

## Ponderings From the Pastor

### New Church Year Begins

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

September marks the beginning of a new church year. Children and youth promote to their new classes, newly elected committees begin meeting and a new budget will be approved.

Each committee must meet as soon as possible to discuss the task that is assigned to their committee and discuss any events, projects, needs or opportunities. Each committee is to elect a chairperson that will represent the committee on the Church Council that will meet at 5 p.m. on Sept. 10. This chairperson will also need to give a report of the work of the committee during the Sept. 17 business meeting that will be held immediately following the morning worship service.

The OGBC Fall Family Campout is quickly approach-

ing. The campout will be Sept. 28-30 at Flat Rock campground on Fort Gibson Lake. Reservations can be made through Recreation.gov. You do not have to camp to come to the pot-luck meal 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29 at the pavilion. Currently, there are at least a dozen campsites reserved for this campout. Do not miss this wonderful fellowship opportunity with your OGBC family.

Fall is quickly approaching and so is the Fall Festival. It is time to begin planning this fantastic outreach event. If you would like to volunteer for this exciting event, the sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center desk. Candy donations are greatly appreciated as it will take several thousands of pieces of candy for the hundreds of kids that will come to this event.

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# Welcome

### **New Members:**

Charles Bond

Nicolas & Martha Duvall



# Always by Chris Tomlin



Submitted by Mindy Taylor

Seasons change but our God is faithful always. As we prepare for the changing seasons, we are reminded of God's faithfulness.

Genesis 8:22 says, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." I believe God's Word and stand by it always. Will you?

## Always by Chris Tomlin

[Verse 1]

I believe You gave sight to the blind.  
I believe that the dead came to

life.  
I believe there were wonders and signs.  
And You're still the same.

[Verse 2]

I believe every word that You said.  
I believe there are scars in Your hands.  
That Your goodness is good without end.  
And You'll never change.

[Chorus]

I will tell of Your wonders, sing of Your grace.  
The God of creation knows me by name.

The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always.  
Always.  
Your mercy is mighty, age after age.  
And all generations will bow down and praise.  
The Lord is faithful, yesterday, now, and always.  
Always.

[Verse 3]

I believe You will come in the clouds.  
I believe You are here even now.  
In Your presence, I know there is power.  
Power to save!

## OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

We had our back-to-school fellowship with lots of fun, food, and a bloody nose in there (he's all good and went back to playing)!

Pray for these youth as they are back at school and face a ton of worldly temptations. Pray they stay strong in their faith even when it seems impossible.

### Upcoming events:

Sept. 10: Youth Committee meeting following service.

Sept. 24: Youth Event (TBA after youth meeting).

## Children's Church News

Submitted by Cindy Tittle

Children's Church welcomes children ages kindergarten through fifth grade. Children will be taught Biblical stories, along with developing social skills, self-esteem, and Biblical truths that each can carry with them throughout the week.

**Sept. 3** - Cindy and John Tittle will be expanding on "Rahab Hid the Spies in Jericho" from Joshua 2:6.

**Sept. 10** - Margaret and David Gauling are excited to meet your children. At this time, they will be sharing the Bible story of Deborah found in Judges 4:1-16, 23-24:5. Dave and Margaret are looking forward to this new year.

**Sept. 17** - Gayla and Charles Pruett will be teaching from Esther on "How Esther Helped Her People."

**Sept. 24** - Gayla and Charles Pruett will be teaching from 2 Kings 4:1-7, "Elisha and the Widow."

What a fun and exciting month this will be!!

# September 2023

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|  |                           |   |  |                              | 1<br>Adult Game Day, 11am | 2  |
| 3<br>Joyce Hill bday; No Evening Bible Study                                   | 4<br>Labor Day            | 5<br>Carlette Binam & Mary Fritchay bdays | 6                                      | 7                            | 8<br>Brad Taylor bday     | 9<br>Jennifer Boyer, Aspen Metzinger & Paula Shepard bdays |
| 10<br>Robin Thomas bday; Nativity Shepherds meeting, noon; Church Council, 5pm | 11                        | 12<br>Gail Mayfield bday                  | 13                                     | 14<br>Crafty Christians 10am | 15<br>Mike Shepard bday   | 16   |
| 17<br>Marlene Fritts bday; Business meeting noon                               | 18<br>Piper Chambers bday | 19<br>David Gaulding bday                 | 20<br>Charles Bond & Nancy Onyon bdays | 21                           | 22                        | 23   |
| 24<br>Nativity Manger meeting noon; Deacons meeting, 5pm                       | 25<br>Jeff Hatley bday    | 26  | 27<br>Jolene Pugh bday                 | 28<br>Crafty Christians 10am | 29<br>Matt Shepard bday   | 30   |
| <b>Church Campout Sept. 28-30</b>  |                           |   |  |                              |                           |  |

# September Sermon Calendar

Sept. 3 — The Future of Israel Pt. 2, Daniel 9

Sept. 10 — The Future of Israel Pt. 3, Daniel 9

Sept. 17 — The Terrifying Vision, Daniel 10

Sept. 24 — Conflicts to Come Pt. 1, Daniel 11:1-35

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## Daily Bible Reading Plan

### September

- Sept. 1 - Ezek 4, Ps 40-41
- Sept. 2 - Ezek 5, Ps 42-43
- Sept. 3 - Ezek 6, Ps 44
- Sept. 4 - Ezek 7, Ps 45
- Sept. 5 - Ezek 8, Ps 46-47
- Sept. 6 - Ezek 9, Ps 48
- Sept. 7 - Ezek 10, Ps 49
- Sept. 8 - Ezek 11, Ps 50
- Sept. 9 - Ezek 12, Ps 51
- Sept. 10 - Ezek 13, Ps 52-54
- Sept. 11 - Ezek 14, Ps 55
- Sept. 12 - Ezek 15, Ps 56-57
- Sept. 13 - Ezek 16, Ps 58-59
- Sept. 14 - Ezek 17, Ps 60-61
- Sept. 15 - Ezek 18, Ps 62-63
- Sept. 16 - Ezek 19, Ps 64-65
- Sept. 17 - Ezek 20, Ps 66-67
- Sept. 18 - Ezek 21, Ps 68
- Sept. 19 - Ezek 22, Ps 69
- Sept. 20 - Ezek 23, Ps 70-71
- Sept. 21 - Ezek 24, Ps 72
- Sept. 22 - Ezek 25, Ps 73
- Sept. 23 - Ezek 26, Ps 74
- Sept. 24 - Ezek 27, Ps 75-76
- Sept. 25 - Ezek 28, Ps 77
- Sept. 26 - Ezek 29, Ps 78:1-39
- Sept. 27 - Ezek 30, Ps 78:40-72
- Sept. 28 - Ezek 31, Ps 79
- Sept. 29 - Ezek 32, Ps 80
- Sept. 30 - Ezek 33, Ps 81-82

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