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Dear church family,

Another great question from one of you.

"Since human beings are sinful and will forever be sinful, what happens to a person when he/she is baptized by or with the Holy Spirit. What impact does the Holy Spirit baptism have on the human nature/character?"

Answer - There is a lot taking place here. To begin, the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs the moment we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Water baptism is a right of passage that believers are expected to partake of, but in and of itself doesn't save anyone. It is to show the world that we identify with the Son of God and aren't ashamed of Him.

We will cease to be sinful upon death or Christ's return at the rapture. But until that time we will struggle with sin. Galatians 5:17 tells us that the flesh and the Spirit are in a never ending war with each other. Paul tells of his personal struggles with this in Romans 7:15 - ESV - *For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.*

So what happens when the Holy Spirit indwells a person? War. But here is the good news. Being aware of this battle and struggling with it is a pretty good sign that you are truly saved. The Holy Spirit causes us to feel distressed about our sin. Not to put us down but so that we realize we are guilty and need to repent and get into a right relationship with God again.

Satan on the other hand points out our sin, accuses us of not being saved, ridicules us, puts us down, and does everything he can to cause our guilt and shame to overburden us. So Satan's guilt is to put us down and keep us down. The Holy spirit's guilt is to lift us up, restore us, and make us feel alive again.

Without the Holy Spirit, you can sin all day every day and not give it a second thought. Because our nature is to sin. This though is the Holy Spirit's role and impact - to guide us back into unhindered fellowship with Christ. Which leads to other results, including answered prayer, the ability to fight sin, understanding His Word, a feeling of peace instead of dread, and numerous other benefits.

This in no way means we won't struggle anymore with sin. We will. It also doesn't mean we won't have moments of stress and that we won't get sick. We will. Jesus promised His followers that they will face trials and hardship in this world. Good news. Jesus has overcome the world, our sin and our battle. The Holy Spirit is the One who convicts us, corrects us, leads us, teaches us, and restores us.

Thank you for the question. Keep them coming.

Jesus loves you,
Pastor Brian



It's not too late to turn your Volunteer Surveys in – all your input is greatly valued!!
Thanks!

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November 3rd



November 11th Veterans Day





It is time to think about ordering Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. *You can choose to purchase them in Honor of someone or in Memory of a loved one.* **Orders need to be placed by November 15th.**

Envelopes will be available in the vestibule. If you have any questions, contact Michelle.



Mohican Men's Meeting
November 16 at 6:30pm
Sign up in the fellowship hall!

Our church is hosting the dinner/meeting!



Saturday, November 21st
6:00-9:00pm

Join us for the 3rd annual Jeopardy tournament– Pastor Brian style!! Easy enough for kids. Hard enough for adults.
You may also bring your favorite board game and a sweet or salty snack if you'd like. Drinks will be provided.
Food – Pizza, Subs & Salad!
Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend!

MISSION FRIENDS

Thank you all for supporting Kylie in our third quarter Mission. We were able to send her $1020.00!!!





FOURTH QUARTER MISSION 2026



As a Church family this year, we are helping a local family. It consists of a family with six children. There are four girls and two boys. The girls are 1,8,9, and 15 years of age. The boys are 14 and 17. They have asked for things such as clothes and winter supplies. Some of the children have requested art supplies and games.

If you were able to select a tag or two to help this wonderful family, it would be greatly appreciated!

If you do not want to shop, there will be a few envelopes that cash can be placed in and then the gifts that are not chosen can be purchased. There will also be a few tags for gift cards. You are more than welcome to wrap the gifts if you would like. Just please make sure you place the tag on the outside of the gift. If you do not want to wrap, you are more than welcome to supply the wrapping and Kerry will wrap them.

The tree this year will be placed out earlier than normal. The tree will be up by Sunday, November 15th. That way, there is plenty of time to shop before the gifts have to be returned. Please have all gifts returned to the church by the tree by December 13th. The envelope with cash can be returned to Kerry and she will do the shopping for any tags that have not been taken.

Thank you for your generous donations and helping this family this year! If there are any questions, please feel free to text Kerry at 740–404–4659.

Thank you and have a blessed Christmas season!

It is not too late to contribute to our Homebound Baskets!!!



Baskets For Our Homebound Members

. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, put cash in the OFFERING BOX. (no checks please)

Suggestions for items to donate

Personal items, notecards, postage stamps etc. Food items can be cans of soups , canned vegetables, individual packaged items, like granola bars, fruit, cups, snack cakes, Jell-O, pudding, cups, chips, candy bars, Ensure, Instant mashed potatoes, dressing/stuffing, etc. we can split up multi pack packages between the baskets. These are just a few suggestions but sure you can think of others.

Questions – see Kerry

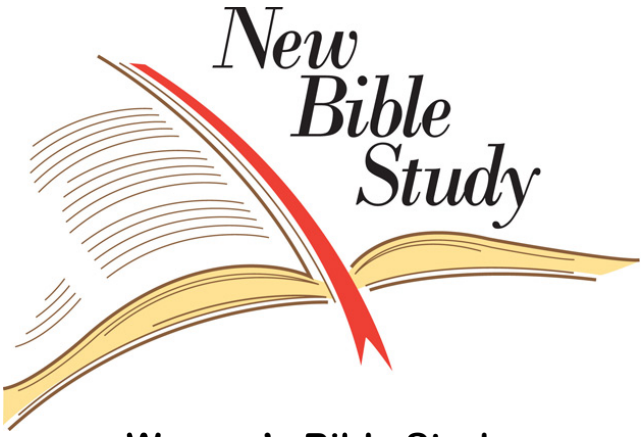
Please have items to the church on November 8th!



Help to decorate the church for Christmas on November 22nd right after church service!!
With many hands it shouldn't take too long!!!

We are looking for volunteers to set up the Nativity scene out front on a Saturday morning in November. If you are willing to help, see Kerry or Patti --





Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays 10:00 A.M.
Starting new study
December 1, 2026

We will be finishing up this month our study of Discovering Daniel by Amir Tsarfati We thought it was a great study Thanks Susie for letting us know about it.

December 1st we will be starting a new study but it's going to be a little different. We will be studying the gospels, reading together in class and comparing what they say on each topic. For December we will concentrate on the account of Jesus' birth. We usually take January and February off due to the weather. Then we start meeting again in March and we'll concentrate on the account of Jesus' death and resurrection. Then we'll study the parables with the help of the book The Parables by John MacArthur. We meet at the church and enjoy learning together. We welcome newcomers, you can join us anytime. If you're interested in joining us let Michelle know.