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September 22 John 19-21, Psalm 111
September 23 Luke 1, Psalm 112
September 24 Luke 2-3, Psalm 113
September 25 Luke 4-5, Psalm 114
September 26 Luke 6-7, Psalm 115
September 27 Luke 8-9, Psalm 116
September 28 Luke 10-11, Psalm 117



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS September 22
Victor and Gayle Treatt
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Coming Up!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Sunday School (Growth Groups) 9:00-9:45 AM
- Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM
- Super Summer Meeting following morning worship
- Men's Bible Study (Ephesians) led by Paul Allen in the College Sunday School Class 5:00 PM
- Youth Open Gym 6:00-8:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- **NO Brunch and Bible Study at 10:00 AM**
- Senior Adult Pot Luck at noon in the Tea Room
- Men's Bible Study led by Chad Casey 6:00 PM
 in Sylvia Gambill's Sunday School Class

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM
- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
 CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs

Please help us by making your reservations (on a permanent basis or week to week) or canceling your reservation no later than Monday of each week. Take out plates must have a reservation and be picked up by going through the serving line.

- Kidz WOW Large Group in the Choir Suite at 5:30 PM
- Kidz Praise at 6:00 PM/ Bible Study at 6:30 PM
- Youth Prayer Meeting
- Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- DISCIPLES PATH STUDIES AT 6:00 PM
- New Believers led by Chad Casey
- Principles of Following Jesus led by Drew Calhoun
- The Cost of Following Jesus led by Chad West
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Observance of the Lord's Supper

FROM OUR STUDENT AND CONNECTIONS PASTOR...

I think most of you reading this probably know this about me, but I grew up in a small town. When I say “small town” I mean for the first 16 years of my life, there were two stop lights in the entire town. When I was 16, we moved to another small town that only had one stop light in town. Growing up in such small towns, I missed out on certain amenities that people living in larger cities take for granted. For example, I was about 45 miles to the closest bowling alley. It was 27 miles up a two-lane highway to the closest McDonalds. It was about 50 minutes down a different two-lane highway to get to the closest movie theater. It was 53 minutes down yet another different two-lane highway when we went to Walmart.

But even without all these places (and so much more), let me tell you what we did have. We had 5 different gas stations. We had a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. We had two different fast-food restaurants, Wards and Bumpers. To this day, nothing beats a quarter pounder with cheese from Wards. Of course, as in every small town in Mississippi, there were a few different dollar stores. There was even a park with a playground. I remember playing on that playground and almost every time, we had to leave early due to either me or my brother getting injured on the metal slide or the merry-go-round. Basically, one would get on the merry-go-round while the other would spin it as fast as he could. After a couple minutes you either flew off or got sick due to dizziness. Looking back, I don't know how someone didn't die. However, I loved this playground. I remember having a birthday party there when I was young. We played on the playground, had cake and ice cream, and drank ourselves into a sugar induced coma with knock-off sodas from Fred's Dollar Store.

We didn't keep many sodas in our house growing up but when we did, it was either Cola (not Coke), Dr. Thunder (not Pepper), or Mt. Lightening (not Dew). We drank these because this is what was sold at Fred's and my mom always hated the “crowds” at the Piggly Wiggly. I put crowds in quotations because, remember, we lived in a town that had less than 1,000 people in it. It was a special treat when we had sodas but an even more special treat was when we would stay at Granny's house because she always had Coca Cola and Mt. Dew. Whenever I'd ask my mom about why we didn't get the real stuff, she always told me what we got was real, it cost less, and it basically tasted the same. The reason why I'm telling this story is because I can't help but think this is how many people view their walk with Christ. We settle for less than what Christ demands because “it costs less and is almost just as good.” I love what Dietrich Bonhoeffer says on the subject of cheap grace. He says, “Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession...Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.” Jesus demands our everything yet we are too often willing to settle for a watered down version of Christianity. Today, fully surrender yourself to Christ. Today, stop settling for less than what Jesus offers and demands of us.



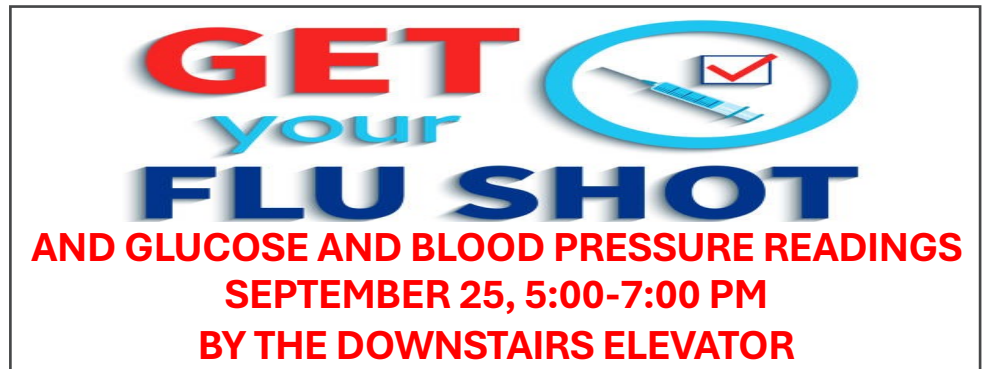
TRUNK or TREAT
CANDY
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COLLECTION BINS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH!



Night of Worship at Highland
October 13 @ 6pm

Led by choirs from Highland, Clarke Venable, Northcrest, and Westwood



GET your FLU SHOT

AND GLUCOSE AND BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS
SEPTEMBER 25, 5:00-7:00 PM
BY THE DOWNSTAIRS ELEVATOR

PLEASE NOTE!
Brunch and Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, September 24.

2024-2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY
If you have any additions or corrections to make to the new church directory, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Giving to budget to date	\$758,895.99	SUNDAY SCHOOL	266
Giving to budget (9-9/9-15)	23,309.69	WORSHIP	288