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-From the Pastor's Desk-

"Rejoicing in the hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly prayer." Romans 12:12

September Events:

Labor Day:
Monday the 1st

Men's Bible Study
Thurs. 7:00 pm
@ Brent's

AWANA
Sundays
@ 4:00 pm

Deacon and Elders Meetings:
Sunday the 7th
@ 7:00 pm

Admin Council Meeting:
Sunday the 14th
@ 7:00pm

Youth Game Night
Friday 26th
6-9 PM

The Apostle Paul opens this familiar chapter compelling the Believer, because of the mercy God has shown us, to allow our bodies- our physical life- to be yielded to God that He might fulfill His "perfect" will. But, how do we get there? In verse twelve of the same chapter the Apostle Paul gives us the three "hows" necessary to experience the perfect will of God.

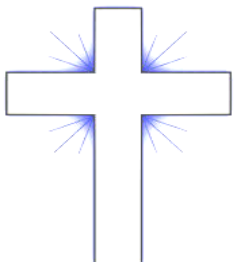
The first "how" is to "rejoice in hope". We do not hope as the world hopes (Rom 5:3-5). Theirs is an educated guess....a good faith effort. Our hope is grounded in historical fact and divine faith. The historical fact is the death, burial, and resurrection of the Son of God (1 Cor. 15:1-4). At the Ascension, as the Disciples looked into the clouds that had just received their Savior, an Angel standing there asked them this question: "Why are You just standing here? This same Jesus will come back the same way He left" (Acts 1:9-11). This is our divine faith. The Promise from Heaven that Jesus will return (John 14:1-3). Biblical hope is closer to a living expectation. We expect the Lord to return for us. That is our hope! And we "rejoice" in this.

The second "how" to fulfill the "perfect will of God" is to be patient in tribulation. The Apostle Paul is advocating that we stay put. That we continue down the path of adversity we are currently facing. By doing this we allow God time to complete His necessary work. The word tribulation is a metaphor of the crushing of grapes in a winepress. Paul is stressing that the "perfect will of God" desired for us is developed internally, first in our character, then released externally in our circumstances. Like a grape. That is why we must be patient. Stay the course. Allow God to develop that "Christ-like" character to be then displayed in our situation. Creating the "perfect will of God".

The last "how" of the "perfect will of God" is to remain "steadfast in prayer". We find that "perfect will of God" by allowing God to "talk" us through tribulation, adversity and even persecution. Prayer is not only how we talk to God, but how He talks us through our life situations.

Maintain an attitude of joy because the same manner that Jesus left, He is coming back. Be patient in Your current situation as God builds the necessary character to live out the "perfect will of God". And allow God to "talk" You through Your difficult situation. These are the "hows" to discover that perfect will of God for Your life.

- Pastor Ted -



AWANA



AWANA
Sundays @
4:00pm

Special Event
Night:
Camo Night
Sept 28th



If you have a prayer request or concern, we would like to pray for you, or if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please contact the office.

Library: Open every Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM.
Please see Sara G. for any questions.



Youth Group: We are continuing to read through the Bible, studying the Scriptures verse by verse! We are starting through the book of 1 Samuel. All youth, 6th grade and older are welcome to join us on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday evenings as we go over the weekly reading.
All youth and their parents are invited to our game night on the September 26th, starting at 6:00 PM.

Family Outdoor Ministry: We had a wonderful summer enjoying God's creation through hikes and fellowship. Please stay tuned for our next activities. Ice fishing is a favorite and will happen over the winter.

AWANA: AWANA has started. Registration is open. AWANA is held every Sunday from 4:00-5:50PM at the annex. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with AWANA, please let Kathy or Jessica know.

Men's Breakfast and Work Day: All men and boys are encouraged to enjoy a breakfast together over at the annex at 8:00 AM. Following breakfast we will start our church work day. Many hands make light work! Any skill level is welcome.

Fall Festival Coming Soon!

The youth is planning this year's fall festival. Mark your calendar Friday October 24th. Games, costumes, fun, THE MAZE, and food are things you should look forward to! Keeping to tradition, we will be having our Youth Lock In after the festivities. Stay Tuned for more details.



12- Kathryn R.
14- Joe W.
21- Kathy S.
22- Marge C.
23- Bret L.
24- Ben H.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Wednesday Bible Study 6:30pm	4 Men's Bible Study 7pm Location TBA	5	6 Sabbath Services/Torah 10-6
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January 28th
thru
February 2nd



Williamstown, KY
Ark Encounter

If you would like to be part of the VBS 2026 Leadership team or would like to go to the VBS Showcase, please let Jessica know no later than September 28th. I will be collecting names to submit to the Pastors and Elders during their October Meeting. If you have any questions about being on the leadership team in any capacity or about the showcase, please feel free to ask.

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