



September 2025

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Faith Family – as the heat of summer begins to wane and we so eagerly await the cool, crisp days of fall, I'm reminded of how the disciples prayerfully waited together for the coming of the Holy Spirit and for the beginning of their mission to be Christ's witnesses, even to the ends of the earth. I pray this month that we, too, will faithfully wait on the Lord and seek His will in our lives – for His glory! Make it a point each day to be still and listen. Let the Spirit speak to you through the Word. Let Him fill you with joy and peace. Let Him take the lead in every area of your life, as we're instructed in Galatians 5:25. And let Him work through you to bless those around you who so desperately need to know and experience the love of Christ!

-Elder Jeremy Evans

Mission of the Month

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).



This month Faith will be collecting items for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child. See full list of items below. Please put items in box in the back of the sanctuary. Details for packing boxes to come.

Items are for Boy or Girl ages: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

Toys/Play

Dolls
Stuffed Animals
Small Musical Instruments
Playdough
Jump Rope
Foam Ball
Kickball
Tennis Ball
Hacky Sack
Small Frisbee
Baseball & Mit
Finger Puppets
Slinky
Etch-a-Sketch
Play Cars/Trucks/Boats
Plastic Tools
Tool Set
Work Gloves
Plastic Dinosaurs
Puzzles
Binoculars
Yo-Yo
Small Kite
Building Blocks
Compass
Playing Cards
Fishing klt
Kaleidoscope
Marbles
Picture Books

Writing/Arts & Crafts

Pencils
Colored Pencils
Manual Pencil Sharpener
Pencil Case
Crayons
Markers
Pens
Chalkboard
Chalk
Coloring Pads
Coloring Books
Notebooks
Blank Index Cards
Non-Liquid Watercolors
Stickers
Glue Sticks
Small Adhesive Tape
Safety Scissors
Ruler/Protractor
Solar Powered Calculator
Bead Jewelry Kit
Sewing Kit
Fabric 1-2 yards
Ribbon
Brightly Colored Rope
Magnets



Clothing

Blanket
Shirts
Pants
Underwear
Outfit
Shoes & Socks
Flip-Flops
Hat/Scarf/Gloves
Bandana
Decorative Hat
Sunglasses
Wristwatch
Hair Bows
Hair Accessories
Friendship Bracelets
Beaded Jewelry
Costume Jewelry
Tote Bag
Purse
Backpack

Personal Care

Comb/Hairbrush
Toothbrush
Washcloth
Stick Deodorant
Non-Liquid Lip Balm
Compact Mirror
Nail Clipper
Nail File
Adhesive Bandages
Reusable Cup/Plate
Reusable Bowl/Water bottle

Do NOT include : bar soap, toothpaste, liquids, lotions, medication, vitamins, candy, chocolate, food, seeds, drink mixes, used or damaged items, war related items (toy guns, knives or military figures), camouflage, breakable items, aerosol cans

Church Happenings

Pastor Bible Study

1 Thessalonians "Hope for the Future"

Wednesdays in September

6:00pm Dinner (RSVP)

6:45pm Study



Mens Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. The men are studying the book of Acts. Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament, and it tells of the founding of the Church and the spread of its message.

Youth Hangout

Sept 13th & 27th

6pm - 7:30pm



Girlfriends of Faith

SAVE THE DATE!": Greetings Ladies! Our first meeting back together again will be Saturday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. We will enjoy Brunch, as usual, fellowship with sisters in Christ, and discuss plans for the year for ways to serve the Lord in our church and community.



Ladies Fun Day

September 25, 2025

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies' Bible study will begin the week of September 29, Tuesday mornings at 10 am and Thursday at 7 pm. The new study for the Fall, is a 7 week study from the book Behold and Believe, A Bible study on the "I AM" Statements of Jesus by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel. Sign-up & book purchase will be available in the Narthex.

Save the Date

Ladies Retreat

February 27-March 1, 2026

Matthew Smith
& Indelible Grace



October 25, 2025

5:30pm Hymn Seminar

7:30pm Concert

2025 September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Fellowship Dinner 6pm Pastor Bible Study 6:45pm	4 Mens Bible Study 7pm	5	6
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Session News

The August Session meeting was held on August 11 at the church at 5:30pm.

For the devotion, the Session read and discussed Chapter 11 of the Westminster Confession. The Session then voted to move monthly Session meetings from Thursdays to Mondays. Teaching Elder John Cleveland shared an update on missionaries Santosh and Shiny John, who recently experienced personal hardships. The Session agreed to ask for the congregation's support in collecting a love offering which would be given to the family on Sunday, August 31. The Session also reviewed the roles of elder and deacon as described in Scripture and then held a discussion about how to more effectively delegate church needs and responsibilities between the two groups as well as improve communication. The Session concluded the meeting by revisiting the church's bylaws and identifying specific areas which need revision. The Session agreed that the church should contact the EPC for legal counsel before moving forward with any official changes.

Specific prayer needs were discussed and lifted to God. The date for the September regular Session meeting has not been determined but will be set for early September.

John Cleveland, Moderator
Jeremy Evans, Clerk
Gregg Coniglio
Keith Lovern
Andy Martin

August Financials

General Income 37,823.00
General Expenses 29,079.94
POP Income 1,950.00

Loan balance 599.434.01



Prayer Requests

From our church family



- Beverly Smith
- Faith Strickland - Cancer
- Kathy Rewerts - Shoulder Surgery
- Suzy Frutig - Idiopathic Lung Disease
- Mary Lou - Multiple Myeloma
- Myra Echols - Cancer
- Jordan Israel - Surgery (9/11)
- Mary & Jimmy Ellington
- Wade Bledsoe - Cancer, Ear Canal & Jaw
- Teresa Harvey
- Lavonne Timpson & Family - Loss of Husband
- Trinidad Nolasco - Safe Travels
- Congregation of Timber Ridge
- Santosh & Shiny John

From our August Biscuit Giveaway

- Bo & Tig - Safety at Work
- Diego - Starting School
- Victoria - New Job & School Year
- Tracy - Cancer
- Kayla - Baby Girl Due in December
- Ailah - Single Mother of 4
- Ricardo - Thankful for Job
- Pamela & Anina - School
- Jill & Elizabeth - School
- Paxton Family - Health & Trusting the Lord
- Lowe Kids - School
- Rhonda - Shingles
- Dana & Kyrie - health
- Ariel - son on spectrim
- Anna - Kids in School
- Jock - Wisdom
- Father & Kaylynn - Work & School
- Shay - Safe Travels
- Lenoly - Pain Due to Accident
- Kendra - Children
- Brandon & Son - Providence
- Richard - Peace
- Marsha - Teacher, Students & Classroom
- Kelsey - Wisdom
- Kallen, Victor, Allana - New School
- Keisha & Caden - School
- Loertis & Dennis - Family
- Katrina - Adult Children
- Trina - Spiritual Growth
- Sherry - Trusting God
- Daniel - Time with the Lord
- Deborah - Testimony
- Jacquita - Adult Children
- Deena - Teacher, Safety at School
- Zoe - Works with Trafficking Victims
- Trish - Grieving Loss of Daughter
- Lauren & Dennis - Strength and Energy
- Zion - Grandmother's Health

Missionary Update

Marhaba,

We are nearing the end of our Alpha course at Balassan. It has been a joy to walk with these women as we explore together various topics of our faith.



One of the ladies who is a refugee from Sudan expressed how she had always wanted to know who Jesus was, but never had an opportunity to ask, or explore the topic growing up in her village. She has come to our clinic for several years bringing her children to our pediatrician, but had never engaged much with our team. This all changed very recently when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. With no money to afford treatment, and no possibility of returning to her home country, she was desperate, scared, and felt alone. We began to pray with her for healing and in the process formed a close bond with her. When repeat scans were done to determine her exact treatment so we could start looking into funding sources, the cancer was gone. The doctors had no explanation. She looked at us with tears in her eyes and said that she knew Jesus had healed her. Soon after she was one of the first to sign up for Alpha and has faithfully come every week with the biggest smile on her face. Last week, she shared with us that her sister in Egypt had begun asking her questions as she saw that she was different and she too wanted to know more about this Jesus. She asked if I knew of any churches near her sister's neighborhood, and through the help of a friend we were able to find a Sudanese believer close by who has already begun meeting up with her!



As I mentioned previously, I had invited someone to do some basic sessions on trauma healing with my staff in June/July. The feedback was overwhelmingly supportive, so I continued in a "round table discussion" type format on a weekly

basis where I share some principles on trauma-informed care and what that means for us as a clinic in how we listen and communicate with our patients as well as with my background in neuroscience and chronic pain. It's been fun to dive deep together with our various backgrounds and educational levels and choose relevant topics together.

Update on Syr: As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I postponed my trip due to a terrorist attack on a near-by church and threats of potential further attacks. I then had to postpone it again this past month after clashes and hundreds killed in Suwayda directly and indirectly affects the Druze majority area that the church is located. Further complicating matters for a monthly ministry is a new visa fee at the border to be paid each trip. I continue to engage with the pastor (my connection) there frequently to encourage him and his family and pray together. Hopefully, the door will open to return again soon.

Balassan Clinic will celebrate our 5-year anniversary in October! Stay tuned for more details on that next month!

Thank you for your love, support and encouragement!

With gratitude,
Jenny

