

From front cover

The first Scripture from Psalm 19:1 is a “promise” from God. And now, we will close with another verse of “promise” from our Lord.

“But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13).

How do we maintain this eager expectancy that leads to holy living? By keeping “His promise” before our hearts. We must be guarding, growing, and glorifying the Lord, making the most of every opportunity to win the lost and strengthen the saved. The promise of His coming is the light that shines in this dark world. Be diligent!

Prayer: Pray with Fran and me: Heavenly Father, bless our church with unity, gratitude, grace, love, and forgiveness.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim & Fran



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The Herald

God Created the Worlds Around Us

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands” (Psalm 19:1).

David focused on the heavens above him, especially the circuit of the sun; but there are many worlds in God’s creation. They include the earth beneath our feet, the plant and animal worlds on earth, in the skies and in the waters. The human world, the world of rocks and crystals, worlds visible to the human eye, and worlds so small we need special equipment to see them.

God also created the weather and He controls it. As we enter into the month of August; did you know August is the last month of summer and the hottest month of the year? (This whole summer has been hot!) August weather can make some people uncomfortable; known as: “The Dog days of Summer.” Speaking of dogs: August is National dog month and, also, the National back to school month. (I always looked forward for school to start; “NOT!”) August flowers are the Gladiolus and the Poppy. The primary birthstone is Peridot (green in color); which symbolizes strength and ensuring harmony and happiness. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic Civil Rights speech, “I Have A Dream,” on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963.



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Brown Bag Ministry Needs Help

Our Brown Bag Ministry begins again in September, and we urgently need volunteers once a month, to help pack snack bags for local school kids. This ministry is a meaningful way our church shows Christ’s love, and with our regular volunteers stepping back, we need new hands this school year.

If you can give a little time, your help will bless many children. Dates will be available soon.

Please contact Pastor Jim if you can help.

Update From the Trustees

❖ The Trustees were updated at the meeting, Ken & Leon had met with Lindsay Darnell of Edward Jones. A \$20K Cd was purchased by moving money from the Checking account. Also money was moved from the E Jones Cash account to the Money Market.

Summer Lunch Program Update

Our Ministerial Alliance volunteers continue serving faithfully each Monday morning. We’re grateful for everyone helping pack lunch bags — a simple, hands on way to share the love of Jesus.

Along with walk-ins, we deliver coolers of lunches to the West City Police Station, Hunter’s Trace, and our newest stop on Fairland Street. We average around **100 bags each Monday**, and with other churches participating, children are served **Monday through Friday** all summer.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5th Tom & Paula Borgra

10th Bill carter

11th Leon Sanders

19th Ken Bolen

23 Gerald & Kaye Owens



August Offering Cereal



Our Ministry Team will take the Good News to **Heritage Woods and Helia** this month. Join us!

Attention Ladies ...

Plan to join us at The Buzz on Wednesday,

Aug. 5th at 9:30 A.M.

How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!



—Psalm 133:1 NIV

THIS MONTH

August	5th	9:30 A.M.	Ladies Coffee @ the Buzz
August	7th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Heritage Woods
August	11th	9:30 A.M.	Trustee Board Meeting
August	12th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
August	19th	4:00 P.M.	Sing and Share
August	19th	5:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
August	21st	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Helia
August	26th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study

WEEKLY

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

Save the Date September 20th

Pastor Appreciation/Church Picnic/Victory Voices
December 6th Doug Carmel/ Rock of Israel



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Faithful Through The Years

This is a new series celebrating God’s faithfulness since 1841 through photographs, memories, historical documents, and stories from generations past. Also, if you have a story or picture to share, email the Church office.

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