*

Before we get into this morning's Scripture; let's look at what the month of September is noted for.

The name September come from the Latin word "septem," meaning (seven). This month had originally been the seventh month of the Roman calendar. This month is noted for the beginning of the football season "Yeah" and a new school year "Hallelujah!" (Just kidding). It is noted for the last days of summer and the first days of fall "Amen!" Fair on September 1<sup>st</sup>, fair for the month (looks like it could happen!) This year September 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate Labor Day. Our daughter April was born on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> "Labor Day," (Fran will never forget that day; "labor day," get it?) September 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day (9/11) also known as Patriot Day. September 13<sup>th</sup> is "Kids take over the kitchen day" (Mom will never look for them there, right?) September birth flowers are the Aster and the Morning Glory and the month's birthstone is Sapphire (which was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning).

Let's take a look at our verse of Scripture: Jesus referred to the church in Ephesus as the "careless church." This church assembly had enjoyed some "stellar" leadership...Paul, Timothy, and the Apostle John himself but the Lord reminded them that **He** was in control of the

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## Calling All Brown Bag Volunteers

School began in August, which means our Brown Bag Ministry is in need of volunteers. Please save these dates:

Thursday, September 25

Thursday, October 30

Monday, November 24

Thursday, January 29

Thursday, February 26

Thursday, March 26

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, May 21



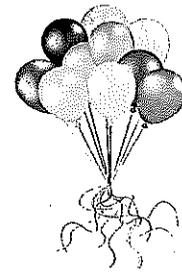
## Update From the Trustees

We're pleased to share a few recent developments:

- The projector issues have been successfully resolved—thank you to everyone involved.
- Two new computers with 27" monitors have been purchased to meet Windows 11 requirements. These upgrades were made possible through Memorial funds.
- Special thanks to John D. for providing the meeting minutes that guided these decisions.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Melissa Casey  
 3rd Ken & Barb Whittington  
 7th Kathee Frailey  
 9th Jerry Vaughn  
 15th Chris Johnson  
 23rd Gerald & Kaye Owens



## THIS MONTH

Sept. 3rd	9:30 A.M.	Ladies' Coffee at The Buzz
Sept. 5th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry at Heritage Woods
Sept. 9th	9:00 A.M.	Trustee Board meeting
Sept. 17th	4:00 P.M.	Sing 'n Share
Sept. 17th	5:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
Sept 19th	10:00A.M.	Ministry at Helia Health

## WEEKLY

Sun.		
9:30 A.M.		Sunday School
10:30 A.M.		Worship Service

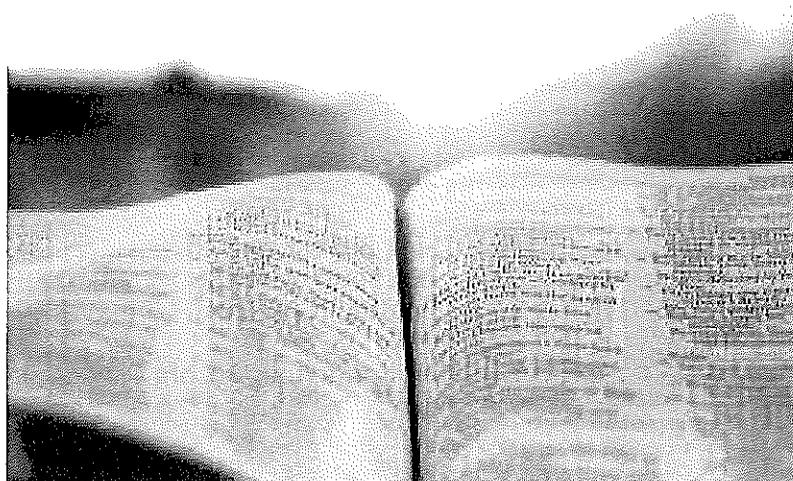


Come join the fun and fellowship at Sing 'n Share on Wednesday, **Sept. 17th** at **4 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Mark calendar now and plan to attend.

\*\*Special guest, Jessica Johnson, with Campus Ministry will be with us for a special presentation. Don't miss out!

## LADIES INVITED TO COFFEE

All ladies are invited to 1st Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on September 3, at 9:30 A.M. Bring your prayer requests and a friend.



September Offering  
 Mac & Cheese

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