

From front cover

Now back to our Scripture. God knows how we feel and how we fear, and He is adequate to meet our every need. We can never obey God in our own strength, but we can always trust Him to provide the strength we need **(Phil. 4:13)**. If we trust ourselves, we will faint and fall, but if we wait on the Lord by faith, we will receive strength for the journey.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. The greatest heroes of faith are not always those who seem to be soaring; often it is they who are patiently plodding. As we wait on the Lord, He enables us not only to fly higher and run faster, but also to walk longer. Blessed are the plodders, for they eventually arrive at their destination. **(The Lord’s house of glory) Amen!**

Pray this prayer with Fran and I: Dear Lord in heaven, help us grow in Your faith. Let our spiritual life be strengthened always. Be a light unto our path; let us never sway from the path and purpose You have prepared for us. Let us not live for ourselves but for You. Amen.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jim & Fran



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The Herald

God Is Greater Than Our Circumstances

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31).



We will get back to our Bible verse in a moment; let’s take a look at the month of September and see what it is all about.

An Old Folklore for the season: “Fair on September 1st, fair for the month” (Let’s add this to our prayer list!) Fran and Pastor Jim’s daughter, April, was born on September 2nd Labor Day, (Get it?) Monday September 7th is Labor Day this year. September 11th is “Patriot Day” (Remembrance of those who died in September 11th 2001 terrorist attacks). September 17th is “Constitution Day.” The day of the “**adoption of the U.S. Constitution; September 17th 1787.**” September 23rd marks the start of fall **(Hallelujah!)**

September birth flowers: **Aster** signifies powerful love; and **Morning Glory** symbolizes affection. The birthstone for the ninth month: The **Sapphire**, typically blue; and those with red colors are called **Rubies**.



Brown Bag Ministry

Last year our Brown Bag Ministry served **160 students every week**, partnering with three other churches to send weekend snack bags home with local kids. It’s a simple, meaningful way to bless families in our community. If you’d like to be part of this once a month ministry, please contact **Pastor Jim**.

Monthly Sing & Share

Sing & Share meets once a month on the **third Wednesday at 4 p.m.** It’s a refreshing time of music, prayer, trivia, testimonies, and delicious desserts. Last month we celebrated the **Love of Christ**, and the fellowship was wonderful. Come join us for this uplifting time together.

Update From the Trustees

❖ A Budget committee consisting of the chairman of all the boards plus the Church Treasurer was appointed to prepare the 2027 Church Budget.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday
September 20th!

Join us as we celebrate and honor our pastor for his faithful leadership and loving service to our church family. The **Victory Voices** will be singing in the morning service, helping set a joyful tone for this special day.



Following worship, we’ll gather for a **church picnic** with great food, fellowship, and time together as a church family in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet for side dishes. **Ham-burgers, hot dogs, baked beans and desserts will be provided.** Let’s come together with grateful hearts to show our pastor how much he means to us.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVER-

3rd Ken & Barb Whittington

7th Kathee Frailey

9th Jerry Vaughn

15th Chris Johnson

Happy Birthday!



September Offering
Mac & Cheese



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

Attention Ladies ...

Plan to join us at The Buzz on Wednesday,

Sept. 2 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

September	2nd	9:30 A.M.	Ladies Coffee @ the Buzz
September	4th	10:00 A.M	Ministry @ Heritage Woods
September	8th	9:30 A.M	Trustee Board Meeting
September	9th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
September	16th	4:00 P.M.	Sing and Share
September	16th	5:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
September	20th	10:00 A.M.	Pastor Appreciation/Picnic/ Victory Voices
September	23rd	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
September	24th	TBD	Brown Bag
September	30th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study

WEEKLY

Sun.	No	Sunday School until further notice
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service

Save the Date
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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