



# Countryside Baptist Church

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**SEPTEMBER  
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# L A M P L I G H T E R

“Making disciples by reaching the lost for Jesus Christ so that all experience help, hope, and home”

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Now the  
God of hope  
fill you with all  
joy and peace  
in believing,  
that ye may abound  
in hope.

Romans 15:13, KJV

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# SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR



## From Pastor Ron's Desk

Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR), that was the final diagnosis on for my condition. Some of you know that I have been having some health issues for the past several months. Actually, they probably started a year or two ago but became much more pronounced over the past six months. At first it seemed or be a muscle injury from lifting weights but the odd thing was that it affected both right and left elbows and both knees. I had tendon pain and stiffness that was persistent. I lowered the weights I was lifting by half but the pain subsisted to the point that I quit weights altogether but I continued to walk, but then I walked slower and slower. Deanna had to really slow herself down to stay back with who was becoming an old man husband. I was referred to a specialist who treated me for pain but did not diagnose and I was becoming very discouraged. The last time I saw him I told him that in 1-2 years I am going to be a cripple if this continues. Finally, after persistence, a proposed diagnosis I had researched and a frustrated wife who finally got him to listen, he started me on the treatment for PMR which if effective is the only

certain way to diagnose this autoimmune disease. I am sharing this because in the middle of suffering I experienced a period of desolation, depression, fatigue and crying out to God for answers when no answers seemed to be coming. No doubt some of you have been or even may be in the same valley of desolation where answers are not coming. Spiritual Directors often describe life as a series of consolations, (those are the joy filled times with the Lord) and desolations (those are the low times when God's answers may be delayed, where His presence may not be felt, or when we do not understand our circumstances). Yet, God promises His presence will never leave us so even in the low times, He is still there, in fact, especially in the low times He is there. We may not understand the purpose or the plan anymore than a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader could understand quantum physics, so God may not be able to speak words that would be comforting in the trial, so instead He just overshadows us with His wings and pulls into the refuge of who He is, holding us until the storm has passed, until the work is complete, until hope is restored. It is easy to trust God in the consolations, but more necessary in the desolations.

Pastor Ron

## Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Communion	4	5 Trustee Mtg 7:00 pm	6 Worship Committee meeting 6pm  Men's Fellowship 8am Scuttlebutts	7	8	9
10	11	12 Christian Ed 7:00 pm	13 Men's Fellowship 8am Scuttlebutts	14	15	16
17	18 Membership 6:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm	19 Church Council 7:00 pm	20 Israel Geography 6:30pm Men's Fellowship 8am Scuttlebutts	21	22	23
24 Deacons 12:00 pm	25	26	27 Men's Fellowship 8am Scuttlebutts	28	29	30

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT COUNTRYSIDE**

SUNDAY	Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
	Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	Disciples of Wisdom Youth Group	6:30 P.M.

### **KID'S COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS**

#### **September**

- 3 Gordon & Jane Warnken
- 10 Linda Cox & Heidi McCullers
- 17 Melissa King
- 24 Carol Kirk & Susie Ratzlaff

### **GREETERS & TECH BOOTH**

#### **September**

- 3 Marilyn Minks & Shirley Sills
- 10 DeWitt Family
- 17 Cliff & Carol Kirk
- 24 Richard & Linda Campbell

Video/Sound Samuel Kyker

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

#### **September**

- 3 Melissa King
- 10 Chris Moore
- 17 Jamie Standage
- 24 Heidi McCullers

#### **September**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 Karen Gausman   | 20 Robert & Rochelle Calhoun |
| 3 Kylie Ford      | 22 John & Twila Birdeno      |
| 5 Cainan Moore    | 24 Cade Wilson               |
| Rose Forkell      | 25 Robert Calhoun            |
| 8 Gavin Sneath    | 26 Terry Lawrence            |
| Brad Flanders     | 27 Adrian McCullers          |
| 17 Linda Krenzlin |                              |

### **TEN WAYS TO LOVE**

1. Listen without interrupting Proverbs 18
2. Speak without accusing James 1:19
3. Give without sparing Proverbs 21:26
4. Pray without ceasing Colossians 1:9
5. Answer without arguing Proverbs 17:1
6. Share without pretending Ephesians 4:15
7. Enjoy without complaint Philippians 2:14
8. Trust without wavering Corinthians 13:7
9. Forgive without punishing Colossians 3:13
10. Promise without forgetting Proverbs 13:12



### **FINAL FRIDAY**

You won't want to miss out on Final Friday at 6:00 PM September 29th enjoying the food at The Barn in Burrton. Everyone is invited!!!

### **OPEN DOOR HEALTH SERVICES**

The Open Door 24th Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet will be October 12th 6:30 pm, Meadowlark Building Kansas State Fairgrounds. Registration opened on August 1, 2023.

### **JAIL MINISTRY**

The Jail Ministry team will be at the Reno County Jail on September 3rd with Rich McCullum bringing the Gospel to the inmates. Pray for the team and the inmates

### **ISRAEL GEOGRAPHY**

Everyone come Wednesday night, September 20th at 6:30 PM to tour the land of Israel with pictures and maps. Please sign up on the table in the foyer for the study.

### **BIBLE BUDDIES**

All Kids ages K-5th grade are invited to Bible Buddies Wednesday starting September 6th at 6:30 PM for a fun time learning about Jesus. Contact is Jamie Standage

### **CHURCH CAMP OUT**

Everyone come to the Church Camp Out at Spring Lake September 22, 23, & 24. Spring Lake RV Resort is located at 1308 S. Spring Lake Road off Highway 50 Contact Linda Campbell

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship on Wednesdays at 8:00 AM at Scuttlebutts Coffee.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study is Wednesday starting September 6th at 9:30—11:00 AM. The study will be *Following God's Guidance* a Women of Faith Bible Study Series. A signup sheet will be on the table in the foyer. Contact Marilyn Minks

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT "PROUD OR PLEASED"

*"Who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)*

"There was a time when I found it difficult to accept that everything, I possessed was not a direct result of my hard work and superiority. I often observed those who had less than I did, and I concluded that their lack was because they didn't work as hard as I did.

On the other hand, I looked at others who had more and calculated that I needed to work harder and become wiser in order to have what they did. After reading today's Scripture verse I had to change my thinking.

Consider the farmer. He prepares the ground and plants and waters the seed, but God gives the increase. To say that the farmer grew the crops would be incorrect. He only harvested the crops that God grew. There's no question that the farmer had to be faithful in doing his part; however, the farmer can't boast in the crop that is harvested. He can only be thankful that God blessed the work of his hands.

Don't discount your efforts completely, though. Faithfulness is required. God doesn't honor slothfulness; He honors faithfulness. And the most significant thing about faithfulness is that even the most untalented or unskilled person can be faithful.

Pride says, "Look what I did." Humility says, "Look what God did through me." Father, thank You that everything good and perfect comes to us from You, the Creator of all things." ***(Proud or Pleased by Larry Burkett)***

In July, the Unified Budget giving of \$17,486 exceeded the actual expenditures by \$1,440 and for the year giving has exceeded the actual expenditures by \$3,046. The trustees' expenditures continue to be higher than expected because of seasonal ground maintenance expenditures and continued high utility bills. May we always remember to thank God for what He does through us. Thank You God that everything good and perfect comes to us from You, our Lord and Savior. – Rich McCullum

## FINANCIAL REPORT MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Unified Budget	JULY 2023	Year-to-Date
Budget Goals	15,754.59	110,282.13
Tithes & Offerings	17,486.31	114,319.55
Actual Expenditures	16,046.78	111,273.39
Overage (Shortfall)	1,439.53	3,046.16

### GENTLENESS

Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit and a mark of wisdom from above (Galatians 5:22-23, James 3:17)

Gentleness is a way of speaking and acting that is respectful, humble, and kind. (Titus 3:2, I Peter 3:15, Proverbs 15:1)

Gentleness is a quality that Jesus exemplified and invites us to learn from him. Matthew 11:29-30)

Gentleness is a virtue that God values and rewards. (Colossians 3:12, I Peter 3:4)

Gentleness is a means of restoring those who have fallen and bearing one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:1, Proverbs 25:15)



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."  
Colossians 3:12

### PRAYERS

Let's pray for the students as they go to school.

Charlie

Catherine

Cainan

Jude

Adrian

Samuel

Sam

Zane

Reid

Cassidy

Alaina

Cade

Lukas

Madison

Mykal

Gavin

You are God's most important treasure in the whole wide world. May you have a wonderful school year!!