

1st Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Indiana



September 2011

From The Pastor:

Wow! September is here already! The kids are back in school, the school speed limits are being enforced, and summer is over. Well, not officially, but in reality it is.

Do you remember the old fashion rule that says that Labor Day is the last day to wear white shoes? But, since we don't have a dress code at First Presbyterian Church, you are more than welcome to come to Sunday worship in white shoes any time of the year. The key is that you are coming to worship God, not to make a fashion statement.

September brings cooler weather, we hope, and should give us a chance to rest the Selman Room air conditioner that has been giving us trouble this summer. Maybe some time off will give it the opportunity to rejuvenate itself. Otherwise, it will have to be replaced in the spring.

Our sermon series on the Old Testament and the history of the Chosen People continues through September. We are reading from the book of Exodus and following the Israelites from their escape from Egypt to their entrance into the promised land. We get up close and personal with Moses and Aaron as they try to do what God has asked them to do. We see God in action, in some of the most thrilling action in the Bible as God wrestles with a group of people who love to complain. A group of people who want to do it "their way" instead of God's way.

To get a bit ahead, you can read the upcoming scriptures and get a head start on what you will hear Sunday mornings. Here are the September scriptures

See you in church,

Pastor John



September 4, 2011

Ready?

Exodus 12:1-14	God and the Passover
Psalms 149:1-9	God delights in us!
Matthew 18:15-20	Jesus is with us!
Romans 13:8-14	Are you ready?

September 11, 2011

"Do We Have To Forgive?"

Exodus 14:19-31	God's awesome power
Psalms 114:1-8	Praise God
Matthew 18:21-35	Forgiving is not easy!
Romans 14:1-12	Live for God!

September 18, 2011

God Cares!

Exodus 16: 2 – 15	Manna from God
Psalms 105: 1 - 6, 37 - 45	Remember!
Matthew 20: 1 – 16	Unfair labor practice?
Philippians 1: 21 – 30	Stand firm in Spirit!

September 25, 2011

Thirsty?

Exodus 17: 1 – 7	God satisfies thirst!
Psalms 78:1 - 4, 12 - 16	Listen to God!
Matthew 21: 23 – 32	Do you believe? Philippians
2: 1 – 13	Look out for others!

LETTER FROM THE ELDER OF THE MONTH – Katherine Harper

Three men all engaged in the same employment, were asked what they were doing. One said he was making five- dollars a day. Another replied that he was cutting stone. The third said he was building a cathedral. The difference was not in what they were actually doing, although the spirit of the third might quite possibly have made him the more expert at his task. They were all earning the same wage; they were all cutting stone; but only one held it in his mind that he was helping build a great edifice. Life meant more to him than to his mates, because he saw further and more clearly.

The farmer may be only planting seed, but if he opens his eyes he is feeding the world. The railroad man, the factory hand, the clerk in the store, likewise are building their cathedrals, if only they can catch the vision. The housewife does not count the dollars she receives for her exertions. If she did, her life would be unhappy indeed. The rest of us, the successful, the humble, and everyone in between, are thinking too much about cutting stone, to fully realize the beauty of the life God has given us. We need to think further and more clearly and remember what God has promised.

There is just one question I would have for the members of my congregation. When someone asks you where you are going on Sunday morning, how do you answer? Do you say "I'm going to church" or do you say "I'm going to worship and praise my Lord " or do you say "I'm going to worship and praise my Lord with a glad heart and wouldn't you like to come and do the same?"

Enjoy the month of September, it is the beginning of a wonderful season with beauty everywhere you look. God has been very good to us all. Katherine Harper

ATTENTION ALL SESSION MEMBERS

The September Session meeting is
Thursday, September 11th at 7 p.m.



Char's

Psalm 96:1

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

September is here and the singing will begin again. This is a form of worship in which everyone can participate. Some will be donned in choir robes, the congregation will sing their praises and even the aged who may have difficulty standing, will join together magnifying and honoring Jesus with our Sunday worship time. Most of all, we need to adore him from our hearts as we sing, to bring pleasure to Our Father. Even if we only read the words to the hymns, we can still worship. Ask Jesus each morning to give you a song for the day. No matter how it sounds, it will sound precious to God.

September 7th at 7:00 p.m. we will have our first choir rehearsal, and will sing on Sunday, September 11th. I would like to invite each of you to join the choir! We have great fellowship, and enjoy praising the Lord in song! Please see me so that we can get you a robe and folder.

A special "Thank You" to all the people, who so graciously shared their talent in song with us during the summer.

As always, keep a song in your heart. Char



***GREETERS FOR
SEPTEMBER –
Susan Terheide***

Elder on Call for September
Richard Terheide 765-565-6418

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

July	31	Attendance	33	Offering \$	1037.00
August	7	Attendance	35	Offering \$	2481.00
August	14	Attendance	42	Offering \$	597.00
August	21	Attendance	32	Offering \$	498.30
August	28	Attendance	38	Offering \$	1158.00

Book Excerpt

There is a little book that takes all the words in the song, “Shout to the Lord,” and expands them with stories of God’s Love and Power. It is titled “Shout to the Lord”. Here is an excerpt from Chapter One “My Jesus, My Savior”.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

9/02	Nash Hott
9/03	June Paterson
9/09	Myrtle Bray
9/14	John Paulson
9/19	Angela Hersberger
9/20	Gary Trinkle
9/21	Betty McCleery
9/29	Laurie Chandler

September Anniversaries

9/04	Will and Gail Mathews
9/25	Dwayne and Nancy Opel
9/30	Darrin and Jennifer Warner

“My Jesus. How outrageous! To call Jesus ‘mine’, just like ‘my neighbor’ or ‘my co-worker’. Why, that makes the Holy God seem so personal. But that’s the Great News, isn’t it? To be able to refer to the Creator God as your very own...friend, brother, helper, prayer partner, lover.

God has always craved personal relationships. He took nightly strolls with Adam through the garden. He ate a meal with Abraham. He even wrestled with Jacob. Jacob is amazed he lived through the wrestling match, not because of the physical pain but something more personal: ‘I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared’ (Genesis 32:30). Ours is a God who loves to have close contact with His creation.

Jesus presented Himself as personal. He invited fishermen into His life with two simple words, ‘Follow Me.’ ‘Get to know me, get to know My Ways,’ says Jesus. ‘I am not another idol, a statue, a block of wood. I am real, and I want you to get to know Me.’

He invites us to join His family. ‘For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother’ (Matthew 12:50). How much more personal can He get?”

I would encourage you to get this book and read it as the music of “Shout to the Lord” runs through your mind.

September Happenings

Choir practice starts on Wednesday night the 7th as Char gets our wonderful singers ready to praise God during our Sunday worship services.

Bible Study will also be starting in September, although a firm schedule has not yet been developed.

On September 7, our **Youth Group** will begin having weekly meetings on Wednesday nights at 5 for dinner and discussion. There are several exciting teenage resources that we will be using this year.

MISSIONS

Our on-going mission support includes:

H20 – personal hygiene items – box in Selmon Room

Food Pantry – non-perishable items – box on stairs

Please remember both when you do your weekly shopping as the needs are great!



September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Breakfast Ralph – food Dennis W - devotions
COMMUNION 4 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship	5 LABOR DAY!! 	6 9:30 a.m. Promised Land 5:30-7pm GS Mtg 4-9pm Tri Kappa	7 5:30pm Bible Study 5 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice	8 Session Meeting 7 PM	9	10
11 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship 10 TH Anniversary 9/11	12 6-7pm GS Mtg	13 9:30 a.m. Promised Land	14 4 PM Pray with Pastor 5 pm Youth Group 5:30pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	15	16	17 Women's Group
18 9:15 Adult S.S. 10:30 Worship Dining Out Together After Church!	19 4-9 pm Tri Kappa	20 9:30 a.m. Promised Land 5:30-7pm GS Mtg 7:15-9pm GS Adult Service Team	21 4 PM Pray with Pastor 5 pm Youth Group 5:30pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	22	23	24
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