



Weekly Booster

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Pray Bold Prayers

Part your heavens, Lord, and come down; touch the mountains, so that they smoke. Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy; shoot your arrows and rout them. Psalm 144:5-6

David doesn't want small favors from God. He begs the Lord to rip open heaven. He urges God to stretch out his hand and make mountains smoke. He wants bolts of lightning to send his enemies running. And those are just a few of the items on his list of prayer requests.

David needs an unusual brand of divine assistance to help him rule Israel. His enemies pursue him with deadly swords (verse 10). He fends off foreigners spewing lies (verse 8). He worries about enemies breaking through city walls, and he hopes he never hears cries of distress rise from the streets (verse 14). So he asks the Lord for military victory. He praises God for training him to win at war. He counts on God to make entire peoples submit to him (verses 1-2).

As David watches over the nation, he looks for God's blessings not just for him but for every person under his care. He wants young women and men to grow up like well-fed plants (verse 12). He prays for barns full of crops and fields covered with flocks (verse 13).

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"I am lucky that whatever fear I have inside me, my desire to win is always stronger" Serena Williams

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C.S. Lewis

Reminders

September 8th

Sunday School Begins
PK-6 – After Children's Message
Jr/Sr High – 10:30 a.m.

September 11th

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

September 12th

T.O.P.S.
Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

**Worship Assistants are needed for
September 22nd

** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall

Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

8 September 2024

Bold Prayers - Continued from page 1.

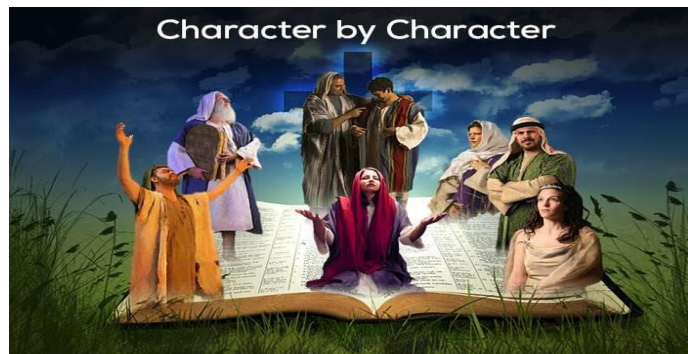
David's requests for military triumph might not resemble what you need from God. But you can make your own bold requests of the Lord, asking him to meet your real needs. He knows you're a mere mortal. Your life is but a breath. But because he is your God, you can count on his care.

Takeaway

Be bold in your requests and trust God actions and timing. *We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose* (Romans 8:28).

Drawn from the *NIV Bible for Teen Guys*.

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Getting to Know the Major Characters of the Old Testament: Part 1 (Adam and Eve, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph)

One of the best ways to get better acquainted with the Bible is to become familiar with some of its main characters. In this series we'll take a brief look at 11 major people of the Old Testament, learning who they are and why they're important. In future articles, we'll also survey main personalities of the New Testament. We begin with Adam and Eve, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph.

Adam and Eve

The first two human characters that appear in the Bible are Adam and Eve. The first chapter of Genesis relates that God made Adam and Eve in his own image (Genesis 1:26-27).

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Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
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- David Clark - Pastor*

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School – Starting September 8th. PK-6 during service, Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

****Choir – Sept. 4th, 5:30 pm**

****Bell Choir – Sept. 4th, 6:30 pm.**

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

Tuesday

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

Wednesday

CLOSED

Thursday

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

Friday

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



The lambs during the feast of weeks in Leviticus were to be offered as a sacrifice of?

- a) sin offerings
- b) peace offerings
- c) free will offerings
- d) Thanksgiving offerings

Nahum was given Oracle concerning which city?

- a) Ai
- b) Nineveh
- c) Samaria
- d) Egypt

What seed did Manna look like?

- a) Mustard
- b) Barley
- c) Coriander
- d) Rice

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 8th – Dennis Bailey
- 11th – Doug McElroy, Zach Zwickle
- 12th – Brandon Pease
- 13th – Phil Grossman
- 14th – Gloria Mauer

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to find encouragement in Christ, comfort in love, and sharing in the Spirit.

People: We come to take on the mind of Christ.

L: Christ did not exploit his privilege

P: He emptied himself taking the form of a servant.

L: He humbled himself in obedience to the point of death.

P: We come to take on the mind of Christ.

"The Compassionate God"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Songs

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

You Are My All in All #3040

Make Me a Servant #2176

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 52

On-Line Worship – 17

Our Mission:

"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."

Our Vision:

"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."

**Answers for September 1st are c) Jezebel a) Samson b) Martha
Quiz hints – Q1) Leviticus Q2) Nahum Q3) Numbers**



September 2024

Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (all varieties), Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple, Microwave popcorn, Ketchup, Mustard, any type of spices, Soup (any kind including chunky), Macaroni & Cheese, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Shampoo.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

The church elevator needs some state-mandated repairs. The repairs are costly but the elevator is also a necessity and vital for members of the congregation. If you would like to donate to help with the cost of the repairs you may drop your donation in the offering box or bring it to the office. Please make sure to indicate on your donation that it is for the elevator fund.



This year we will have a Confirmation program for students in 7th or 8th grade. We will have a parent meeting on Sunday, September 22 (time to be determined) and will begin on October 6. If you have any questions or would like to get your student signed up, please contact Pastor David.

A promotional poster for Brad Stine's Comedy Show. The background is blue with a film strip border. In the center, a white sign with a black border contains the text "BRAD STINE" in large black letters and "COMEDY SHOW" in blue letters below it. To the right is a photo of Brad Stine, a man with blonde hair, wearing a blue suit and pointing towards the viewer. Below the main title, a white box with a yellow border contains the date "9 / 6". To the right of this box, the text "New Beginnings Church" and "705 6th Avenue - Shenandoah, IA" is written. At the bottom left, it says "DOORS OPEN @ 6PM : COMEDY @ 7PM". At the bottom right, a yellow box contains the text "Tickets or Questions: Call - 712.246.4262" and "jlnewbcchurch@gmail.com".

BRAD STINE
COMEDY SHOW

9 / 6

New Beginnings Church
705 6th Avenue - Shenandoah, IA

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM : COMEDY @ 7PM

Tickets or Questions:
Call - 712.246.4262
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This event is open to the public at the New Beginnings Church this Friday, September 6th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

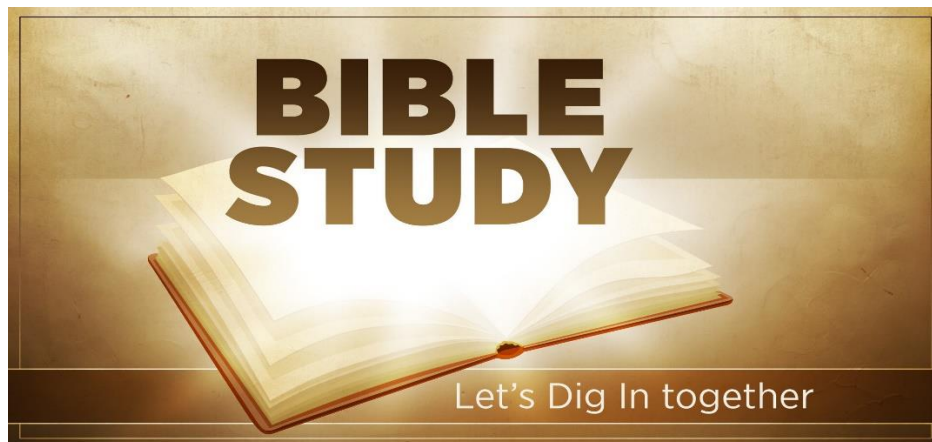
**Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday
to Deliver Meals
Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter**

A white sign with a wooden post and a string, hanging from a wooden post. The sign says "City Wide" in black and "YARD SALE" in large red letters below it.

City Wide
YARD SALE

Fall City Wide Yard Sales
Friday/Saturday
September 20th & 21st

Free Ad with donation of 3 or more food items for the local food pantry. Please call 712-246-3097 to set up a time to drop off food items or if you have any questions.
**Date change from the 13th and 14th of September.



Join Pastor David for Bible Study each Wednesday starting September 18th in Fellowship Hall. Bible Study will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining Pastor David for Bible Study but this time does not work for you, please contact Pastor David.

Bring Your Change to Make a Change

*Collected each Sunday after
the children's message*



"Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in September will go to the **Shenandoah Community Schools – School Nurses**.



**Begins On
September 8th**

**PK-6 After
Children's Message**

**Jr./Sr. High
10:30 a.m.**

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As Bible scholar Warren Wiersbe explains [NOTE: click the links to view the Bible study resources quoted in this article by reading the full resource in the STUDY tab that appears on your screen], because we're made in God's image, "humans can have a very special relationship with God. He not only gave us personality—minds to think with, emotions to feel with, and wills for making decisions—but he also gave us an inner spiritual nature that enables us to know him and worship him."

God also appointed Adam and Eve as his representatives to cultivate and rule over the earth (Genesis 1:28), beginning with the garden in Eden. Having created this paradise for them, God had only one rule: "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:16-17). Tragically, they did eat the fruit and as a result experienced a spiritual death that's been passed on to all of their descendants (Romans 5:12). Because of this great fall into sin, God put a rescue plan in motion to save mankind by sending his Son, Jesus, to deliver human beings from the power of sin and death (Romans 5:17).

Abraham

Abraham is the founding father of the Israelite nation, the father of Isaac, and the grandfather of Jacob—all famous patriarchs whose lives are described in the book of Genesis. Abraham's birth name was Abram, but God changed it to Abraham (Genesis 17:5), which in Hebrew means *father of many nations*. When he was 75 years old, God appeared to him and promised to give him a new homeland, to make him into a great nation, and to bless him (Genesis 12).

Significantly, God's call of Abraham was part of the rescue plan for mankind mentioned earlier. The last part of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 was that "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3). As the NIV Storyline Bible explains, "God's promise to bless all the nations through Abraham follows from an earlier promise to crush the head of the serpent and reverse the effects of sin (Genesis 3:15). Thus, through Abraham, God begins to establish a way for himself and humankind to dwell together again." Through Abraham's descendant, Jesus, all peoples of the world would be blessed through Jesus's sacrifice (1 John 2:2).

In addition, the book of Hebrews in the New Testament commends Abraham for his great faith and points to it as an example that Christians should follow today (Hebrews 11:8-17).

Jacob

Jacob was the son of Isaac and the grandson of Abraham. His name in Hebrew means *deceiver*, and deception characterized the early years of his life. He notoriously tricked his twin brother, Esau, into trading his inheritance for a bowl of stew (Genesis 25:29-34). He also tricked his father, Isaac, into giving him the blessing that was meant for Esau (Genesis 27:1-29). Fleeing from his brother's wrath to a different region, Jacob

encountered God in a dream, and God assured Jacob that he would inherit the promises that God had made to Abraham (Genesis 28:13-15).

Over a period of 20 years God gradually taught Jacob to trust and wait on him rather than scheming to gain an advantage over others. God then called him to return to Canaan, the Promised Land, where he hoped to reconcile with Esau. Along the way he spent a night physically wrestling with God, who appeared in human form, and God changed Jacob's name to Israel, which means *wrestles with God* (Genesis 32:22-31). God adds, "You have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." As the *Reformation Study Bible* observes, "The new name indicates that the elect patriarch had matured in his faith."

Jacob's 12 sons became the 12 tribes of Israel, and his names—both Jacob and Israel—became synonymous with the nation itself (for example, Numbers 24:5). At the end of his life, despite all of the conflict he had either instigated or endured, he recognized that God had been his "shepherd all my life to this day" and had "delivered [him] from harm" (Genesis 48:15-16).

Joseph

Being the eleventh (out of 12) son of Jacob, Joseph's and Jacob's stories are interconnected. Jacob showed favoritism to Joseph and this created friction with his 11 brothers. Most famously, Jacob made an ornate robe for Joseph, which the King James Version of the Bible describes as a "coat of many colours" (Genesis 37:3). This situation was further inflamed when Joseph began telling his brothers about his dreams in which his brothers bowed down before him (Genesis 37:5-11). Angry and jealous, the brothers began hatching a plan to kill Joseph. In the end, they decided to sell him as a slave to a group of traders who were heading to Egypt, and told their father that he had been killed by a wild animal (Genesis 37:26-33).

But "the Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered" (Genesis 39:2). He was put in charge of the household of an Egyptian official, and God blessed his work. Unfortunately, the official's wife attempted to seduce him, and when Joseph resisted, she claimed he had tried to rape her. Joseph was imprisoned, but even there he was put in charge of the other prisoners (Genesis 39:20-23).

During this time, one of the prisoners discovered that Joseph could interpret dreams, and later, when Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, had two mysterious dreams, this former prisoner remembered Joseph's ability and Pharaoh summoned him. Pharaoh was so impressed by Joseph's abilities that "he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt" (Genesis 41:43).

As time went on, a severe famine broke out that also affected Joseph's family in Canaan. Having heard grain was plentiful in Egypt, Jacob sent his sons there to buy some. The 11 brothers met Joseph, but didn't realize it was him. Joseph arranged a series of tests to determine whether his brothers had changed and discovered they were now willing to sacrifice their own welfare to help each other. Joseph finally revealed his true identity, and his brothers and father came to Egypt to live under his protection (Genesis 42-47). The Israelites would live in Egypt for the next 430 years (Exodus 12:40-41), and would eventually become slaves to the Egyptians until the time of Moses.

Joseph's life reminds us of God's providential control over everything that happens in our lives. Though Joseph didn't excuse what his brothers had done, he also acknowledged that "God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20). In the same way, Paul assures believers in Christ that "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). As the Asbury Bible Commentary points out, "God had providentially used [the brothers'] evil designs to work a plan of redemption. . . . God's plans cannot be thwarted ultimately. His plans are for humankind's good. Such a God is worthy of trust."

GriefShare is a 13 week, Christ-centered biblical series that includes 30-minute videos, voluntary group discussions, and individual workbook study activities. You can join with other participants in finding useful tips, encouragement, fellowship, and hope in going through the grieving process.

When: Sundays, 2:00-4:00 p.m., September 8th through December 8, 2024

Where: Christ Point Baptist Church, 602 Maples St., Shenandoah, IA.

Contact: Marvin Freed, marvinfreed@yahoo.com, 712-246-9440.

Register: griefshare.org/findagroup



The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir held their first practice Wednesday night. The Chancel Choir will start singing during offering on Sunday, September 15th.

If you would like to join the choir or the bells both groups would enjoy having you join them on Wednesday each week.

Chancel Choir – Rehearsal – 5:30 p.m.

Bell Choir – Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.



Shenfest
On the Sunny Side
Shenandoah, IA

BIKE PARADE

DECORATE YOUR BIKE, SCOOTER, STOLLER,
WAGON OR WHEELCHAIR IN THE “SUNNIEST”
FASHION

PLEASE NO ATVS OR MOTORCYLES

Saturday, September 28th

12:30pm

Sheridan Ave

The Mill -> Police Station

10:30-12:30 @ THE MILL/GREEN SPACE

KIDS GAMES

BOUNCE HOUSES

PRIZES

AND MORE!



Contact - sshaw@smchospital.com for questions/concerns



The book of Revelation is a wild narrative of fantastical beasts and animals with way too many eyes, cities adorned with jewels, and lakes of fire. It is a prophetic book that acknowledges the violence and fear that is present in the world, but also provides a source of hope. It is an apocalyptic book telling of death and rebirth.

The book of Revelation is present everywhere in our culture from doomsday movies, to Johnny Cash songs, and even in politician's discourse. Yet it is a book that many theologians and interpreters of the Bible have not known what to do with for thousands of years. Is this a book talking about the evils of the Roman Empire, some kind of internal struggle, or is it a prediction of things yet to come? Are we to approach this book looking for a literal code to interpret current international politics, or are we to read it like a fantasy novel like Lord of the Rings? Is the book of Revelation really talking about the end of the world?

These are all questions that we will tackle and more in our midweek Bible study this Fall beginning on September 18. We meet on Wednesdays at 11:00am. Recognizing this time does not work for everyone's schedule, I will post videos on our YouTube page that will provide a recap of each week's study. If you would like to participate and another time would work better, please talk with me and we can work at offering the study at two different times.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David B. Clark

This week is photo number 6 in a series of unique pictures from all over the world. For some pictures, you may need to squint and then you will see what the picture represents, others you will see it right away. I have found these amazing and wanted to share them.

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