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Sunday Mornings
 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday Evenings
 6:00 p.m. – Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group

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For the Birds



I saw a Belted Kingfisher the other day. It was perched on the power line above a local pond. Where else?! The Belted Kingfisher (Perhaps soon to be the mascot of the University of Illinois!) has always been an interesting bird to me, conspicuous not only for its bright blue color but it's stocky build and oversized head. For some reason though, seeing this one made my mind run back to another bird I have only seen once (when visiting San Antonio) with my own eyes – the smaller southern cousin to the Belted Kingfisher – the Green Kingfisher. The color difference cannot prevent the realization that the birds are related. The same stocky build, short legs and over-sized head prevail in both though the Green Kingfisher has a little more sleek and less shaggy appearance than the Belted variety. And then there's size. The Belted Kingfisher is about the size of a robin but stockier. The Green Kingfisher is about the size of a sparrow – but stockier. Which makes it seem all the more odd that the Green Kingfisher has the bigger bill. The Green Kingfisher has often been described as a sparrow with a Heron's bill – the Jimmy Durante of the bird world! Looking at the Green Kingfisher, one wonders how a 1 oz bird balances such an enormous schnoz! But they seem to manage just fine. For one thing, they don't have to fly particularly far. Even the Belted Kingfisher with its far more northern range, does not migrate, preferring to nest over running water that seldom freezes. The nest will be constructed at the end of tunnel dug into a dirt bank overlooking that feeding ground into which the kingfisher will plunge just as enthusiastically in January as July. The Green Kingfisher has even less need to travel far. And when it comes to hunting, that out of proportion bill suddenly ceases to be any kind of liability and turns out to be advantageous. Kingfishers perch over the water and, when they see small fish come close to the surface, they dive immediately, entering the water head-first and, hopefully, coming back out with a fish gripped in their bill. Both species excel but the Green Kingfisher has a higher success rate than the Belted Kingfisher. Their smaller size allows them to perch closer to the water and still remain unseen and when they put the hammer down, leading a dive with that king-sized honker, the hammer goes down – with tip weight and reach exceeding that of the larger Belted Kingfisher. The Green Kingfisher paves the entrance of its tunnel with the bones of eaten fish as if to say – *HERE LIVES A HUNTER*. Perhaps it's more likely the bones attract insects which the Kingfisher also eats. I still like the first option better. More to the point – there are animals you can look at and, at first glance, wonder if God knows what He's doing. Turns out... Isaiah 40:13-14

Terry

The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 292 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

220,000 Ways to Glorify Christ in 2020

Scrap	\$6,752	Goal = \$10,000
Paper	52,210 pounds	Goal = 70,000 pounds
Garden	42,00 pounds	Goal = 38,000 Reached!
VBS pennies	40,450	Goal = 40,000 Reached!
New Sign	\$6,104	Goal = \$30,000
\$ for other ministries	\$17,766	Goal = \$27,000
Pantry items	3,582	Goal = 3000 Reached!
Pill bottles	2,100+	Goal of 2000 Reached!

Month seven of the Pandemic Response – mask wearing and distancing continue. We all had the opportunity to add flu shots to our defenses – Thanks Dave Schaeffer! The congregation gave bags of school supplies to all our kids as they were (praise God) able to return to school! Thanks to everyone whose generosity made this month's grocery giveaway so well supplied. A group from the congregation travelled to the Christian Children's Home of Ohio to help accomplish some much needed work on the campus. Jack Spencer and Machem Roach are both doing much better and thank everyone for the prayers. We ask your prayers for Holly Reed who is ill with thyroid problems and waiting on tests and for all those whose lives and employment are touched by the fire at Colfor. God bless and we'll see everyone in chapter 293.

August Financial Report	
Church	
Balance August 1	\$46,188.21
Deposits	16,967.93
Expenses	(\$11,469.41)
Balance August 31	\$51,686.73
Mission	
Balance August 1	\$0.00
Deposits	1,570.00
Expenses	(\$1,570.00)
Balance August 31	\$0.00
Special Gifts	
Balance August 1	\$20,555.45
Deposits	4,348.62
Expenses	(\$51.00)
Balance August 31	\$24,853.07
New Building Vision Fund	
Balance August 1	\$155,005.68
Deposits	1,935.00
Expenses	(\$0)
Balance August 31	\$156,940.68
Total Balance for August	
\$233,480.48	

Date	Sam	S.S.	worship
Aug 30	58	58	107
Sept 6	59	48	79
Sept 13	64	66	112
Sept 20	61	48	82



Scripture Search for October

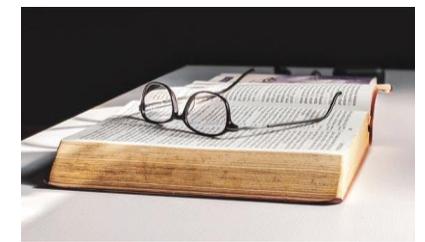
Here are last issue's answers.

1. Nimrod, Genesis 10:9
2. Bury the blood, Leviticus 17:13
3. David, I Samuel 26:20
4. Jeremiah, Jeremiah 16:16
5. Ezekiel, Ezekiel 13:18

Lynn Schaeffer, Shaun Martin, Ann Sutton, Russell E. Thorn, and Cheryl Costello all know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this new search on – leaves – like the ones you'll soon be raking!

1. Who first made clothing from leaves?
2. Where did the Lord promise that those who turned away from Him would end with hearts so timid they would flee from the sound of a driven leaf?
3. Who had a vision of a sacred river lined with trees whose leaves would not wither?
4. Which prophet spoke of our fallen weakness saying (among other things) All of us wither like a leaf?
5. What is the last mention of leaves in the Bible?

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





“There’s no cross that love won’t bear and when you’re down to your last prayer, it will be the saving grace in the depths of your despair.” Those are the lyrics from a John Berry song. I’ve listened to that CD on and off for years and today for the first time, it made me weep. In the song, a man gives up his last earthly possession to help a woman in despair and his reward is a mansion in heaven. It made me wonder if I’ve ever been the answer to someone’s prayer

and if I haven’t been, what is stopping God from working through me. Be encouraged this month to ask yourself that question and to search for the answer. Imagine the wonderful things that will come of it.

Events for this month:

- Card making will take place on October 3rd, 9am to 2pm in the church library. Ladies, please bring lunch.
- Ladies Hike: Watch for a date and location in the bulletin and on Facebook.
- Remember to pray for your Secret Sister!

Upcoming:

- Ladies Christmas Dinner on December 9th.



This month our Youth Spotlight must extend a little farther to shine on Briley Hartman. While everyone is blessed to have Briley at church during the summer months where she spends time with her grandparents, Briley calls Tennessee home. A few of Briley’s interests are ice skating, horseback riding and doing art. Briley also enjoys singing and has displayed this gift during Junior Church on occasion. Briley was baptized two summers ago, and we are excited to see her heart grow for Christ and where God directs her!

Look-Up

Hello, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and the rest of IRCC! This has been a “fun” year, well at least since March, but God is good and personally I continue to reflect on one of my favorite scripture verses found in Lamentations 3:22-23, “The Lord’s lovingkindness indeed never ceases, For his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” I encourage each one of you to be reminded of God and His glory every day! Now a few things I want to pass along as Fall begins and soon, we will be entering the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday October 31 from 1:30-3:00 pm, if you want to provide a trunk or treat or even both, please sign up at the Information Center or contact me.
- The Children’s Christmas play is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 20. However, this year with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there will be two different times to see the play. We will keep you informed as we get closer to that point in time.
- As for the play, if you have a youth that want to participate but are hesitant, please know we will do everything possible to keep everyone safe and healthy. Any questions please feel free to ask me.
- Finally, begin to look for a dedicated newsletter for our youth beginning in November. It will keep everyone informed of what is happening with our youth throughout the year!

October is my favorite month and last year I told myself I would enjoy going outside more during the month. I took my first and only walk on October 24, so again I will attempt to enjoy God’s creation more this month and I invite everyone to take a few days to spend outside this October! And remember, Jesus loves you and so does IRCC!

In Christ,
Eric



Case for a Creator - for Kids

The primary/elementary youth group have been participating in a book study of Case for a Creator - for Kids by Lee Strobel two Sundays each month. Through the book they are exploring answers to questions about creation that even adults sometimes struggle to answer. Here's a quick recap of what they learned through Part 1: Chapter 1-3 of their book study.

Chapter 1: Piecing Together the Puzzle

- *Who is right? Science of God? School or church? Both? Neither?
- *One important rule to follow during an "Investigation"...Follow the evidence wherever it leads you.
- *3 Big Questions to Consider
 - +Cosmology - study of how the universe was formed; What can scientists tell us about the beginning of the world?
 - +Physics & Astronomy - tells how things in the world work; Why do things happen the way they do?
 - +DNA - the instruction manual for building proteins, which make up the cells of all living things; Is there any evidence that an intelligent designer put this complicated information into DNA?
- *After examining the 3 big questions, decide for yourself...Is there a case for a Creator?

Chapter 2: A Big Bang Beginning

- *Idea #1: A Pop Start!
 - +Sometimes matter just shows up for no reason.
 - +No creator and no particular reason - it just happened because it could.
 - +Presto! Instant universe.
 - +Not very scientific, since science is what is observed in the way things happen.
- *Idea #2: A Universe that was Caused
 - +Based on the Kalam Argument...
 - Everything that has a beginning has a cause.
 - The universe has a beginning.
 - So the universe has a cause.

Chapter 3: Putting Kalam to the Test

- *Everything that has a beginning has a cause.
 - +Existence needs an explanation.
 - +As far as human experience goes, nothing simply pops into existence on its own, out of nothing.
- *The universe has a beginning.
 - +The universe didn't create itself. There must be something - or someone - who caused it.
 - +Two kinds of evidence that the universe had a beginning: mathematical points and scientific points.
 - Mathematically, the idea of the universe being infinitely old is nonsensical because it could not go farther and farther into the past forever.
 - Scientifically, all of the clues from science point to our universe beginning with a bang, which means they agree the universe had a beginning.
- *The universe has a cause.
 - +What kind of cause could have started the entire universe?
 - It must have been powerful.
 - It must have been smart, in order to make the explosion work just right.
 - It must have been creative to come up with the idea.
 - It must have been timeless, since time wasn't even created until the Big Bang happened.
 - It must have been immaterial, or without a physical body, like a spirit.
- *The best explanation for all of this is a cause that looks suspiciously like the God of the Bible.

Check back next month to explore, with the youth, more about the Case for a Creator.

God Bless,
Jeanelle Thorn

