

Be the light. Follow Jesus Christ.

September 2022 Church of Christ

It was great to see everyone on Aug 14th for a time of fellowship at the lake shelter. While our numbers were fewer this year, it still was a great time to have longer conversation with those we normally only speak to briefly. It was also great to be able to enjoy some good cooking.

Thank you to those who helped prepare the food, who set up the shelter house and cleaned up afterwards. It was many hands making quick work of what needed to be done for us all to have a great time.



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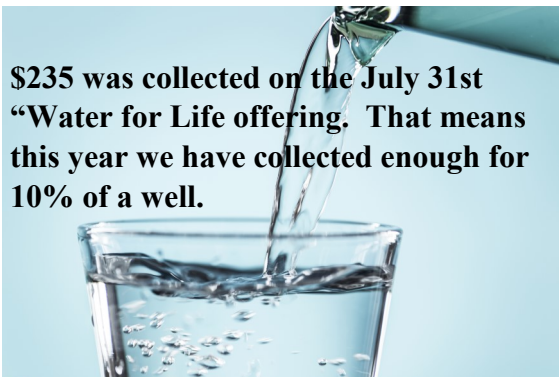
Kids of all ages had fun outside
while the kids at heart stayed inside.



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 126:5-6 5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.				1 7 PM Overcomers	2 6 PM Sight and Sound livestream of <i>David</i>	3
4 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Worship	5	6 6 AM IronMen	7 10 AM Ladies Prayer time 6 PM IronMen ²	8 7 PM Overcomers	9	10 6:30 PM Women's night of worship at UMC
11 9 AM Sunday School (First week of <i>The Way—Youth</i>) 10 AM Worship	12 9:30 AM Ewing Grief Group in Belmont	13 6 AM IronMen	14 10 AM Ladies Prayer time 8 PM IronMen ²	15 7 PM Overcomers	16 Info for October newsletter due	17
18 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship IM Retreat	19	20 6 AM IronMen	21 10 AM Ladies Prayer time 1:30 PM CHICKS starts for school year 8 PM IronMen ²	22 7 PM Overcomers	23 IronMen Retreat	24
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Sunday	Sept 4th	Sept 11th	Sept 18th	Sept 25th
Praise Team	Duane & Margaret	Mark & Judy	Chris & Judy	Stacia & Judy
Sound	Keith Grandgeorge	Keith Grandgeorge	Keith Grandgeorge	Keith Grandgeorge
Communion Meditation	Chad Chapman	Dean Kluss	Bob Dishman	Mike Redig



Fanny and Martha planned on being in Clarion September 13th-18th. As of this publication, we have not heard that they were able to get a visa appointment. Please pray that they are able to get the approval in time to attend the international missions conference this fall. More information will be sent out as it is known.

August Balances		
	Current	Change
General	\$52,899.39	\$1,246.68
Building	\$1,569.72	(\$760.45)
New Building	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$6,857.97	(\$643.29)
Memorial	\$23,508.94	\$40.00
Sunday School	\$1,286.31	\$0.00
Student Ministry	\$4,481.45	\$0.00
Benevolent	\$3,114.81	\$424.00



This last May, the youth group headed to Branson MO to see *Jesus* live on stage at Sight and Sound. You can still head down there to see it. If you headed over to the original Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster PA the show this year is *David*. However, **September 2nd** (this Friday) you can pay to watch a livestream at **6 PM** on their [website](#). They will rebroadcast the performance on Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 7 PM.

Tiffany has been enjoying the soundtrack. Some songs tell the story of David, others sing praise or worship to the Lord. Each production points the way to Jesus.

- * Thank you to the Carpenter family for mowing the lawn this summer.
- * Thank you to whomever painted the parking lines.
- * Thank you to Leah Jean Boutique for the donation of toys for the nursery.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
—Matthew 5:4

Remember in prayer the families of those who have recently died.

Jang Diane
Clemson Wright

September

PRAYER

REQUEST

Leon Betts

Tom Blecker

Dave Crozier

Linda Funte

Jay Hanning

Gary Hobbie

Irene Keeling

Warren Curry

Assisted Living & The Meadows

Mary Lou Roberts

LC (Lyman) Spencer

Sandy Stephenson

Florence Redig

Home:

Raynard Southard

Les Southard

Continual Prayer needs

Dianna Dishman

Gabby Hess

Keith Russell

In need of prayer?

Several mission organization supported by our church would listen to and pray for you and your needs.

WATER FOR LIFE has an ongoing prayer team and would be willing to pray with you any time.
Call 1-817-267-4211. Ask for the prayer team.

IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) is praying each Tuesday, all during the day.
Call 1-317-773-4411. Let them know your concerns and they will pray for them/you.



Community night of prayer for the schools. About 30 people came by to get a packet of prayer requests and scriptures to pray as the drove, walked or biked around the schools in Clarion.



Missions updates

Below are summaries of updates from missionaries we support.
To read the whole update, see the bulletin board in the foyer.



PROeM

We've just finished our last summer camp last week in Zakosciele. We had 2,000 campers this summer, with 2 specific camps in June for Ukrainians. Hundreds of decisions for Christ were made during their time with Proem. Zaba and I were teaching and preaching throughout the summer. Both Tomek and Dawid worked throughout the summer as Proem interns..

Summer 2022 Recap film: <https://vimeo.com/739120375/93f9f66e81>



In June, Proem relocated ~60 Ukrainians from the campground to a hotel Proem bought for temporary housing. The building is called **Proem Help Family Crisis Center for the Nations**. It houses Proem's counseling outreach as well as our drug and alcohol therapy for those struggling in our context.

We had helped transition around 1000 Ukrainian refugees who were living temporarily at camp before moving farther into Poland or Europe. We are expecting around 25-30 Ukrainian students this school year at Proem's education center.

A Day in the Life of a Refugee: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MAkElkabAQ>

Enrollment for the upcoming year will reach close to 500. Our students' exit exams were far above the country average. I am leading chapels and Bible hours. I love the opportunities I have to teach kids about God and the Bible in such an open setting.

Zosia is in 8th grade. Both Dawid and Tomek are now university students — Dawid is starting his second year of computer graphics in Lodz and Tomek has been accepted at a university in Warsaw, to study Journalism and Media Communication.

We thank God for all of our family in Clarion and pray you are well.



NEICSC

As a youth/family camp, there were 162 campers and 8 baptisms.

As a retreat center this summer, it was used by 347 people. This includes several retreats for people from other countries.

We used the Dining Hall and kitchen all summer and it was nice having air conditioning in the DH.

Projects still to do:

We are waiting for carpet in the Discipleship Center and for the sound man to get things hooked up and working and it will be ready for use.

There are few things yet to do with the plumbing and electrical, but the building is usable.

We have to do all the trim for windows and doors, install interior doors, and put up some kind of sound buffering in the Dining Hall and Discipleship Center, lots of echoing.

Metal siding on the west, north, and south sides needs to be done

Landscaping around the new building.

Note: We have another group of Myanmar people (the Karen people, no lie) looking at the camp for a youth event next year. They are looking at having 300+ people here for that. The word is spreading about God's Camp.





Thank you to Verle and Pam Tate for providing coffee and communion each week.

Thank you to Troy Severson for talking about "paths" for the communion meditations.

Thank you to Karen Weld for getting all the volunteers organized.



Thank you to Pastor Warren for this year's sermons related to "birds of the Bible" and Pastor Bob for finishing up the season.



Thank you to all the musicians who came to lead us in worship. (Greg & Donna Diamond; the Tom Simmons family; Duane Wilson; Raejean Chapman; and Mark Hinton)

Thank you to all those who came out to the lake to worship.

Thank you to Tiffany Cramer for doing a lot to keep us informed and for promoting the event.

Lake Worship 2022

Cards to the Congregation

Frank and Ellen Siemens celebrated their **65th wedding anniversary** with a surprise card shower set up by their children. If you didn't get a card sent to them, you can send a belated card to them at:

1235 130th Street
Renwick, IA 50577

Linda Funte had an open house / card shower set up by her kids to celebrate her **74th birthday**. With her health issues, we would like to support Linda with cards of encouragement and her daughters with gas cards. Both can be sent directly to Linda at:

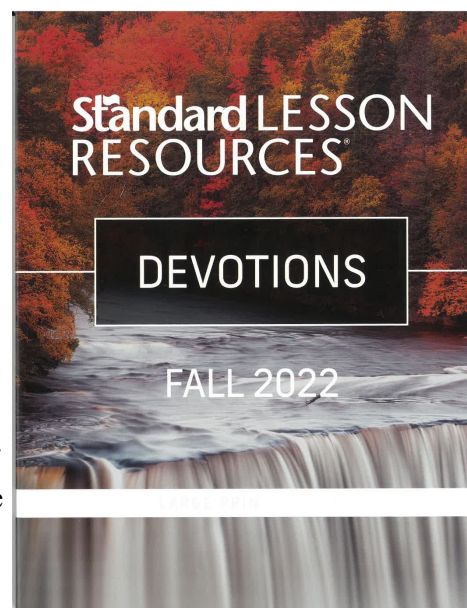
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Devotionals to share

Due to a clerical error on the publisher's end, we have ended up with about double the number of Standard Devotionals that are normally taken. The error was corrected for the Winter shipment, but with them arriving here late, we were told to give the extra copies away. **Who would you give one to?** Why not use this "mistake" as an opportunity to introduce someone to these devotionals or try them for yourself?

Each day there is a verse, with the connected scripture reference for further reading, a suggested song to listen to, a short (~3 paragraph) devotion relating to the verse and a short prayer. With reading the related scripture and listening to (or reading) the song, the reading time would only be about 10 minutes a day.

The church gets both the regular "pocket" size, and the large print size. You are welcome to take what is most comfortable for you or the person you are giving it to. While I have been slowly decreasing the number we order to be a closer match to the amount taken, I can just as easily increase to number to match an increased demand.



When: Sept 16-18

Where: NEICSC near Dumont

Cost: \$50 *before* Sept 2nd

\$60 *after* Sept 2nd

Theme: Men on Mission

Questions? Contact Pastor Warren

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It seems a bit early, but it's not. **The Operation Christmas Child deadline is going to be here before you know it.** If you haven't already, it's time to start gathering items for your shoeboxes. Please stay tuned to the various church communications for more information.

The logo for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. It features a circular emblem with a white airplane flying over a globe. The text "Samaritan's Purse" is written in a green arc at the top, and "OPERATION Christmas Child" is written in a red arc at the bottom. A red ribbon is tied around the globe.

Thank you for the many, many cards that were sent for our 65th Anniversary! We enjoyed reading all the kind notes and hearing from friends, far and near. Thanks again and God Bless!

- Frank & Ellen Siemens