



Happy Thanksgiving!

November 2021

Upcoming Events

- November 16
Women's
Ministry
Meeting
- November 17
Grocery
Giveaway
- November 17
Fellowship
Dinner
- November 19
Operation
Christmas
Child
Shoebboxes
Due
- November 19
Card Making
- November 24
Thanksgiving
Eve Service

Message from Pastor Terry For the Birds

Just a week or so ago I was helping set up for an annual family party. One simple chore consisted of getting some old folding tables out of a three-sided tractor shed where they had been stored – probably since the last version of this annual event. – or, about a year. Given that amount of time and the open front of the shed, it should have come as no surprise – and yet it did – to discover a bird's nest between the tables. The tables were leaned against the wall rather than stacked flat on the floor/ground. The two tables in question were not pressed tightly against each other, forming something of an 'A' frame with a space between them, narrow at the top, wider at the bottom. The nest was tucked between the tables up in the narrow top of the space. The size, construction and the presence of some bird down identified it as a wren's nest – probably house wrens. It being October, the nest was long unused and being a wren's nest, it was not cemented in place – only wedged - and fell to the ground upon being touched. On first seeing the nest I thought – Well, this is an odd place for a bird's nest. Upon figuring out it was a wren's nest I realized the difference between me never having seen a nest in such a place before and it being odd.



Wrens are cavity nesters. They will often build nests in woodpecker workings or in natural tree cavities – or rock cavities, or flowerpots, or a handy basket, or in your shoe if you are the kind of person who leaves a pair of garden shoes out on the porch, or inside the globe of a kerosene lantern – if it remains unlit for just long enough at the right time of year. Wrens will build just up from ground level or thirty feet in the air. They will build way out in the woods or in a momentarily unused shoe box on your back porch. I heard of a case where a lady managed, in the course of unlocking the door and carrying in groceries, to leave her purse on the porch handrail for a single afternoon. By evening there was a wren's nest in it. In my days as a cub scout, we built wren houses as a project because it was a guaranteed success. You might or might not get a blue bird to move into a bluebird nest box but you can ALWAYS attract a wren. Note – the chief difference between a bluebird nest box and a wren nest box is the size of the entry hole. Second note – bluebirds and sparrows use the same sized hole and unless you watch and physically evict the sparrows your bluebird nest box will end up with a sparrow nest in it nine times out of ten. Not many competitors for a wren nest box. Third note – the point remains. Wrens aren't picky!

In case you think I've lost track – upon consideration, it's not surprising at all that wrens would build a nest between tables that remain leaned against the wall of a three sided shed from October to October. It might be more surprising if they didn't!

Sometimes, as individuals or as congregations, we lament a lack of opportunity. Really? At least in terms of ministry I have never in my long career observed an actual lack of opportunity. I am very familiar with the lack of an opportunity I would choose if I had all my 'druthers' - opportunities that would, say, result in sudden and substantial numerical and financial growth for my ministry and perhaps require no more than 40 hours per week from me. (Of course, everyone knows that ministers actually only work for two hours on Sunday morning.) Yes, I am familiar with the lack of that kind of opportunity. But I have never seen a time or place that wasn't overflowing with opportunity for ministry. Maybe we just need to be more like the wrens who regard any forgotten and worn old shoe as an opportunity. And we never know which opportunity will produce surprising results. Ecclesiastes 11:6

The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 303 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

2021 ways to Glorify Christ in 2021

Scrap	51 tons	goal = 50 tons Achieved!
Paper	29 tons	goal = 35 tons
Garden	39 tons	goal = 18 tons Achieved!
Pantry	1.6 tons	goal = 2 tons
VBS Pennies	45K	goal = 45K Achieved!
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Ministries	\$25K	goal = \$25K Achieved
Pill Bottles	1900	goal = 1846 Achieved!

Month 4 of Covid response round 2. Same as last month. The wheat is up in the garden plot. Gleaning continues – including the walnut project. We are collecting walnuts until November 15. We haul them to the hulling station down towards Apple Creek and sell them. The money goes to the feeding ministries supported by the garden. We have, as of this writing sold \$700 worth of walnuts at approximately 1 penny per nut. If you have walnuts in your yard, you still have a couple of weeks. Bring them to the church – if no one is around to help just leave them in the grass between the barn and the parking lot. Thanks to all who helped with the workday at the Children's Home this chapter! We also enjoyed a visit from John Davidson of Chosen People Ministries who gave a very interesting presentation of Jesus in the Fall Feasts. And we candied the kids up at the annual Trunk or Treat. Finally, we say goodbye for a time to Mark Cook and John Secrest both of whom went to be with the Lord this chapter. Pray for Terri and Kathy and all the families. God bless you until chapter 306!



They say that women like to gossip. Now, I've worked in a job where I was the lone female in a group of 24 men and I'm here to tell you that is NOT the truth. But regardless the sex of the source, we can all agree that nothing good comes from "goin' 'round spreadin' rumors" (Hee Haw circa 1977). So to prevent being seen as the "gossipy kind" there are two things we should ask ourselves.

The first - is what I'm about to say true? Do I have firsthand knowledge or did I hear it from someone else? The second - will my sharing of this information help or hurt? If it isn't absolute truth and it won't help, it shouldn't pass my lips to someone else's ear.

Do I fall into Satan's trap and slip up sometimes? You betcha. Maybe this is on my mind because I needed the reminder that With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors, but through knowledge the righteous escape (Proverbs 11:9). Cause God's just cool like that.

May your month be blessed! – Stacey

Upcoming Events & Items of Interest

- Next Women's Ministry planning meeting is November 16 @ 7 pm at the church. **All ladies are encouraged to attend and bring a friend! We need YOU!**
- Card making on November 19th @ 9am. Be sure to bring lunch.
- **Ladies Christmas Dinner** on December 7th at Chateau Michele. Dinner to be served at 7pm. Sign up details will be published in the Sunday bulletin.
- Freezer Meal Party on January 15th at the church. More details to follow.

Scripture Search for November



Last issue's answers are as follows:

1. Exodus 14:22 (waters like a wall) is the answer I had in mind but Shaun Martin corrected me with Genesis 49:22.
2. The angel of the Lord, Numbers 22:24
3. Micah, Micah 7:11
4. II Corinthians, II Corinthians 11:33
5. Revelation 21:19

Shaun Martin and Lynn Schaeffer know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this new search on floors.

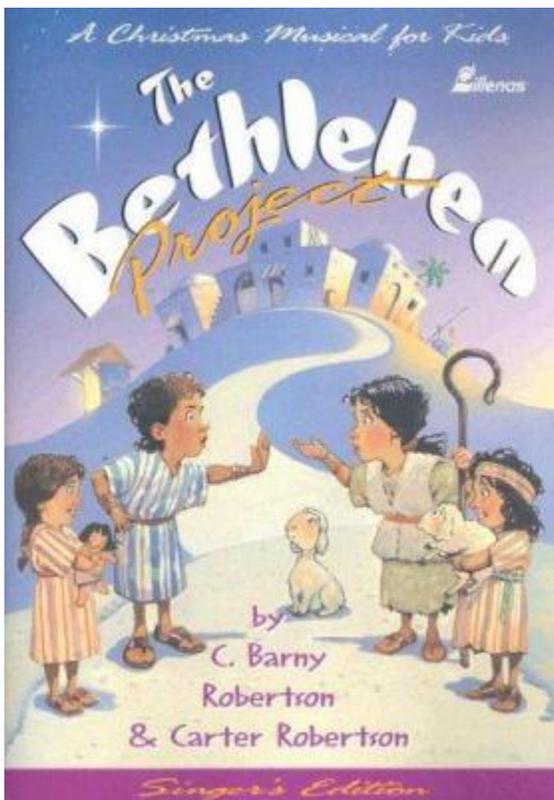
1. Who was buried at the threshing floor of Atad?
2. The general floors of Solomon's temple were overlaid with _____.
3. The floors of the inner sanctuary in Solomon's temple were overlaid with _____.
4. In Solomon's palace, what room was paneled with cedar from 'floor to floor'?
5. Which two gospels record John the Baptists words regarding the coming One who would thoroughly clear His threshing floor?

When you know the answers and the references, get them in to the church office and remember, you cannot know your Bibles too well.



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available at Indian Run Christian Church. Pick up a shoebox from the church, fill your shoebox and return to IRCC no later than **November 19**.

If you have any questions, call or text 330-488-2938.



Christmas Play
December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

beDriven

*In the morning, Lord You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will present my prayer to You and
be on the watch. (Psalm 5:3)*

Bible study, meditation on the Word, and prayer are necessities for a healthy Christian life and are good to practice at any time of the day or night, according to the constraints of time and responsibilities of each of us. Other things being equal, however, the best time of all is in the early morning. A believer who awakens each morning to the voice of the Lord in His Word will, in turn, be ready to speak words of blessing to others through the day (Isaiah 50:4). And as we, in turn, look up to Him each morning in prayer, He will hear and guide our steps through the day.

This was the example set by the Lord Jesus Himself: "And in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a secluded place, and prayed there *for a time*." (Mark 1:35). If even Jesus Christ needed such a quiet time early in the morning set aside to fellowship with His Father, we also would do well to follow.

Note the prayer of David: Let me hear Your faithfulness in the morning,
For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul. (Psalm 143:8). We urgently need to know the way we should walk each day, for it is so easy to get turned aside into our own ways, and the obvious time to pray for guidance is at the very beginning of every day.

One should not make a legalistic ritual of prayer and Bible meditation, of course, for it should come from a heart of love whenever and wherever it can be done, whether morning or evening.

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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. and
10:15 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Attendance

Date	8am	SS	Worship
Sept. 5	46	40	83
Sept. 12	46	27	92
Sept. 26	48	61	83
Oct. 3	57	-	86
Oct. 10	55	50	86

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Do you have scrap metal? Newspapers, magazines, or cardboard boxes that need recycled? Drop your items off at IRCC! Paper and cardboard can also be recycled at Lowry's Restaurant and D&K Supply. For larger items, call the church office.



**BONUS WEEK
FOR PAPER
RECYCLING
PROGRAM IS
NOV. 14-20TH**



We are collecting black walnuts till **Nov. 14**, bring them in! Ask for bags if you need them. Leave them in the grass between the barn and the parking lot if no one is available to help you. Pick up is available upon request. Call the church office.



Today's Sermon can be found on iTunes by searching the podcast section for: Terry Bailey Ministries



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September Financial Report	
Church	
Balance September 1	\$43,783.30
Deposits	12,833.40
Expenses	(\$12,782.50)
Balance Sept. 30	\$43,834.20
Mission	
Balance September 1	\$0.00
Deposits	2,397.00
Expenses	(\$2,397.00)
Balance Sept. 30	\$0.00
Special Gifts	
Balance September 1	\$21,290.70
Deposits	924.15
Expenses	(\$0)
Balance Sept. 30	\$22,214.85
New Building Vision Fund	
Balance September 1	\$164,192.68
Deposits	1,485.00
Expenses	(\$0.00)
Balance Sept. 30	\$165,677.68
Total Balance for September	
\$231,726.73	

And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13