

On Monday October 12th is Columbus Day; a Federal holiday. It was on **October 12th 1492**, that Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas. October 31st is Halloween: Did you know that Halloween has ancient roots; that tie it to both farming and astrology; marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter (that doesn't seem to be very scary!)

Back to our Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 is a promise God's people have often claimed for their lives. And this promise has never failed them...if they have obeyed the conditions God has laid down. **First**, receiving God's guidance is that we *learn God's truth*. The will of God is revealed in the Word of God (**Col. 1:9-10**), and the only way to know His will is to study His word and **obey it!** Obedience to the Word can add years to your life and life to your years. If we're walking in the way of wisdom, God promises to protect our path, direct our path, and perfect our path. **Make the right choice!**

Pray together with Fran and me: O Lord, we pray that October is a month filled with GOOD NEWS, blessings, growth, new opportunities, healing, love, and God's favor.

Amen!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Jim & Fran



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The Herald

Seeking the Lord's Direction

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).



Let's take a look at what the month of October represents; and we will get back to our Scripture. **Spiritually:** The month of October; the 10th month represents "Divine order and Completeness." The number 10 signifies a full cycle or completeness (**seen in the Ten Commandments and the Ten Utterances in Genesis Chapter 1.**) According to Jewish tradition, God created the universe using ten divine utterances; the first being (**In the beginning..."**).

Why do the leaves change colors? The main reason for the color change is not autumn's chilly weather, but light, or rather, the lack of it. Trees with a lot of direct sunlight will produce red leaves, while other trees may turn yellow, orange, or brown.

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World Missions Offering

Each year through International Ministries' World Mission Offering, thousands of churches and individuals come together to promote and support ministries that God is using to transform the world. Giving envelopes available.

We want you to join in too!

Halloween on the Benton Public Square is always full of surprises. Nearly 500 kids came last year, and the treats went fast. The Fairy Godmother will return, and we may even spot Sonny and Cher—or a brand new pair of surprise guests.

Join us for Trunk or Treat on the Square from 5–8 p.m. Bring a chair, park in the church lot, and sit at The Buzz to help pass out candy.

Update From the Trustees

- ❖ The Trustees authorized the purchase of a new office chair and mats for the office.
- ❖ We are soliciting proposals for Sealing, striping and repair the church parking lot.

Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

September 20th, our church family took time to celebrate and appreciate our pastor and his faithful service to the Lord and our congregation.

We enjoyed a wonderful meal together and were blessed by special music from the Victory Voices. It was a beautiful time of fellowship, encouragement, and gratitude.



We are thankful for a pastor who faithfully preaches God's Word, serves our church, and gives of himself to others. Thank you, Pastor and Mrs. Fran, for all you do. We love and appreciate you!

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God...” — Hebrews 13:7

Join us for Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall. Come as we study God's Word together, grow in our faith, and encourage one another in our walk with Christ.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



**October Offering
Saltine Crackers**

Food Pantry News

We are currently collecting gently used coats and blankets.

Attention Ladies ...

Plan to join us at The Buzz on Wednesday,

Oct 7th 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

October	7th	9:30 A.M.	Ladies Coffee @ the Buzz
October	13th	9:30 A.M.	Trustee Board Meeting
October	14th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
October	16th	10:00 A.M.	Ministry @ Helia
October	21st	3:00 P.M.	Sing and Share
October	21st	4:00 P.M.	Deacon Board Meeting
October	28th	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
October	28th	11:00 A.M.	Brown Bag Packing

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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