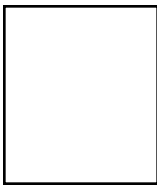




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The Acclaim September 2023

Weekly Services & Times

Sunday: 9am Bible Study
10 am Morning Worship
Please see Sunday Overhead
Announcements and Bulletin for
Listing of Special Services!

Volunteers are needed in various areas within the church. There are many things that we can use your help with. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to assist us through this coming year. There is a job for everyone to do here at APCC and we all appreciate your help and desire to serve.

APCC Yard Signs and License Plates: Coming soon we will have APCC Yard Signs to be put out in your yard. These will be available for \$8.00 per sign. There are also APCC License plates available in the Office now. Please be on the lookout for more information on the price and dates of availability for these. If you are interested in a Sign or License Plate, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

LIVE STREAMING on YOUTUBE is still provided every Sunday! If you are having trouble viewing our YOUTUBE Worship programming, please see Tony Ratliff or call at your convenience. We will be happy to take you through the procedure step by step.

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.
Proverbs 14:23

Please be in Prayer for YOUR church family: Many people were not able to return to Florida this year. We have lost others in death. Please remember and feel welcome to check with the office for addresses of those you miss. A card brightens the day!

APCC News and Upcoming Events

Together Tuesday Is Postponed for Summer
Sept 03 9 AM Sunday Bible Study
Sept 03 10 AM Sunday Service
Sept 09 Labor Day—Office Closed
Sept 06 6 PM Bible Study
Sept 10 9 AM Sunday Bible Study
Sept 10 10 AM Sunday Service
Sept 13 6 PM Bible Study

Sept 17 9 AM Sunday Bible Study
Sept 17 10 AM Sunday Service
Sept 18 9 AM Ladies Bible Study
Sept 20 6 PM Bible Study
Sept 24 9 AM Sunday Bible Study
Sept 24 10 AM Sunday Service
Sept 25 9 AM Ladies Bible Study
Sept 27 6 PM Bible Study

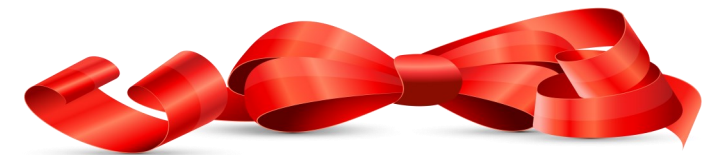
Happy Birthday

No Birthdays
This Month



Happy Anniversary

No Anniversaries This Month
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Please contact the office with updates and changes for Anniversaries and Birthdays!

September 2023 Servers

Open Up/Lock Up Host:

Lee Taylor

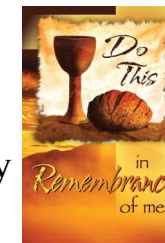
Communion Meditation:

Week Sept 03 Tony Ratliff

Week Sept 10 Lee Taylor

Week Sept 17 Ricky Helms

Week Sept 24 John Kornegay



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Communion to the Sick: *

Week Sept 03 Tony Ratliff

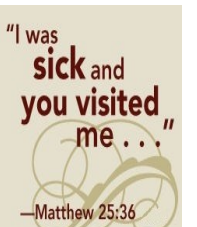
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Communion Preparations:

Susan Taylor



*** Please inform the office if you desire Communion brought to your home. Due to Covid, we respect your privacy. Please give us 1 day advance notice.**

CHURCH FINANCES—Once again we have encountered a few more repairs to our building. Please share with the church a “special blessing” to help offset these repairs.

Together Tuesday Has been postponed until after the Summer Season. We will make decisions about the start of it again as we approach that time. Please plan to join us and watch for updates!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study has resumed. We are meeting every Wednesday at 6PM. We are currently studying the book of James. Handouts are available every Sunday Morning for the coming Bible Study that Wednesday Evening. Please see Ricky Helms for more information or to get a copy of the Handouts. We really hope that you will come and attend and be blessed by the Word of the Lord. It is our belief that when 2 or more gather, he will be there. Come be with the Lord and let the Spirit teach you.

Adult Bible Study—Young At Heart Classroom

This month, we have begun an exciting study of the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews might be described as *The best just got better*. There was nothing inferior about the Jewish religion. It was given and designed by God. Every principal, every rule had a specific meaning. The Old Testament served as a faithful guide for thousands of years. But when Christ came, the best got better. Hebrews was written for the Jewish believers who were torn between the new faith and their old ways. The temptation was to slip back into familiar routines and rituals, settling for second best. The author makes a skillful case against such a digression. He argues that Jesus is better than every form of the old faith; better than the angels; better than their leaders; and better than their priests. In comparing the two, Christianity has a better covenant, a better sanctuary, and a better sacrifice for sin. Salvation through Christ was so much better so why settle for second best? Come join us Sunday morning at 9 AM for this great study.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

In his simple explanation of the total of scripture, a minister once said to me, “The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed; the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.” The coming of Jesus as foretold in the Old Testament fulfilled the promise of salvation God had promised to his people centuries earlier. Not surprisingly, God used several women to play significant roles in the story of Jesus’ life.

Starting on the 18th of September, the Women’s Bible study group will look at the lives of six women who were instrumental in the life of Jesus while He was here on earth. This will be a six week study course looking at the lives of six ladies who had a significant impact on the life of the Savior. Come join us each Monday morning at 9:00 AM in the Ladies study room off the fellowship hall. We will try to complete one chapter per week, but as some of the lessons are long, we may end up taking two weeks per lesson. The book is entitled *Women of the Bible; New Testament*, and may be obtained by seeing Susan Taylor or Beth Helms. Have a blessed day and hope to see you soon.

*The Christian must realize as a charge daily that he is **morally responsible to God and those around him/her**. He or she must put God **FIRST** in everything (Matt 10:37) and be submissive to the will of God. -copied*

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,
Colossians 3:23*

Laboring for the Lord

As we approach this month, there are many things to Celebrate, but the oldest and most recognized is celebrated on the 1st Saturday of September, Labor Day. As Labor Day approaches we think of a 3-day weekend, the end of Summer and a time to have a BBQ, take a trip, or something similar. It was first Celebrated in 1882 and made a National Holiday in 1894. It was set aside to be a day to Celebrate the great things that the American workers had contributed to the Country.

Jesus had a slightly different view of work, He looked at His work as the work that God gave Him to finish and He relished in it. In fact He referred to it as His food or nourishment John 4:32, “I have food to eat you know nothing about”. When He returned to be with God, He gave that work to us as His followers, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you” John 20:21. Christ has called us to be like Him many times and sometimes in ways that we simply can do nothing but strive to. This is one that we can and should be doing everyday. He has called us to work in His Father’s Kingdom as He did here so many years ago, preaching and teaching God’s Word. As Christians everyday should be our Labor Day for God, for each day that is called a day. Remember Christ told us that it would be ending. For Jesus said “As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work” John 9:4.

Folks if we aren’t putting aside our own desires and wants and doing the work that Christ has laid out for us both in scripture and by His example, then I ask what are we doing here? Take the time to make each and every day the perfectly worked day for God.

Tony Ruff

Celebration of Life Services for Pastor Greg

Many of you have been asking about the Celebration of Life Service for Pastor Greg. Let me be the take a moment to give you written proof that there will be a Service in Memory of him held here at APCC. We are going to wait until a little later this year when we have the Snow Birds back at the Church. At that time we will be having Pastor Mark Wingler come down from Indiana to perform the service per the wishes of Pastor Greg and family. When the time comes closer we will be making and announcement as it approaches and put it in the Acclaim. Please be watching for more information in here, and be sure to attend services in Person for the most up to date information. As many of you may know, Pastor Greg had a real difficult time being around live plants and flowers as they took his breath away. In honor of that, instead of sending flowers, please send a donation to APCC in Memory of Pastor Greg. He was also very concerned about APCC and desired to see the Church thrive and live on, continuing the work of Jesus and spreading God’s Word to the World.