



# People of Faith



## September 2011

### “Thinking of Church”

When you think of church, what do you think? Listed below are the many ways I have heard people say over the years what church is like.

- Church is like the TV sit-com “Cheers” – everybody knows your name, and they are always glad you came.
- Church is like a flock of geese in flight – we fly better together than alone.
- Church is a bunch of people who perform random acts of kindness.
- Church is a haven in a heartless world.
- Church begins at 11:00: Do you know where your church is?
- Church is like the movie, “A Trip to Bountiful” where we hear a voice singing “Softly and Tenderly, Come Home.”
- Church is like divorce and remarriage where you always get a second chance.
- Church is where you learn that little things really do mean a lot.
- Church is where you learn that religion is the thing that keeps your life from falling apart.
- Church is where teetotalers believe Jesus turned the wine into water.
- Church is what a poet called a “serious house on serious earth.”
- Church is a social network of caring.
- Church is where the afflicted are comforted and the comfortable are afflicted.
- Church is the place to be where you are accepted “Just As I Am.”
- Church is like an umbrella, not a shelter from the storm but what enables you to go out into the storm.
- Church is the place where people practice holy days, not holidays.
- Church is that people who believe that the only thing that lasts forever is God.
- Church is the place where committees meet for hours to produce something called minutes.
- Church is where people who are down in the mouth remember Jonah who came out alright.
- Church is where diversity is not for competition but for completion.
- Church is the place of the famous “7 last words”: We never did it that way before.
- Church is the community in which ordinary people do extraordinary things.
- Church is the time when the week begins, not when the week ends.
- Church is the place where Garrison Keillor taught us “love has brought a great many people to safety when competence was exhausted and could do nothing.”
- Church is the place, according to George Carlin, which is like baseball: the whole idea is to get “home” safely.
- Church is, for some people, like a hospital – you go there only when you have to.
- Church is also like a hospital – you don’t want to live in a community without one.
- Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners.

These are a few of the “definitions” of church I have heard over the years. What’s your definition?

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## Lectionary Readings – September

**September 4, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148  
(UMH 861); Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20

**September 18, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm 78  
(UMH 799); Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16

**September 11, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 14:19–31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20–21  
(UMH 135); Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35

**September 25, 2011 [Green]**

**Ordinary Time/Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 (UMH 799)  
Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32



### Faiths Special Mission



The United Methodist Women have selected as a new mission the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne team of John Chandler. As many of you know, Johnny Chandler's son was deployed to Afghanistan in late May. John's team consists of 12 members and was deployed with another team. The UMW plans to ship care packages to John's group quarterly. A collection box is located in the large Sunday school room. Everyone is invited to participate. Some of the items most requested by our troops in Afghanistan are:

Baby Wipes	Tooth Brushes	Mouthwash	Crackers
Frebreeze	Pringles	Beef Jerky	Travel Size Games
Deck of Cards	Cookies	Suntan Lotion	Hard Candy
Blue/Black Pens	Notebooks	Envelopes	Crossword Puzzles
Word Searches	Sudoku	Powdered Drinks, especially Gatorade	
Comic Books	Hand/Foot Warmers	Travel Size Packs Laundry Detergent	

You can also help, by cutting out coupons for any of these items and placing them in my folder in the church foyer.

If you have any other questions, please contact me. Kathy Williams

# Church News

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## Upcoming Events at Faith

- ❖ **LICS** – Is still in need of food for the food pantry and in need of volunteers. Most needed Items: Oatmeal, Grits, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Ravioli/ Spaghetti O's, Beef Stew, Sloppy Joes, BBQ, Pork-n-Beans, Spaghetti and Spaghetti sauce, Pinto/Navy Beans and Collards and Turnips. Contact Brad Levi.
- ❖ **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Supper and Bible Study resumes
- ❖ **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** - Work Day Offering for Epworth
- ❖ **Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Get READY, coming soon, our annual **Yard Sale!**  
**Rain Date** is November 5<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

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**The children of Epworth sincerely appreciate** the many school supplies, gift cards and monetary contributions given for their “Back to School Drive”. Your thoughtful generosity is a great source of encouragement and helps provide each child a chance to reach his or her full potential.

Another great opportunity to support the children of Epworth will be September 11, 2011, for their annual workday special offering Sunday. Thank you for showing God's love through your support of this wonderful and much-needed ministry.

## Monthly Thought

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible as we would our cell phones? What if we carried it in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? If we forgot to take it with us, would we rush back to get it? What if we used the Bible to receive messages? What if we had an attitude of not being able to live without it? What if we gave it as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? Used it in case of an emergency? Just think a minute. What about it? Where are my priorities? When Jesus died on the cross he was thinking of you. Unlike our cell phone, which we pay for each month, our Bible will never be disconnected because Jesus has already paid the bill. There are no dropped calls! Only you can disconnect it. Being disconnected is a very empty feeling.

Thank you Robie Robertson for this monthly thought.



Please remember, Special prayers and thoughts for the families and relatives who lost loved ones and friends on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Let us also pray for those along the east coast and those in the Northeast that lost so much due to Hurricane Irene.

If you would like to include your monthly thoughts you may contact me at [bhazzard@sc.rr.com](mailto:bhazzard@sc.rr.com). Or on my Facebook page. <http://facebook.com/bard.hazzard>. You may also place your reflection in my mailbox, Bard Hazzard at Faith Church.

# Volunteers at Faith - September

Acolyte – Alex Funchess

<b>Altar Flowers</b> <b>9-04</b> Marty & Angela Funchess <b>9-11</b> Kerry & Cheryl Fraylick <b>9-18</b> Open <b>9-25</b> Sandra & Bard Hazzard	<b>Lay Readers</b> <b>9-04</b> Bob Hamilton <b>9-11</b> Pat White <b>9-18</b> Andrea Stark <b>9-25</b> Bard Hazzard	<b>Offering Tellers</b> <b>9-04</b> Joy Strange & Kathy Williams <b>9-11</b> Cheryl Fraylick & Diane Hamilton <b>9-18</b> Kathy Beatty & Nancy Taylor <b>9-25</b> Bob Hamilton & Robbie Robertson
<b>Teachers - Sunday School</b> <b>9-04</b> Sandra Hazzard <b>9-11</b> Pat White <b>9-18</b> Sandra Hazzard <b>9-25</b> Pat White	<b>Nursery during Worship</b> <b>9-04</b> Joy Strange <b>9-11</b> Brooke Michael <b>9-18</b> Pat White <b>9-25</b> Abby Strange	<b>Ushers</b> <b>9-04</b> Richard & Faye Weimer <b>9-11</b> EZ & Shelly Langston <b>9-18</b> Angela & Gable Funchess <b>9-25</b> Marty Funchess & Sandy Hazzard
<b>Greeters - Worship</b> <b>9-04</b> Wanda Himerlick & John Chandler <b>9-11</b> Bard & Sandy Hazzard <b>9-18</b> Richard & Faye Weimer <b>9-25</b> EZ & Shelly Langston	<b>Church Sign</b> <b>9-04</b> Pat White <b>9-11</b> Pat White <b>9-18</b> Pat White <b>9-25</b> Pat White	<b>Wednesday Bible Study Leader</b> <b>9-07</b> Don Britt <b>9-14</b> Don Britt <b>9-21</b> Don Britt <b>9-28</b> Don Britt

## A September Happy Birthday to

**9-05** Gable Funchess  
**9-05** Judi Jewell  
**9-07** Richard Goldie  
**9-07** Faye Weimer  
**9-07** Mary Ann Allen

**9-07** Amy Taylor Schragg  
**9-19** Gene Adams  
**9-25** Linda Morgan  
**9-30** Shelly Langston



**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to provide fresh flowers for the Sanctuary on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board near the kitchen. If you would like to include an announcement in the bulletin, please call or email the church office with the information Wednesday before the Sunday you provide flowers.



Date	Weekday	Event	Time
9-01	Wednesday	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
9-04	Sunday	Sunday School: Worship Service: [Green] Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - Food Offering for LICCS	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
9-07	Wednesday	Supper Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
9-11	Sunday	Sunday School Worship Service: [Green] Work Day Offering for Epworth	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
9-14	Wednesday	Supper Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
9-18	Sunday	Sunday School Worship Service: [Green]	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
9-21	Wednesday	Supper Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
9-25	Sunday	Sunday School: Worship Service: [Green]	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
9-28	Wednesday	Supper Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM

**Mark your calendars - Faith's annual community yard sale will be Saturday, October 29.**



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### Dollars and Sense; Word Search

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. This will be revealed in the October Newsletter.

Ananias, Atonement, Blood money  
 Crippled beggar, Denarius, Duty, Ezra  
 Fish, Gold, Judas, King Artaxerxes, King  
 Solomon, Livestock, Love of money  
 Moneylenders, Needy, Palace, Parable  
 Potter's field, Prodigal son, Queen of  
 Sheba, Stolen money, Talents, Thirty  
 silvers, Treasures, Vineyard, Wisdom  
 Zacchaeus

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The Mystery answer for August:

**Heavenly Host**