

*Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.  
May your glory shine over all the earth.  
Psalm 108:5 (NLT)*

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## SERVING THIS MONTH

### ELDERS

Allen Anderson, Todd Peak

### ELDER ALTERNATES

Bill Faust, George Walden

### DEACONS/USHERS

Jim Sisk (D/U), Paul Knight (D/U),  
Jared Robinson (D), Ed Redmond (D)  
*(An usher needs to be responsible for  
locking foyer door after service starts.)*

### JUNIOR DEACON

Jesse Smith

### DEACONESSSES/JR DEACONESSSES

Alice Legard, Dee Martin

*If you cannot serve during your scheduled  
month, please contact another server  
to see about switching with you.*

*If you know of a shut-in desiring  
communion be taken to them, please  
call Jean Brannon at 276-669-7311.*

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTOR APPRECIATION COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 12th  
immediately following the morning worship service.

Please bring your favorite dish  
and don't forget cards and/or gifts of appreciation.

### LADIES BARTER OUTING

A total of 17 ladies enjoyed a special time at the Barter in September, and a good time was had by all! We missed having Ms. Evy with us, tho. We will look forward to another trip next season.

### LADIES – COMING UP ON MONDAY, OCT. 20TH

We will have a private tour at Olive Oil Company with April Barnes and she will also share a devotion. Watch for more details and be sure to mark the date. This will take place of the Tuesday Ladies Time Out for October.



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## UNDER HIS WINGS

I know you would be disappointed if I didn't use some reference to a song in my Echo, therefore, here 'tis . . .

*Under His wings, Under His wings, who from His love can sever,  
Under His wings, my soul shall abide, safely abide forever.*

I've been listening to this old hymn repeatedly this week. Each time my heart is stirred and it has made me ask myself some questions.

*What does it look like "under His wings?"* In my mind's eye it would first look safe, and it would look inviting, snugly, warm, comfortable, calming, a good place to go when I needed that environment.

*Why would I want to go "under His wings?"* Because there would be loving refuge, protection, help, comfort, someone to hold me close during troubled times, or perhaps for healing, and safety from the storms of life.

Have I been there? Oh yes, many times.

*Under His wings I am safely abiding,  
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild,  
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me,  
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.*

*Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!  
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!  
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,  
There I find comfort, and there I am blessed.*

*Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment!  
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;  
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me,  
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.*



Ps. 91:4 – He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and protector.

As Jesus spoke to Jerusalem in Matthew 23:37, He said, "How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." What a sad, sad verse.

There is a place of refuge to go . . . don't be too proud, don't refuse that place thinking you can take care of yourself. If you are at a place in life where this is what you need, then go the Jesus and tell Him you need Him to open His wings and let you in. When you do, you will be singing with great assurance, *resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	2	3	4
5 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children's Church  Family & Kids CONNECT 6:00 pm	6	7	8 6:30 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	9	10  10:00 – Meals on Wheels	11 8:30 – Men's Breakfast
12 9:45 – Sunday School <b>10:30 – Worship Service</b> <i>(Please note earlier start for today's worship service only.)</i>  <i>Pastor Appreciation Luncheon – immediately following Worship Service.</i>	13 1:00-4:00 – Food Pantry  7:00 – Board Meeting <i>(All church members are invited to attend board meetings)</i>	14	15 6:30 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	16	17	18
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Margie is in the church office from 8:30-12:30, Tuesday thru Thursday.

Please have items for November's newsletter to Margie, Pastor Herb, or Judy by October 20th.



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SUN., OCT. 5TH • 6PM  
FAMILIES W/CHILDREN CONNECT  
+ KIDS CONNECT  
*Game Night, Bethany Hall*

SAT., OCT. 11TH • 8:30AM  
MEN'S CONNECT BREAKFAST  
*Church Library*

### Items Still Needed For Shoeboxes

**Toothbrushes**

**Soap**

**Washcloths**

*(Walmart has packs of 18 for \$4)*

**Glue Sticks**

**Scissors**

*(Blunt tip for ages 2-4. Sharp tip for others.)*

**Pencil Sharpeners**

*(We have enough toothpaste, pencils, crayons, and coloring books.)*

**Toys for Boys**

*(small cars/trucks, marbles, yo-yos, flashlights, etc.)*

**Toys for Girls**

*(jump ropes, dolls, play jewelry, hair items, etc.)*

**Socks** — need both boys & girls

**Underwear** — need boys & girls

**T-Shirts** — need boys & girls

**Age Categories: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14**



To our church family,

We want to thank you for your prayers and cards. With each card came words of encouragement and sunshine and an outpouring of Jesus' love shown to my sister, Mary Ann.

She is through the treatments and we are waiting for the healing. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

To God be the glory for all the great things He has done, and still doing, now and forever!

Love in Christ,  
Wilma & Mick

*If you wish to send Mary Ann a note of encouragement, her address is:*

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129 Hilltop Drive  
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