**Praises**: Annie & Tristan Wesselman welcomed a brand-new baby boy, Jack Hudson Wesselman on Tuesday, August 26th! Jack weighed 8 pounds and was 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to the Wesselman family! Faith Zirkelbach and team are home safe after Mission Trip to Mexico! Praise God! Kara James is home after successful heart surgery. Continue praying for recovery; Tim Taylor is doing well after back surgery!

New Members:

**Surgery & Recovering:** 

Others in Need: Noah Barnes (mono-possible Lymes disease); Landon & Ryleigh Buser (pray for healing after loss of pregnancy in 2nd trimester); Joshua Ridgeway (bacterial pneumonia-at St. Louis University hospital); Tim Ward (Seth Lively's future father-in-law-injuries and other health issues following fall from roof); Jeannette Thompson (multiple health issues); Ray Shannon (Brain Bleed); Kara James (young mother of 2-heart attack-at St. Louis University Hospital); Thelma Viernum (stroke); Clifford Bishop (health issues); Patty Manis (continued carotid issues); Rick Greenley (frontal temporal dementia-no treatment and is progressing); Dagan Crews (Nashville, TN-heart problems); Margie Tanner (health issues from fall); Aydan Zoller (16 year old with multiple health issues); Alec Valerius (Prayers for sensation to return in legs below the knees); Gavin Barnett (diagnosis on Barreyt's esophagus); Lonnie Jacobs (health issues); Evey Maye (kidney disease-one kidney only functioning at 1%); Dawn Cashion (heart issues); Dawn Conner (heart issues); Cheryl Reese(Pancreatitis & liver cirrhosis): Vickie Lewis(Health issues); Nyle Ford; Richard Shimkus (balance and overall health); Doug Myers (heart issues); Carol Myers (serious health issues); Nancy Denton (serious heart issues); Nick Fowler (biopsy-testing for possible skin cancer in the stomach)

Those With Cancer: Bill Jenkins (kidney cancer-surgery 9/29); Lori Kelly (Carla Bigham's—stepdaughter-Kidney cancer-surgery 10/27); Rachel Rider; Robin Frailey (diagnosed with ovarian cancer); Donny Turner (also pray for wife, Donna); Courtney Severs (brain cancer); Lisa Bastien (melanoma); Stanley Webster (pancreatic cancer); Allen Russell (Jeanette Thompson's son-in-law's brother, having bone marrow transplant for leukemia); Mary Lynn Morber (ovarian cancer); Stacey Arnett (multiple myeloma); Raelin Chaffin(thyroid cancer); Lucy Boss (5 year old with leukemia); Barb Nawakoski (lung cancer); Mary McGriff (ovarian cancer); Brian Tuthill (leukemia); Logan Kraeger (31 year old with stage 4 cancer);

Kathy Yates; Janelle Coleman (mother of 3-breast cancer-preparing for double mastectomy followed by chemo; Sherry Hargis (Chemo Treatments, not doing well); Jason Stutes (lymphoma returned for 3rd time); Reice Mae Albright (Goreville High School student-brain tumor); Cheryl Baker; Jeanette Thompson (leukemia); Linda O'dell (stage3 cancer);

Military Service: Gabe Kreid (Air-Force); William Meadows (Air Force-stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada); Bryce Mathis (Army Ranger); Zac Jorgenson (Air Force-stationed in North Dakota); Nick Depyatic (Air Force-stationed in Wyoming); Micheal Brown (Navy); Chad Lipe (deployed overseas); Major Luke Grieder (Army-stationed in Poland); Rylan Ragar (Coast Guard-stationed in Puerto Rico); Andrew Martin (Army-LTC@Pentagon); Jessica Sickles (Air Force-being deployed overseas); Jeffrey Davis (Navy); Stavian Bizaillion (Army); Mekenna Goessman (National Guard); Brooklyn Miller-McMullen (Coast Guard)

Those in Mourning: Richard Reiman; Shirley Wilson



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## Services and Times

## Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday Night Fellowship

(September through May)

Meal 5:45 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## October Wednesday

## Night Menu

Meal starts at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$7/plate or \$18/family

10/1 Meatloaf, Twice Baked Potatoes, Corn, and Dinner Rolls

10/8 Grilled Chicken Wraps, Pasta Salad, and Chips

10/15 Pizza Pasta Bake, Salad, and Breadsticks

10/22 Baked Potato Bar & Salad

10/29 Chili, Hot Dogs, and Chips

## **Birthdays**

22<sup>nd</sup> Steve Keller

22<sup>nd</sup> Jason Aken

25<sup>th</sup> Jane Cobin

23<sup>rd</sup> Karen Odom

25th Dalton Swayne

27<sup>th</sup> Brittany Dobill

27th Will Meadows

29<sup>th</sup> Hannah Harsy

29th Wyatt Bastien

1<sup>ST</sup> Christy Stewart 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Carter

3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Giamalva

3<sup>rd</sup> Jarrod Kreid

5<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Piper

6<sup>th</sup> Tom Scott

6<sup>th</sup> Harper Martin

6<sup>th</sup> Drayke Cralley

6<sup>th</sup> Bill Swanson

8<sup>th</sup> Kinsley Aldridge

8<sup>th</sup> Kolton Aldridge

8<sup>th</sup> Kevin Piper

8<sup>th</sup> Gary Jones

11<sup>th</sup> Gordon Burroughs

11<sup>th</sup> Lauren Kirk

13<sup>th</sup> Savannah Valerius

15<sup>th</sup> Alan Evans

15<sup>th</sup> Lisa Pruitt

16<sup>th</sup> Jesse Brooks

16<sup>th</sup> Chris Ehlers

16<sup>th</sup> Chase Dinga

16<sup>th</sup> Cameron Dinga 16<sup>th</sup> Kynleigh Manis

17<sup>th</sup> Donna Piper

18<sup>th</sup> Tanner Johnston

18<sup>th</sup> John Owens

19<sup>th</sup> Clariss Hill

19<sup>th</sup> Lance Weil

21<sup>st</sup> Annie Claire Wesselman

## **Anniversaries**

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric & Stephanie Cralley 6<sup>th</sup> Don & Judy Lovel 18<sup>th</sup> Bryce & Mandy Pitlick 19<sup>th</sup> Marshall & Clarissa Hill 20<sup>th</sup> Kenny & Shawnie Porter 24<sup>th</sup> Joe & Cayla Reiman 28<sup>th</sup> Tom & Joyce Bailey 28<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Julie Hicks



## For More Information

- Thank you to everyone who put in so much hard work preparing and serving for our outdoor worship service.
- Women's Breakfast-Vickie Carter will be leading the devotional.
- Men's Breakfast-Bruce Ridgeway will be leading the devotional.
- Trunk or Treat Fall Fest! We're happy to once again be hosting our Fall Fest Event on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to help out! In addition to our usual Trunk or Treating, we'll be having fall-themed activities, such as a maze, bean bag toss, ring toss, and so much more! If you'd like to set up a station for an activity, or would like to decorate your vehicle and pass out candy, or even combine an activity with your trunk, sign up at the board in the lobby. You can also see Cayla for more information. We will also be seeking kitchen volunteers to prepare hot dogs and hot chocolate. We will be taking donations of pre-packaged candy to pass out the entire month of October. This is a community event that continues to grow and allows us opportunity for outreach, so all the help and donations are greatly appreciated.
- Children's Christmas Program Practice for "Behind the Manger Scenes" begins Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue every Wednesday until the day of the program. Kids 4 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join. If you'd be interested in helping, see Cayla.

 Many people were asking for Tim and Jessica Davis's address, which he's asked us to share:

661 Nobbin Ridge Rd-Lot 67 Lakeview, AR 72642

Tim's email: T9Davis@yahoo.com

## Calendar + List of Events

10/1 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10/4 Men's Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.

10/5 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/8 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10/11 Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.

10/12 Guest Services Meeting after church

10/12 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/13 Book Club 6:00 p.m.

10/15 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10/18 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.

10/19 Sunday Night Youth 6:00-7:30 p.m.

10/20 Area Men's Meeting @ Murphysboro

10/21 Forever Young Luncheon 12:00 noon

10/22 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10/23 Joint Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

10/26 Trunk or Treat Fall Fest

10/29 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal 5:45, Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.





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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Youth Group			Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	4		Women's Breakfast 9:00-10:00 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Guest Services	Book Club 6 p.m.		Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.			Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 a.m.
19	20 Area Men's	21	22	23	24	25
Youth Group	Meeting at Murphysboro	Senior's Movie Luncheon 12:00 noon	Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Joint Board Meeting 6 p.m.		
Fall Fest Trunk or Treat 5-7	27	28	29 Meal 6:00-6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30-7:30 p.m.	30	31	

# The ECC Monthly Minute Yet Another Pumpkin Devotional

I will freely admit that October is my favorite month. Mostly for its beauty. God shows us through His Creation the beauty in change, and reiterates to us that there is a season for everything.

Many of us are probably familiar with the Bible object lesson of the Pumpkin Parable. If you're not, I encourage a quick Google search to check it out, because it's a wonderful way to illustrate how God makes a new creation in us by getting rid of the "icky" within us and putting His light in us for us to shine.

As I worked on this article, searching for material, I kept coming back to the pumpkin...and considering the seeds.

When God created vegetation on the third day, He perfectly designed plants to produce seeds, for the purpose of producing more plants. (Genesis 1:11-12). I'm amazed to think of the intricate details God put in those tiny seeds. Within the seed the blueprint for an entire new plant is contained.

Every year we throw our festive fall pumpkins out in the garden or in the grassy area behind our barn, we inevitably get volunteer pumpkins sprouting up the following Spring. Those discarded pumpkins break down and leave behind the seeds that sprout and then grow into new pumpkins.

So when we apply this to our spiritual life, I want us to look at the type of seeds we're leaving behind. Every day holds opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. No matter the location, we scatter seeds that can potentially take root in good soil (parable of the sower). Allow everyone you come into contact with see your relationship with Jesus who shines through you. Remember how much attention and detail God put into the seeds of plants, and then imagine how well-equipped He made us to be a light in a dark world.

Jesus tells us in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

I pray you have a great fall and enjoy all the blessings God graciously gives us in this season.

Your sister in Christ, Cayla



#### **Communion Purchase**

Nancy Kreid

#### **Communion Prep**

Nancy Kreid

#### **Sunday School Milk & Juice**

10/5 Vickie Carter 10/12 & 10/19 Larry & Joyce Hickman 10/26 Jeanette Thompson

# Serving Schedule

#### CommunionMeditation

10/5 Tim Gossett 10/12 Landon Buser 10/19 Kevin Asbury 10/26 Brandon Buser

#### **Communion to Shut-Ins**

10/5 Brandon Buser 10/12 Dale Odom 10/19 Paula Dunlap 10/26 Mark Wilson

#### **Communion Servers**

<u>10/5/2025</u>	
Andy Burroughs	
Tyler Burroughs	
Brandon Buser	
Luke Buser	
Rich Bernardini	
Jake Gibbs	
Gary Monroe	
Ron Ritter	

10/12/2025
Doug Gibbs
Steve Parry
im Williamson
Craig Briley
Paula Dunlap
Jeremy Keith
AJ Keith
Dirk Valerius

10/19/2025
Jarrod Kreid
Tim Gossett
Dale Odom
Gary Jones
Mike Stewart
Erin Carter
Grace Godoyo
Lyle Thompson

# 10/26/2025 Aaron Thompson Maddax Thompson Don Garver Mark Wilson Jordan Evans Joyce Hickman Warren Yates Kevin Asbury

#### **Inside Greeters**

10/5 Marilyn Piper & Becky Burroughs10/12 Gary Jones & Craig Briley10/19 Kathy Aldridge & Paula Dunlap10/26 Lisa Stewart & Sylvia Krelo

#### **Hall Greeter**

10/5 Randy Manis & Doug Gibbs 10/12 Mark Wilson & Dale Odom 10/19 Aaron Thompson & Jake Gibbs 10/26 Larry Hickman & Gordon Burroughs

#### Exit Greeter

10/5 Dale Odom 10/12 Vickie Carter 10/19 Paula Dunlap 10/26 Dale Odom

#### Nursery

10/5 Emily Evans with Ginny Reiman 10/12 Alison Keith with Laney Keith 10/19 Donna Waller with Zoey Swenson 10/26 Gail Ridgeway with Colton Ridgeway

#### **Opening Prayer**

10/5 Brandon Buser 10/12 Alan Evans 10/19 Doug Gibbs 10/26 Larry Hickman