

# The Window

On a journey with the living Christ;  
connecting with God, others, and the world.



September 2017

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## Welcome Rev. Dr. William L Bowers and Joannie Bowers

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Dr. Bill Bowers has accepted the call from West Hills Session and the Presbytery to serve as the Bridge Pastor for West Hills Church. This position normally lasts approximately three months while the Session seeks an interim Pastor for the church.

Dr. Bowers (Bill) is a graduate of Penn. State University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Pennsylvania, where he grew up, as well as Delaware and Ohio before accepting the call as Senior Pastor with Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha. After a long pastorate at Dundee he left and accepted an Interim Pastor position at Celebration Presbyterian Church, which is located on the grounds of the Walt Disney Corporation in Florida. Bill said "it was such a wonderful experience with people visiting the church from all over the world." Bill and Joannie Bowers returned to Nebraska and over the years served in three other Nebraska churches as an Interim Pastor: Fremont Presbyterian Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Avery Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Nebraska.

This is Dr. Bowers' first experience as a Bridge Pastor and one he is "really looking forward to." The Bowers will be celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December, and have three daughters and eight grandchildren. They met at Penn. State, and after graduating with a degree in broadcast journalism, Joannie worked in that field. She has been very involved in CBS, Community Bible Study, for over ten years, and was asked to serve as one of the group's leaders, which she has been doing for four years. This very intense and popular Bible study meets at Covenant Presbyterian Church. It is a non-denominational Bible study which attracts women throughout Omaha and the surrounding areas.

The Bowers have many friends at West Hills and Dr. Bowers said, "we are so excited about coming to West Hills, not only because of the people who attend this wonderful church, but also because of the ministry, and your heart for mission work." He went on to state: "I feel as though I'm coming home." We pray each one of you will join us to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Bill Bowers to West Hills. Whether you are here every Sunday or have left the church for a time, we pray you will join us as we begin the journey toward growing our church.

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## New Lighthouse Leader by Caitlin O'Hare, Mission Dir.

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Introducing Marcia Kitrell, our new Lighthouse leader in the Skinner East neighborhood! We are so excited to welcome Marcia Kitrell to the Lighthouse on Taylor St. in the Skinner East neighborhood! We can't wait to introduce her to all the neighbors we have come to know and love over the past four years!

### **Saturday, September 30, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m**

We are planning a neighborhood picnic at the Lighthouse! We'll have fried chicken, sides, and dessert! We'll have fun and simple activities for kids. Bring your lawn chair and your smile! Sign-up in Geneva Lounge.

### **Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

We'll be inviting the neighbors to the picnic on the 30th by handing out fliers and plates of cookies in Skinner East. We need your help! Sign-up in Geneva Lounge.

We'll also need cookies! Sixty dozen, in fact! If you can make cookies for the Skinner East neighbors, you know what to do... sign-up in Geneva Lounge!

Here is your first chance to get to know Marcia-

### ***Where are you from?***

I grew up in Fremont, Nebr., until my sophomore year of high school when my parents moved to a new Lutheran Church camp in Ashland, Nebr. I graduated from Ashland High and attended one semester of college in Kearney, then transferred to Midland in Fremont, NE, where I completed my college degree. **SHORT ANSWER:** Eastern Nebraska.

### ***When did you give your life to Christ? What were the important moments that led up to that?***

I grew up in a devoted Lutheran family and attended church weekly. I knew about Jesus, the Trinity, and lots of Bible truths. In my semester at Kearney, a girl living in my dorm was very vocal about her faith and friendship with Jesus. She shared the truth about receiving Christ with me and everyone she encountered. I was not interested, at first. But following some poor decisions of partying and spending the night with the guy I was dating, I was tired of living for myself during the week and asking for God's forgiveness on Sunday. I wanted a relationship with Jesus and gave my life to him.

### ***What do you love about Bridge Church?***

The love and compassion for everyone, no matter what. The active pursuit to draw people into relationships. The personal, passionate caring for each other. The truth of God, shared in

love. The encouragement I've received and have seen between the leaders.

### ***Who are people that have changed your life?***

People from Bridge Church that have impacted my life through their example of genuine love and compassion: Pastor Bobbie Jo, Olivia and Joey McKernan, Jen Dotzler, Emily and Paul, Pastor Rob, Jennifer Young, Ella.

### ***What do you love about the Lighthouse Movement?***

The simplicity and yet powerful impact. Even I can do it!! Simply live as an encourager to others to perpetuate the Hope in Jesus!

### ***What do you expect to see God do in your neighborhood?***

Bind together people in love, compassion for one another, and the excitement of hope in a heavenly home and powerful life until then.

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## Spiritual Correspondence

by Jana Prescott

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*"Or suppose someone has ten silver coins and loses one. Do they not search until it's found?" (Luke 15:8)*

On a trip, have you lost anything important to you? I sure have. Have you ever lost your heart when you're on that journey you're taking? And in your heart, are you hiking a trail that will take you in Jesus' direction? I bet

Jesus is exactly where He needs to be for each of us, looking for those who would follow Him. God does not, and has never promised, just plain happiness for us, but He always will provide us joy, even though at first we can't feel that joy that Christ is leading us to.

Maybe you're heading any place where He is inviting you to come closer to Him! I literally can't climb a true mountain anymore, but I think I do have the mountain He is leading me to climb in my heart. There are lots of times when that mountain seems way too high for me to climb, but I just need to realize that He is always with me, boosting me higher and higher, and helping me to discover that I do have the strength to climb where He wants me to go. How about you? Can you find the strength He is always ready to give you, if you ask Him, so you can find the mountain He has with your name on it?

*"Let My peace rule in your heart...and be thankful." Col. 3:15*



## Mike Alfieri - Church Administrator



Mike is the very busy staff member who keeps West Hills" budget on track by being our church administrator. Mike is the married father of four sons, ages 7-20 years of age, and he and his wife Becky have been members of Christ the King Church for over ten years. He teaches the 7th grade Confirmation class at Christ the King,

and Becky teaches the second graders as they prepare for their First Communion.

Mike said coming to West Hills in 2016 was "a real blessing" especially to work in an environment where he could participate in Bible study during staff meetings. He also enjoys the flexibility the position has given him to be with his sons, who can often be seen doing their homework in his office.

Mike believes not being a member of West Hills allows him to function with more flexibility, objectivity and independence concerning the church's financial needs. He can make suggestions to the Finance Committee based on "clear thinking without being emotionally involved with certain projects" he said.

Mike has extensive experience in the world of finance and is highly qualified for this position. He came to West Hills with an MBA (masters in business administration) from Creighton University, and has many years of experience in the field of finance. He began his career as a staff accountant at Lozier Corporation and when he left that job was their budget manager. He accepted a job as division controller for Chief Industries in Grand Island, and was then recruited for the job as a regional finance manager for a newly formed company, PreSort Services. Wanting to move into the non-profit environment he accepted a position with United Way as their senior finance director. However, due to a decision by United

Way to make abortion referrals to Planned Parenthood, Mike said he came face to face with his own personal values and decided, after three years with United Way, that this employer was not a good match with his values.

Mike believed God directed his path toward West Hills and he has been "extremely happy" with this opportunity. He has felt that God always had a plan for his life and that the Holy Spirit has been guiding him with educational decisions, meeting "my wonderful wife Becky," becoming the kind of father he has become to four sons, as well as "many other areas and realizing in looking back it wasn't luck, but recognizing it was all God's plan."

He has been exploring various systems for West Hills in how to streamline areas that could be made available to the congregation. Some of these systems could be online giving, using credit card readers for various events, or even the use of apps on cell phones. Mike feels it is important to make some of these "tools" available to simplify giving and attract "new young families" who are comfortable in using these methods. "Changes are always difficult at the beginning," Mike said, "but very needed if a church wants to come into the 21st century."

Besides working in finance Mike has also taught economics at Grace University and is currently an adjunct faculty member. He enjoys teaching and since his wife is the choir director at Bryan Middle School, receives "lots of teaching tips from Becky." Mike also enjoys doing woodworking, something he has been doing since childhood. He and his grandfather, who "could make anything out of wood" constructed a desk when Mike was 11 years old. He also enjoys watching sports, since he played football and wrestled at Ryan High School. He said he "loved the discipline and self-confidence I achieved in wrestling, more than football." His "favorite thing to do" however is "just hanging out with my sons."

In asking Mike, who turned 54 on July 8, what was the most important event in his professional life that was a turning point for him, he stated, "leaving my job at United Way helped me to realign my life with my values. I wanted the corner office, to be successful in what I did, but my values have to be hand in hand with my professional life just as they are in my personal life. That was a real eye opening event and once the decision was made, the stress went away as well." With Mike's strong commitment to our Lord and his dedication to help West Hills meet the financial challenges that come in every church we are fortunate that God directed Mike's path to us.



## BLUEBERRY CRISP

### INGREDIENTS:

4 cups blueberries (any fruit will work!)

### Crisp:

- 1 cup old-fashioned oats (I use gluten free rolled oats)
- 1/2 cup chopped raw pecans (or walnuts)
- 1/2 cup almond meal
- 1/4 cup oil (I use melted organic virgin coconut oil or sunflower oil)
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Vanilla yogurt, whipped cream or vanilla ice cream for topping (optional)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Add blueberries to an 8x8 pan or a medium size casserole dish.
- Add oats, pecans, almond meal, oil, maple syrup, and salt to a bowl. Toss to combine. Distribute crisp evenly over blueberries.
- Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes, longer if the berries are frozen. Top with vanilla yogurt, whipped cream, or ice cream if you like, but it's delicious by itself!

From Christina Pyle

### JULY OPERATING FUND REPORT - FINAL

#### COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR:

	as of Jul. 31st	as of Jul. 31st	
	2016 YTD Actual	2017 YTD Actual	Chg from Prior Year
Revenues	\$ 677,055	\$ 658,934	\$ (20,121)
Expenses	\$ 779,833	\$ 787,307	\$ 7,074
surplus(deficit)	\$ (102,578)	\$ (130,373)	

#### COMPARED TO BUDGET:

	as of Jul. 31st	as of Jul. 31st	
	2017 YTD Budget	2017 YTD Actual	Chg from Budget
Revenues	\$ 787,597	\$ 658,934	\$(130,663)
Expenses	\$ 887,899	\$ 787,307	\$(100,592)
surplus(deficit)	\$ (100,302)	\$ (130,373)	

Questions? Please contact Mike Allen @ (402) 391-4788 ext. 1008

## Science and the Bible

Some 3,500 years ago God commanded His people to have a place outside the camp where they could relieve themselves. "Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement." (Deut: 23:12-13) Up until World War II, more soldiers died from disease than war because they did not isolate human waste.



History is filled with epidemics of typhus, cholera and dysentery linked to the careless dumping of human waste into streets or rivers. Before the Clean Water Act of 1972, raw sewage simply ran untreated into our oceans, streams and rivers. Once we figured out this was a grievous insult to public health and the environment, we decided to start pumping our waste into treatment facilities.

Just as God is a part of our lives because we understand he is there to protect us, Deuteronomy 23:14 told the Israelites "your God moves about in your camp to protect you."

### BIBLE QUIZ Do you know? (answers on another page)

1. Who commanded the sun and moon to stand still when the Israelites fought the Amorites? A) God B) Joshua C) Moses
2. What was the name of Hannah's first born son? A) Moses B) Samuel C) Boaz
3. Who was named the first king of Israel? A) Jacob B) David C) Saul
4. Who let David down through a window so he could escape from King Saul? A) Samuel B) Jesse C) Michal
5. In what city was David anointed king by the men of Judah? A) Hebron B) Bethel C) Jerusalem
6. What prophet confronted David over his sin with Bathsheba? A) Samuel B) Nathan C) Elijah
7. Who was Absalom? A) David's son B) David's best friend C) David's grandson
8. Who succeeded David as King over Israel? A) Nathan B) Jesse C) Solomon
9. Which prophet was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire and a whirlwind? A) Samuel B) Elijah C) Elisha
10. Who was the queen who risked her life to save the Jewish people? A) Esther B) Ruth C) Naomi

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# Good Work Begun-To Be Completed

## Priscilla's House to Father's House by Priscilla Powell

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Philippians 1:6 states, *“being confident... he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

When I completed my English as a Second Language endorsement, I was assigned to Highland Elementary School in South Omaha. I never expected a relationship to develop with my Spanish translator/interpreter until I teamed up with her. As Dulcinea and I spent more time working together, we shared our Christian backgrounds. She was a pastor's wife and they were building an orphanage in Mexico. I shared with her my heart for mission and that I was on the mission committee at West Hills Church. The rest is history as they



say.

Years ago, Dulcinea and Benjamin Vasquez had a vision of an orphanage for displaced children in Tehuantepec, Mexico. By faith, they started planning it on a piece of land that unfortunately was claimed by someone who lived there. How difficult it was to oversee the work while living in Omaha! Another plot of land was given to them and cinder block by handmade cinder block, Isaias slowly erected the wall that surrounds Priscilla's House today. A cistern, a toilet, a shower, a kitchen were put in place and one room, then two and finally three rooms were constructed. The roof leaked and there was concern of it collapsing. Supports were put in place. All of this by faith. No one was regularly backing this project until West Hills came alongside.

Our first mission team sent to Tehuantepec, Mexico consisted of five West Hills Church (WHC) women who thought they could help Isaias make cinder blocks. Needless to say, Julie Hilkeman, Barb Killham, Beth Anderson, Ruth Pelphey and I only succeeded in making only a couple of blocks, and they were not nearly good enough for the wall. In later years, mission teams from WH made their

way to Tehuantepec to do sewing projects with the women in the neighborhood and VBS with the children. For days after returning to Omaha, the women and children of the Tehuantepec community showed up at the gate to the Priscilla's House, hoping to see us.

Over the years, work has been done on the compound itself, using funds provided by WHC and Dulcinea's sales of tamales and enchiladas. The last two WHC teams enjoyed the addition of Barbara's (Killham) Workshop for the sewing activities and VBS. Jesse Cañas started an outdoor kitchen. Cooking inside in the largest room, which was also used for sleeping, caused unbearable heat.

With minimal funds, the years rolling by, today it is time for Dulcinea and Benjamin to slow down, to relinquish Priscilla's House. We believe all has been put in place according to God's plan.

Father's House International (FHI) was officially established in 2011 after Lonnie and Lloyd Parton visited a South Sudan refugee camp in Ethiopia, catching a vision to help children in need. This camp was overflowing with children who were orphaned from the war in Sudan.



FHI opened its first orphanage in Malakal, South Sudan when the country and the political system were new, and there was a lack of infrastructure. Though there were only six children, it became evident a manager was needed who spoke the language and understood the culture. Back in Council Bluffs, God was working His plan, connecting Lonnie Parton, president of FHI, with Makal Bol Chan, a relocated refugee of South Sudan. Of all places, they met at a gas station by Lonnie's church. With Makal's education in the U.S. and his desire to return to Sudan to help those in need, Makal became the manager for the FHI orphanage. Unfortunately, in



2013, fighting broke out again so Makal and the children were forced to the UN compound for safety. When food and water became scarce and sickness

moved through this camp, Makal decided it was no longer safe there. After a long and dangerous trip, they arrived in Gambella, Ethiopia in mid-March, 2014. The FHI compound was subsequently relocated to Ethiopia and the children enrolled in a private school.

FHI knows it can help, one child at a time. In 2015, a "Remote Care" program was established, in which a child is placed with a Christian South Sudanese family that wants another child. FHI oversees the well-being of these children and supports them through their sponsorship program. Funds from this program go to each family to pay for healthcare, education, school uniforms, supplies, and necessities. This program also has very strict guidelines and a continual visitation process for the 20 children currently enrolled. FHI has purchased land in Ethiopia with plans to construct another compound to

house more children in need. The first project will include the building of a fence around the perimeter to ensure safety.



With the physical facility of Priscilla's House in Tehuantepec, Mexico in place, the transfer of ownership to FHI is natural. No purchasing funds are needed. After the papers are signed, FHI, a nonprofit organization, will assume the responsibility for Priscilla's House. The experience in South Sudan will lend itself to the operation of another "Remote Care" program, but this time in Mexico.

In the near future, sponsors will be needed to come alongside FHI and Priscilla's House to commit to a child. Donations for upkeep and development expenses will also be needed. Please be praying about God's completion of this work that He began. May God bless this union.

## Prayer-It Does a Body Good

by Linda Springsted, Deacon

I was recently challenged to choose a word to meditate on in the coming year. My word is *prayer*.

A while ago I re-read a classic book by Frank E. Perretti called "This Present Darkness." In this story the forces of darkness are bent on taking complete control of a town called Ashton. The demons have already driven out of town some key people in the community. The angel armies are hovering around and engaging in a skirmish here and there but are not going into a full-scale battle. The commander of angel armies is being very strategic and advises his "troops," "We are not ready because we do not yet have enough Prayer Power." As the Remnant begins to awaken and come together things begin to happen. You will have to read (or listen) to the book to see what happens. ;>).

There was a recent feature film (in our library on DVD) called "War Room" and a follow-up book called "The Battle Plan," by Stephen and Alex Kendrick. I believe these are resources to remind us of the power and responsibility we have to be in prayer,

In Genesis 11 (the story of the Tower of Babel), God says "Because of their unity nothing will be impossible for them." God Himself noted that when people are unified, they are able to exert tremendous power and momentum, even the ungodly people! So imagine how powerful unity can be for people who worship and obey the living God. If they seek the Lord and act in unity nothing can stop them.

That's why the enemy does everything possible to keep God's people divided. Because once we come



together in unity we gain momentum and take ground for the kingdom. United prayer is powerful. But prayer from a divided people...not so much. This is why removing bitterness toward others and choosing to forgive is so crucial. In fact, pride or selfishness should be seen as an enemy of unified prayer.

In Romans 8, Paul talks about how the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and confusion. I find that very comforting. Vs. 26-27 "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

I am challenged to pray for my family, my church, my city, my country and witness what God can do.

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## The Holy Spirit by Paul Anderson

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Paul and Fabi

This summer I was absolutely blessed with the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Europe through Young Life in Lincoln. Our team consisted of a group of thirteen Lincoln Young Life Leaders along with our area director and his family. This trip was not only a wonderful experience to bond as a group, but it also did a lot to benefit my personal faith and in particular, my relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Going into this trip, I will be honest and say the personal aspect of my relationship with God was lacking. I saw him as my God, but less as a friend and someone I had a true relationship with. I went to God when I needed him, but not on a daily basis. On my trip, I met a man named Jeff who changed the entire way I view my relationship with the Holy Spirit.

I met Jeff when our group was in Ludwigsburg, Germany spending time meeting with an organization that is helping the massive number of Middle Eastern refugees that are flowing into the country and specifically Ludwigsburg. I had my first conversation with Jeff on a Monday afternoon where we just talked about different soccer teams and players. Little did I know that by the next night we would be having conversations that would change the whole outlook I have on my faith.

On Tuesday night, after spending time in discussions with some of our new German and Middle Eastern friends, Jeff started talking to me about his perspective on the Holy Spirit. He shared with me an analogy of the Holy Spirit being your best friend. When you wake up in the morning you tell the Holy Spirit good morning; throughout the day you tell the Holy Spirit how you are doing and feeling; when you go to bed you tell the Holy Spirit good night. He described it as a constant dialogue throughout the day. I know and have heard many people say that you shouldn't go to God just when times are bad, but also when times are good; Jeff takes it to the next level. To me this sounded really strange. At this point I was honestly thinking this guy may be slightly nuts, but then he began to share some personal stories of what this has looked like in his life.

He began to share a story about a time where he was sitting at home around midnight and he heard the Holy Spirit tell him to drive to the grocery store by his house. He drove to the grocery store and there was a crying woman sitting on the bench by the store. Jeff goes and sits next to her, but he had no idea what to even say so he awkwardly asked her, "Did you just break up with your boyfriend?" She said no and explained to him that she

had to work late that night, but because it was after 11:00 p.m. and her family wouldn't let her come back home because "our house is not a hotel you can come and go out of as you please." Jeff asked her if she has anyone else she can call and she said yes but her phone was dead. Jeff let her use his phone and she was able to contact a friend. Then they were able to talk some more and at the end of their conversation she told Jeff that he was her guardian angel, and he responded by saying "I'm not an angel, but I listened to the call of the Holy Spirit."

Jeff went on to share a few more amazing stories about the Holy Spirit which absolutely blew my mind. It made me reflect on my own life and how often I hear the Holy Spirit, but choose to avoid the call because I think it's too crazy or it's just my head telling me to do something and not actually the Holy Spirit. This made me realize how important it is to have those conversations with the Holy Spirit throughout the entire day. At first I thought it was a little nuts, but now I understand that you must have those daily conversations with the Holy Spirit to know when the Holy Spirit is truly calling you so you can take action that can change lives.



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## The Jesus I Never Knew

by Philip Yancey - BOOK REVIEW

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In his book "The Jesus I Never Knew," author Philip Yancey takes our traditional beliefs of Jesus and focuses in on events of the Gospel and the world we live in today.

Yancey gives us a journalist's perspective of Jesus' birth, miracles, resurrection, and asks the questions of why Jesus came and what he left behind.

In the beginning of his book Yancey recalls the Jesus he met in Sunday school singing "Jesus Loves Me" and "watching (his teachers) move cut out figures across a flannelgraph board. I associated Jesus with Kool-Aid and sugar cookies and gold stars for good attendance." Later in bible college, and the 70s, his image of Jesus changed and expanded. It is this journey of his getting to know Jesus that he shares with us.

According to Yancey, "No one who ever meets Jesus stays the same. In the end I found the process of writing this book to be a great act of faith strengthening. Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don't do a better job of following him."

Yancey has won six Gold Medallion Award winning books, including, **Where is God When it Hurts? Disappointment with God**, and **The Gift Nobody Wants**.



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## Connection Groups!

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After a nice summer break Connection Groups will start up again in this fall. If you haven't had a chance to be a part of a Connection Group or if you would like to meet different people in a new group, mark your calendars for the following dates.

### Registration is required for all groups.

**Session 1:** Week of September 10 - November 12 (10 weeks) and we will continue with the sermon based study of **The Story**. Bill Bowers will be preaching and will provide weekly questions.

**Session 2:** Week of January 14 - April 29 (16 weeks- NOT Easter week)

\*\*\*\*All previous groups will be open for registration. For example, if you were previously in a group with Deena as your leader, **and if you want to be in the same group, you will need to register for it.** It is "first come, first serve." Leaders may determine their group size, but 12 people will typically be the maximum number for a group.

We will continue with the "easy on, easy off" model; the first three weeks of each session are a trial period and people are free to "easy off" if they don't feel it's a good fit.

Our newsletter is on our website

<http://www.whcomaha.org/media/newsletters>

A **limited number** of paper copies are available in the wall racks.

If you do not have access to the website or prefer to have a paper copy mailed, please notify Charissa Wells. 402-391-8662 X 1020 charissa@whcomaha.org

ANSWERS FOR BIBLE QUIZ: 1)B 2)B 3)C 4)C  
5)A 6)B 7)A 8)C 9)B 10)A

### YOUR 2017 SESSION

Julie Anderson - Next Gen-Youth  
Marti Bloes - Caregiving  
Kathy Cordes - Westgate Community Partnership  
Mark Hawkins - Worship & Music  
Mike Kelley - Stewardship  
John O'Donovan - Personnel  
Brenton Pyle - Support  
Mary Beth Seyler - Next Gen-Children  
Peg Shirley - Mission  
Trink Traudt - Spiritual Formation  
- Building & Grounds  
- Nominating



First Sunday of each month.

Services: 8:15, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

**Next Gen:**

Nursery: 9:10a-noon

Children's: 9:15a-10:30a

Jr. High SS: 9:30a-10:30a

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Fall Kick-Off</b> <b>3</b> ONE SERVICE-10:00 A.M. All Church/Pot Luck 11:15 Fellowship Hall Familia De Dios: 2-4p* Next Gen Worship: 7p	Labor Day <b>4</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> AA mtg: 8p*	Men's Bible Study 6:30a* <b>5</b> Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p InGathering: 6:30/snacks 7p/meeting	Women's Bible * <b>6</b> 9:15a Youth WT rehearse 6:30p Choir Rehearsal: 6:30p	Women's Bible * <b>7</b> 9:15a Al-Anon 12p* Women's Leadership: 12p	<b>8</b> AA Ann. Event: 7:30p* Al-Anon: new 7:30 & reg. 8p* Celebrations Lunch: 11:30a	<b>9</b> Arabic Fellowship Service: 5:30p* Staff & Session Retreat 8:45a-12:45p
<b>10</b> Next Gen Worship: 7p	<b>11</b> Newsletter Writing Team: 11:30a BSF: 6:25p	<b>12</b> Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p Finance Comm: 6p Worship Team: 6p Caregathering: 7p	<b>13</b> <b>WNC-Wed. Night Connect</b> Dinner: 5:30p Connection Groups, choir, children/youth activities, nursery care: 6:30p* Youth WT rehearse 6:30p Choir Rehearsal: 6:30p	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30a-12:30p <b>24</b> Next Gen Worship: 7p	<b>25</b> BSF: 6:25p	<b>26</b> Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p Worship Team: 6p Westgate Neighborhood Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> <b>WNC-Wed. Night Connect</b> Dinner: 5:30p Connection Groups, choir, children/youth activities, nursery care: 6:30p* Choir Rehearsal: 6:30p Youth WT rehearse 6:30p	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA-Old Timers Event: 8a

## Happy Birthday to ...

### SEPTEMBER

1-Pat King  
Craig Mielke  
Mary Ann Olig  
Peggy Wheeler  
2-Jack Merrill  
Charlotte Schow  
3-Charlene Butterfield  
Gladys Rumbaugh  
Ted Tromler  
4-Jan Drake  
Bruce Keeling  
Samuel Nodes  
Rebecca Olson  
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