

OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE


- ELDERS**
- Blake Robinson, Captain
 - Thelmer McClanahan

- ELDER OF THE WEEK**
- Blake Robinson 10/11 - 10/17
 - Gene Sturgill 10/18 - 10/24
 - Tom Thompson 10/25 - 10/31
 - Terry Trimble 11/01 - 11/07
 - Bob VanHoose 11/08 - 11/14

- SERVING DEACONS/ ELDERS for October**
- Jim Brown
 - Ashley Byers
 - Katie Stafford
 - Bob VanHoose

- GREETERS**
- The Oldendick Family 10/18
 - Barb Adams & Carli Jo Deskins 10/25
 - Steve Huffman & Charles Prater 11/01
 - Robin & Taylor Wells 11/08
 - Charlie Byers' Family 11/15

2009 ATTENDANCE REPORT

October	4	11	18	25
Sunday School	42	32		
Worship Total	88	70		

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Needed as of October 11	\$ 184,807.50
Received as of October 11	\$ 189,441.51



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The glory of fall will soon be upon us. I have indicated before that I love autumn and that it is mostly because of the incredible display put on by the hardwood trees in our region. A number of years ago, while doing some research on my first book, I discovered that although scientists know how the leaves change each fall, they cannot explain why. The “how” is pretty simple. Each fall as the days grow shorter, the nights cooler and the summer rains diminish, there is a dramatic reduction in the production of chlorophyll. This allows the pigments that were there all along to show their true colors.

The “why” is the tricky part. In nature colors are typically there for a purpose. For example, bright colors in a bird will help attract a mate. The colors of flowers, likewise, draw in pollinators. The beautiful colors of fall, however, don't appear to serve a purpose. They're just beautiful.

Someone might reply to the question, “why do leaves turn beautiful colors in fall?” with the answer, “Just because.” I don't buy that. I'm convinced that the beauty of fall is simply God's gift to us. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says *“He has made everything beautiful in its time.”* Autumn is the time God makes the leaves extra beautiful (they're still beautiful in spring and summer). So my answer to the question, “why do leaves turn beautiful colors in fall?” is “just because—just because God loves us.” The colors of autumn are a gift of His grace, and a wonderful gift at that!

Dr. Chuck Summers

We'll Be Having M.A.S.S. on October 25

Sunday, October 25, will be a special day at our church; we'll be having M.A.S.S. Don't stress; this is nothing strange or weird, just Music Appreciation Sunday Service. Each October we dedicate a service to celebrating God's gift of music. The service will be filled with special music using as many different people in the church as we can. If you would like to do something for this service please contact Melanie by October 28.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 26

The Membership Team will sponsor a Family Fun Night Monday evening, October 26, for all the church. Everyone is invited to come enjoy an evening of games, refreshments and fellowship. Each family is asked to bring their favorite board or card game. The church will provide pizza and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dessert. The fun will begin at 6:00 so mark your calendars.



The children of the church are in the process of collecting items for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Each year millions of shoe boxes filled with toys,

clothes and personal hygiene items are provided to needy children up to twelve years of age all around the world at Christmas time.

Each box also contains a message about the good news of Jesus' Christ in the child's native language. You can help our children by donating items for their shoe boxes. Items needed include small toys (no guns or war related items), notebooks, pencils, calculators, toothpaste and toothbrush, crayons, hard candy, combs, soap (no liquid items), wash cloths, coloring books, socks, t-shirts, hair clips or pony tail holders, dolls, and small stuffed animals. You can bring your items to the church office or give them to Dee Branham. For more information about Operation Christmas Child visit www.samaritanspurse.org.



DON'T GET LEFT OUT!

We have made good progress on our new church pictorial directory but there are still a number of people who need to have their pictures made. Pictures will be made the last two weekends of October. If you have not yet had your picture made PLEASE contact Chuck as soon as possible to schedule a time to complete this task. It is very important that we include everyone we can in the new directory.



The Choir has begun work on this year's Christmas cantata. It is called "Bethlehem Morning." If you would like to sing with the choir this Christmas, plan to join them Wednesday nights at 7:00. See Melanie for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our annual congregational dinner will be held this year on Sunday, November 15. Please make plans to be present that Sunday.

Later in November, The Green Chalice of the Christian Church in Kentucky will be sponsoring a 24 hour retreat focusing on God and Creation at Rough River State Park. Our pastor will be one of the featured presenters. The dates for the retreat are Nov. 20-21. If you would like to attend, see Chuck for more details.

The Nominating Committee is presently working to fill leadership positions for the new church year. This committee consists of chairman Blake Robinson, Steve Huffman, Gatha Justice, Katie Stafford, and Bonita Summers. Please pray for this committee as they help us get ready for another great year.

There can be no denying that these are tough economic times. Two organizations in our community which seek to assist those in need are Helping Hands and Thankful Hearts. Helping Hands needs good used clothing items. Why not check your closets out & see if you have items you could donate? Thankful Hearts distributes food to needy families. If you will bring non-perishable food items to church we will see to it that they get to Thankful Hearts.



The board has voted to have our parking lot resurfaced. The estimated cost is \$42,000. We are accepting donations to help cover the cost so that we can take as little as possible from our savings. See Blake Robinson or Paul Corbin for more details.