



RIVERSIDE CURRENT

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists:

Sept. 5 — Rebecca Bliss
 Sept. 12— Lauren Bliss
 Sept. 19— Dena Cannon
 Sept. 26— Kim Terry

Greeters & Ushers:

Sept. 5 — Bill & Sara Shaffer,
 Craig & Michelle Potratz
 Sept. 12— Barb & Larry Robertson
 Dustin & Jennifer Briscoe
 Sept. 19— Angie Peterson, Debbie
 Lane, Bill Jutte, Bill Heller
 Sept. 26— Rebecca Bliss, Mike Mauzy,
 Ann Harshbarger, Lauren
 Bliss

Acolytes:

Sept. 5 — Grace Briscoe, Emily Fuller
 Sept. 12— Bailey Brooks, Molly
 Montgomery
 Sept. 19— Drew Hymes, Ethan
 Marshall
 Sept. 26— Abby & Gabby Brooks

Nursery Helpers:

Sept. 5 — Kay Floyd
 Sept. 12— Sara Shaffer
 Sept. 19— Barb Robertson
 Sept. 26— Sara Shaffer

Elder Host: Rebecca Bliss



*If you are unable to serve as listed,
 please find a substitute and inform
 the church office.*

*If you'd like to serve in one of these
 areas, please let us know! Thanks!*

From our Pastor...



*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

—Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust is a funny thing. We trust many different people and things on a daily basis. We trust our alarm clock to wake us in the morning. We trust the lights to come on at the flip of a switch. We trust the shower to greet us with warm water. We trust our car to start and get us safely to our destination. We trust the waiter to get our order right. We go to the doctor and trust he/she will prescribe the right medication. We trust a friend to give us a much needed ride to an important appointment. It is an endless list of daily trust we place in people and things. What do all these things have in common? Sometimes they fail our trust. In every example given, we have experienced being let down as the result of failed trust. The power went out in the night so the alarm clock never went off. The light bulb blew out so there is no light with the flip of a switch. The hot water heater is on the fritz so you were greeted with a cold shower. The battery was dead in the car. The waiter got your order wrong. The medicine the doctor prescribed makes you feel worse than your reason for going to the doctor in the first place. Your friend is overwhelmed at work and in personal life and simply forgot to pick you up. Everyday we place our trust in people and things that will sometimes let us down. It happens. But God never fails. God never forgets. How much more should we be placing our trust in God?

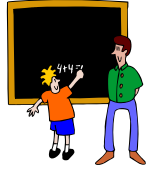
God offers us some simple guidelines that will help us trust in Him and experience His direction in life. First, our trust in Him must be "with all your heart." Have you ever done something but "your heart just wasn't in it?" That is never a pleasant experience. God says we cannot sit on the fence when it comes to trust. You either trust Him or you don't. Anything less than "all your heart" is not trust according to God. It is unbelief. Trust requires faith. This is why our second point is so important: "Lean not on your own understanding." We tend to understand and prefer things that make sense to us. We value people who practice common sense. Yet faith is not common sense. When Jesus told Simon Peter to walk to Him on the water, did that make sense? Of course not. But it required great faith in Jesus. When Jesus fed the 5,000 with just a couple of fish and loaves of bread, did that make sense? We are not to make decisions, big or small, simply on the basis of what seems realistic, reasonable, logical, or because it makes sense. This leads us to our third point. "In all your ways, acknowledge Him." This is where we turn to God and ask Him, "What is Your will, Lord?" To acknowledge God in life is to live in such a way that you first seek His will above your own, then you commit to follow Him even if the direction He leads doesn't make sense to you at the moment. As we trust God to make His will and our pathway known to us, we trust that He will indeed "make our paths straight."

May God give you straight paths as you trust in Him with all your heart!

In Jesus' deep love,
 Pastor Bob Lane



September Events



Sunday School begins again on September 12th!

Join us for Breakfast at 9:30!

Children will be divided into three age groups: PreK (age 4)–1st Grade, 2nd–5th Grade, and 6th–12th Grade.

Adventure Club begins again on Wednesday, September 15th!

We won't be serving meals on Wednesday nights this year, so we'll meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



If you would like to help teach our children, please see Dena Cannon.

Peace Corps Volunteers to Share about Presbyterian Orphanage

September 4th at 2:00 p.m.

**Fellowship Hall at Trinity Methodist Church
2330 Plank Road, Keokuk**

Chris and Tammy Martin will share their experiences after serving two years in Ghana, Africa. One of their favorite experiences was working at the Presbyterian Orphanage. The public is invited to attend and learn more about Africa and the Peace Corps.

Chris is the son of John and Nancy Martin of Keokuk and is a professor at Iowa State University in the Design Department. You can see pictures and read about their time in Africa on his blog at chrismartinfurniture.com.



CROP Walk

Planning Meeting

Monday, September 13, 7 p.m.

First Christian Church
(Come in the front doors.)

Anyone interested in helping with this event is welcome to attend!

This year's CROP Walk will be on October 17th at 2:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 1:30 at First Baptist Church, and walkers will walk to Main Street, here to United Presbyterian for a skit and refreshments, and then back to First Baptist.



Our STAR for September

(Spontaneous Thanks And Recognition)

We select a different individual or family each month to receive our STAR! Our STAR for September is **Arminda Bishop!**

Mindy lives at 10 Village Circle, Apt. 5, in Keokuk.

We want to get creative and heap STARS on her! Here are some ideas:

- ☆ Send a card
- ☆ Bring a treat
- ☆ Deliver a meal
- ☆ Give a gift certificate
- ☆ Wrap up a small gift
- ☆ Call to let her know she is loved and appreciated
- ☆ Ask how you can pray for her



Our church will be serving a meal for about 20 workers at the Habitat house on **Wednesday, September 15th** at 11:15 a.m. We need volunteers to prepare and serve the food. If you can help, see Barb Robertson.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			September 1			
10:30am Worship 11:40am Deacons Meeting				6:00pm Worship & Music Committee 7:00pm Finance & Property C		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast 10:30am Worship	7:00pm Session		6:00pm Adventure Club			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	Newsletter Deadline		6:00pm Adventure Club	10:30am - 12:30pm Food Pantry		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	6:30pm Mission & Outreach		6:00pm Adventure Club	5:00pm Loaves & Fishes		
26	27	28	29	30		

Church Family News

 * **PRAYER CONCERNS** *
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 * Melody Burke *
 * Olive Davis *
 * Billy Jutte *
 * Dorothea Kultala *
 * Family of Alvin Lambert (Craig Potratz's grandfather) *
 * Bonnie McLaughlin *
 * Amber Myers (Bobby Myers' daughter) *
 * Kevin Peterson *
 * Chris Wright *
 * Jo Anne Yoder *
 * 832nd Engineer Company in Afghanistan *
 * Missionaries around the globe *
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September Birthdays

- 3 Karl Cannon
- 6 Jenna Burke
- 7 Molly Montgomery
- 9 Brenna Koeber
- 12 Ali Bliss
Bruce Brandt
- 13 Katelyn Grisham
- 15 Doris Heller
- 19 Greg Swan
- 21 Emily Fuller
- 23 Emma Brooks
Bill Cameron
- 24 Michelle Potratz
- 29 Dena Cannon
Angie Peterson
- 30 Lauren Bliss



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

As most of you know, Bob and I will be leaving at the end of this month. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Church Secretary these past six years. I prayed for a job where I could be with my children before and after school, and God blessed me with you! It's hard to believe I came here when the girls had just entered kindergarten—and now Megan and Bethany have started Middle School!

I have truly loved working here. One of my favorite things has been doing this newsletter for you each month. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. ☺ The best part of all, however, was getting to know and love all of you. I will miss you very much, and will continue to pray that God will bless each of you here at “the church by the river.”


Thank you again for being such a wonderful part of my and my family's life.

With love always,
Debbie

Anniversaries

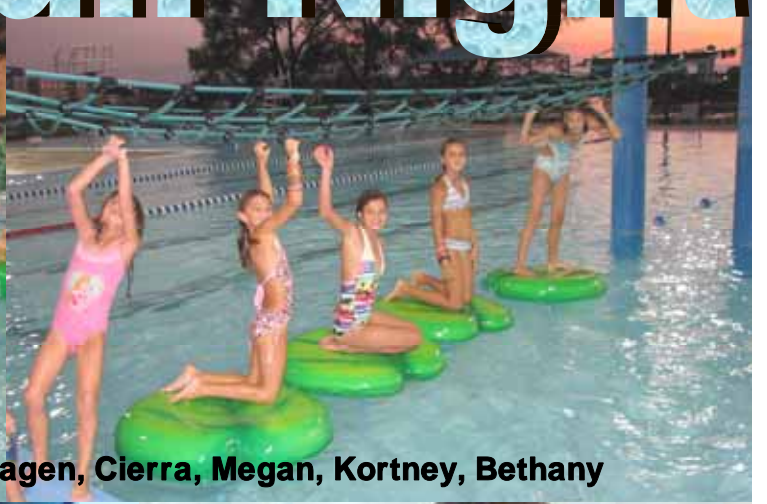
- 23 Mark & Tracy Washburn
- 24 Bruce & Gretchen Brandt





Please Mark Your Calendar for the
Fall Clean-Up Day
 October 3
 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
EVERYONE CAN HELP!

Family Fun Night



The FROGS: Rachel, Anthony, Ragen, Cierra, Megan, Kortney, Bethany



Splash Down!



Amber & Brayden



Jana & Carl



Emma

Tres



William



Emma



Molly

August 11, 2010 — Keokuk Aquatic Center
About 50 children & adults attended our Family Fun Night at the pool.

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Riverside Current

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TRI-STATE AREA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



BRING YOUR 5 CENT RETURNABLES
(ANY CANS, BOTTLES OR PLASTICS)
TO THE CHURCH TO HELP KEEP
OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND ACTIVE
FOR THE AREA YOUTH
OF OUR CHURCH

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